

**The importance of collaboration between state authorities and citizens
to the sustainment of positive peace**

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Abstract

The need of every human is to live in a safe country, knowing that he is away from any trouble, that his family is not in danger and every day is conflict-free.

Of course, the army is the principal partner for security provision, but the collaboration between it and civilians is a necessity. We, the citizens, have an important role in maintaining peace and prosperity in our environment and we should respect each other to develop an ideal society.

This paper shows the importance of communication and cooperation between authorities and citizens to create a strong country where people live in peace.

To summarize the content of this article, I choose the following keywords: team, safety, rights, society, institutions.

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2. Introduction

What does Positive Peace mean? It defines more than *'the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies.'*, it represents the collaboration between citizens who want to have a flourishing society for themselves and the next generation. I believe that, as long as people understand how this concept works, it will be possible to solve humanity's global challenges that should interest us all, not only the ones who live in affected areas. It's important to contribute to the improvement of the environment, of the social relationship between people and to keep peace in each country, the 'gift' we have received from our ancestors, that we should bequeath to our successors.



Figure 1: The Pillars of Positive Peace¹

¹ Ibid.

3. Civil-Military Collaboration

In my opinion, the cooperation between civil and military forces is a necessity for the survival of humanity in the 21st century because we live in a world where minor conflicts are the order of the day- at home, at work, among friends, but also the major ones- between ethnic, political or religious groups. The citizens must respect the rules of society, to help its development and they must discourage violence and conflicts, for the common good. Also, the army has to " *provide necessary forces and capabilities to the combatant commanders in support of the national security and defense strategies.*"²

3.1. Peace Operations

The major military powers contribute to a more secure world, the authorities are promoting good governance and human rights and civils are assisting this development and are trying to sustain this " Global rising". With the increase of intrastate wars in the past, conflicts required a more complex response and peacekeepers faced situations where they encountered atrocities that put both them and civilians in danger, demanding a greater military response. The UN had failures and victories during those operations, but they are learning how to deal with conflicts day by day. The peace has been kept between states such as Iraq-Kuwait or Israel-Syria, showing the success of UN deployment for preventing interstate conflict. But it had been a further distance to success in some contexts. Afghanistan is a telling example, where the law had shown a disregard for the state's right to '*choose its political, economic, social and cultural system.*'³ These operations are an effective response to conflicts and exist to reestablish stability and enable lasting peace all over the world.

² Homepage of Military. Page of The History and Roles of the US Army. URL: <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/us-army-overview.html> [02-01-2022]

³ UN Declaration 1965 [02-01-2022]

