

V. Next Steps

A number of issues were left outstanding at the seminar and merit pursuit. These can be broken down into areas for further operational and policy development:

Operations:

(A) Development of an international doctrine on the potential deployment of military forces into insecure refugee camp environments and identifying a trigger for such involvement. It was suggested that Security Council resolution 1296 (April 2000) provided one such trigger, but that others should be explored;

(B) Exploration of the relationship between international military actors and refugee hosting communities;

(C) Exploration of the value of developing bilateral programmes by international military forces to engage countries at likely to receive large scale refugee movements (in this respect a closer examination of the challenges faced by host states in carrying out their protection responsibilities with respect to camp security would be required);

(D) Identify opportunities to increase contacts between international military and civilian police, in particular to exchange lessons learned from international operations and clarify understanding of roles and responsibilities;

(E) Exploration of the potential role of the DPKO lessons learned unit incorporating and operationalizing into its training packages lessons learned in dealing with insecurity in refugee camp environments order to enhance the effectiveness of UN peacekeeping operations.

Policy:

(A) Examination of the role of private security companies in refugee camps, in particular, consideration of whether such companies would be capable of carrying out some of the roles identified for the military. Several participants questioned the accountability of such actors in camp environments, and this would need to be considered in any examination of their utility.

(B) The need to clarify the question of separation and exclusion - its operationalization, legal parameters; political implications and requirements; and an examination of what the experience has been thus far in places where separation was attempted - what lessons are evident.

(C) Further development of the "Humanitarian Security Advisors" concept, determination of whether it is viable and who will support it;

(D) Promote a doctrinal shift with respect to the willingness of militaries to discuss deployments to such unconventional operations

(E) Examination and elaboration of exit strategies for international military and police engagement and transition to longer-term planning and programming

(F) Update and make available a literature review on the camp security questions and reconcile the findings from different studies and lessons learned reports