

stages appears feasible. As capabilities are consolidated at each stage, one can anticipate a parallel expansion in the scope and scale of potential activities. The UN will require a capability commensurate with the tasks it is likely to be assigned.

There are several cost-effective options that merit consideration by the United Nations, its member states, and interested parties. The following sequential proposals are intended to stimulate further discussion and analysis.

### ***Stage One: Reinforce Existing Arrangements***

- Revitalise and expand the consultative process of all supportive parties with the following objectives:

#### **SHIRBRIG**

- launch a concerted effort to promote establishment of similar arrangements in other regions;
- negotiate new MOU facilitating deployment to operations necessitating a mandate within Chapter VII;
- integrate civilian elements to ensure provision of necessary services; and,
- initiate research into the financing, administration, basing, equipment, and lift arrangements necessary to ensure immediate responses from co-located, standing national SHIRBRIG units.

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- given the promising quantitative foundation established, promote standby political commitments whether through expanded Memoranda of Understanding or via additional levels of the agreement facilitating deployment in response to Chapter VII mandates or Article 43.<sup>101</sup>

#### **UN Standing Emergency Capability**

- initiate a parallel inquiry into the option of dedicated UN volunteer elements with particular emphasis on administration, financing, recruitment, terms of service, remuneration, training, basing and command.

### ***Stage Two: Consolidate Capability In A Sound Operational Environment***

- **establish a UN rapid deployment base.**

A dedicated UN base would facilitate preparation, training, rapid deployment and management of future operations. A review of redundant military bases might help to determine a cost-effective location capable of providing existing infrastructure for training and equipment stock-piling, as well as nearby access to air and sea lift for prompt staging.