

require monitoring and/or enforcement by a third party.

- Practical, real arms control and disarmament measures should continue to be an important part of UN conflict resolution. Monitoring and verification will be indispensable elements of such conflict resolution.
- The work of the UN Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in operation in Iraq is a practical example of what can be accomplished by multinational verification teams. The investigation, inspection, destruction and monitoring techniques developed and used constitute good precedents for use in other regimes and situations. The UN should profit from this experience by applying, when needed, these and similar techniques to other unstable regions or countries.

Improving the Roles of Existing International Bodies/Developing New International Bodies

- The number of treaties, agreements, organizations, bodies and regimes attempting to deal with the problems of international security will continue to grow, as will the number of nations participating in many international groups. The clear potential for useful synergy where there are elements of commonality between or among the roles and interests should be exploited.
- There are opportunities for harmonization within the organizations, bodies and regimes associated with agreements and when these organizations, bodies and regimes are grouped, for example, into functional areas (such as nuclear weapons), geographical areas or methodologies. Such harmonization may increase efficiency and reduce costs.
- The effectiveness of regime-based organizations will continue to be dependent on information, some of which is readily available,

some of which is subject to commercial secrecy, and some of which can only be obtained by the operation of intelligence services.

- Handling non-compliance will continue to pose serious problems for the agencies responsible for verification and for other international bodies; these bodies are unlikely to be provided the authority to mete out judgments, punishments or sanctions.
- The pooling and combination of information should be made more efficient by harmonizing the recording, dissemination, storage and retrieval of the various sets of data into a minimum number of homogeneous data banks using standardized formats and a common system for communication and processing.
- New demands will continue to be placed on the IAEA. To be effective, its resources must be correspondingly increased.

The Role of the United Nations in the Harmonization of Implementing Bodies

- With its membership throughout the world, the United Nations is the only multinational organization with a global mandate. As such, it is in a unique position to integrate the global, regional and local dimensions of the processes and methods associated with the control of arms; each geographical dimension can build on the others.
- As the institution that most closely embodies the concept of global rule of law, the United Nations should take a more active role in encouraging and capitalizing on the synergies associated with arms control verification, confidence-building measures and peace operations.
- There should be more sharing of verification technologies and capabilities to further strengthen UN peace operations.

