

INTRODUCTION

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Though universally sought, peaceful coexistence in a disarmed world remains a will-o'-the-wisp. And while the two

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are faced with is no longer a simple East-West confrontation. There are more actors who have to come to an agreement before disarmament could become a reality.

Given this situation, new avenues must be found which could reduce the risk of war. High on the list of such new approaches should be conflict reduction in existing and potential conflict situations between secondary powers. The real danger is that such conflicts may escalate and involve the superpowers.

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