

#### IV. DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION AND REINTEGRATION IN THE PEACE PROCESS CONTINUUM

##### General

In the aftermath of conflict, the consolidation of peace requires a focus on both short-term emergency stabilization measures and on the achievement of a sustainable peace over the long term. Vital to both these phases is a comprehensive and integrated approach to practical disarmament measures, particularly the collection, control and disposal of small arms and light weapons including mines, demobilization and reintegration into society of former combatants, and the development of responsible arms management programmes both nationally and in cooperation with neighbouring countries. In the immediate post-conflict phase, disarmament is a vital confidence-building measure which will allow the peace process to continue. Over the longer term, a responsible arms management programme which includes restraint in the production, procurement and transfer of arms will be essential to the consolidation of peace.

##### Aim

The aim of this section of the background paper is to outline some of the basic elements of, guiding principles for, and possible obstacles to, an effective disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme in the context of peacebuilding operations.

##### Technical Assessment

Post-conflict disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programmes (DDRPs) are politically, institutionally and logistically complex and sensitive operations, demanding considerable financial, human, technical and organizational capacities. In order to effectively plan, coordinate and implement such programmes, expertise and support will be required from the international community not only on the political, diplomatic and military aspects of designing and negotiating the DDRP, but also from donor countries and institutions, humanitarian and development agencies, and non-governmental organizations. It will be equally important to ensure that the parties themselves are fully involved in the planning and implementation phases and that every effort is made to reinforce local capacities and expertise.

To this end, an **integrated technical mission** to fully assess the specific requirements of the DDRP is required as early as possible in the peace negotiation process with expertise in the following areas: