

- recognition of the short-term confidence building effects and the longer term security benefits to be derived from the **public destruction of weapons** collected during the implementation of the DDRP; and
- DDRP planning and implementation as an **integrated and often overlapping continuum** within the overall peacebuilding process, with importance being attached not only to the disarmament and demobilization aspects at the front end but with equal attention paid to the **reintegration aspects** of the programme over the longer term.

### Possible Obstacles and Constraints to Effective Implementation of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Programmes

The following obstacles and constraints have the potential to seriously constrain the effectiveness of DDRPs:

- a **lack of sufficient commitment by the parties** themselves to the peace process and/or to its disarmament and demobilization components;
- a **lack of sufficient priority by the peacekeeping mission** to weapons collection and destruction;
- **insufficient early funding commitments** by international donors during the negotiating process to permit proper planning of the DDRP and its incorporation into the peace agreement;
- international development agencies' **unwillingness to fund weapons destruction and other security-related programmes**, and
- a **lack of sufficient follow-on funding** to continue essential aspects of the DDRP, including weapons destruction and regional/sub-regional weapons management, customs and police training, after the termination of the peacekeeping operation.

### Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration in the Peace Process Continuum

- **DDRPs are politically, institutionally and logistically complex and sensitive operations**, demanding considerable financial, human, technical and organizational capacities.
- **Expertise and support from the international community** are essential in order to plan, coordinate and implement effectively such programmes. In addition to expertise and support relating to the