

could be expected to undertake social and humanitarian responsibilities in support of UN specialized agencies and international organizations.¹⁰⁴

The inclusion of a peacekeeping component to complement the delivery of relief during a humanitarian ceasefire would fulfil the desire of those who wish to see the tasks of peacekeeping forces expanded. At the same time, it could benefit the forces themselves by providing them with peacekeeping experience in various parts of the world. The *Peacekeeper's Handbook* stresses the importance of such experience. It notes that preparation and preparedness training for the armed forces of those countries who are members or potential members of the "peacekeepers club" would assist substantially in bringing about an earlier operational effectiveness of the peacekeeping forces.¹⁰⁵

What better advanced training is available than participation in a temporary ceasefire in a geographical area where some day those same peacekeeping troops may be called upon to police a more permanent ceasefire? This experience, and the consequent exposure of the forces to the local population, would build familiarity and trust between the groups, especially if humanitarian activities were undertaken by the peacekeeping troops. This could only stand the Blue Helmets in good stead should they be called upon to return in a more traditional operation.

To these suggestions it will be objected that peacekeeping forces are rarely inserted into a situation of ongoing conflict where a ceasefire has not been negotiated. It will also be objected that the expense of any peacekeeping operation will mitigate against the deployment of a force for the short period of time required for a humanitarian ceasefire.

¹⁰⁴ International Peace Academy, *supra* note 20, p. 244. Whether the circumstances in Cyprus warrant description as a situation in which relief was delivered during a time of armed conflict may be disputable. But some take the view that peace was not really established in Cyprus until 1974, ten years after the deployment of UNFICYP. See: Major-General J. A. MacInnis, "Cyprus -- Canada's Perpetual Vigil," *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, 19:1, Summer 1989, pp. 21-26.

¹⁰⁵ International Peace Academy, *supra* note 20, p. 37.