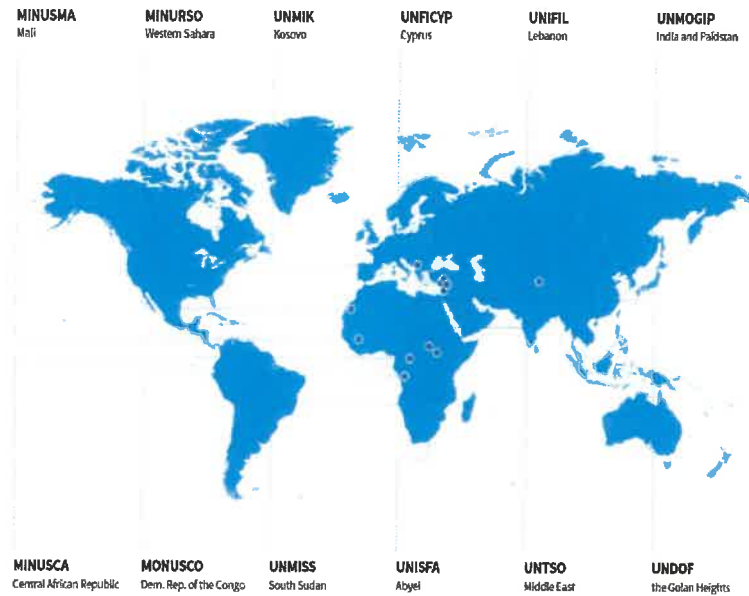


Figure 2: UN Peacekeeping Operations⁴

3.2. Nuclear Disarmament

Nuclear energy has become an important source of electricity, vital for humans all around the world. But, instead of being a source of electricity, it can be a weapon of mass destruction that can cause a lot of damage on a massive scale. That is why ‘The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) has been created, to *‘prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament, for the world’s good.* The treaty is interpreted as a balanced three-pillar system: non-proliferation, disarmament, the right to peacefully use nuclear technology, that summarizes the obligation of all involved countries to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and to benefit from interstate cooperation in this area. All these steps are made for the evolution of nuclear energy programs conducted by the government, promoted by civilians, and protected by the army.

⁴ Homepage of 2021 Seoul UN Peacekeeping Ministerial. Page Introduction. URL: <https://www.unpko2021.kr/EN/PKO/pko>

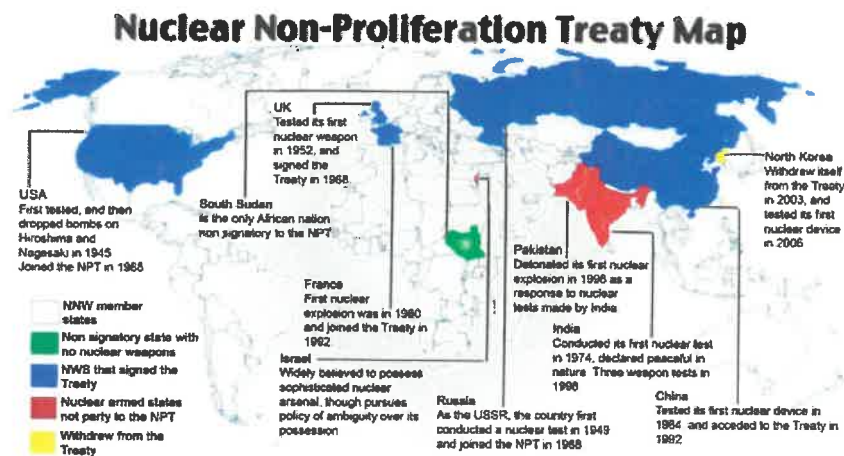


Figure 3: Members of The Non-Proliferation Treaty⁵

3.3 The duty of Keeping Peace

The international community's purpose is to protect human beings from the atrocities that are committed, to achieve peace and security all over the world. Whether it's the UN, governments, public authorities, businesses, institutions, or each of us— we all have a role to play in respecting and defending human rights. It is in our power to attract attention and to prevent the conflicts we face every day: the act of bullying, domestic violence, and social inequality, by supporting the campaigns that act against all things that affect us and our countrymen. We have to respect our authorities' work, to sustain their collaboration and suggest to them better ways for the development of a habitable country.



Figure 4. Civil and Military Shaking hands⁶

⁵ Homepage of pressenza. URL: <https://www.pressenza.com/2015/06/npt-consensus-failure-a-good-thing-108-countries-pledge-to-help-ban-nuclear-weapons/>

4. Conclusion

On a final note, we must know our duties as citizens and we must help to protect our country and defend the rights of all humans, regardless of ethnicity, the color of skin, gender, or religion. The authorities, military, and civilians are constantly collaborating for the people's common good and serving their country at all costs. *'Governments need to find ways to ensure everyone's rights are properly respected and protected. And citizens have the right to make sure this happens.'*⁷ The civil-military relationship is hard to make, but it will be indestructible with lots of effort. In unity there is strength and together we have the power to make our society flourish no matter what authority we represent.

⁶ Homepage of Carry On(Victoria). URL: <https://www.carryonvictoria.org.au/blog/life-after-service>

⁷ Homepage of International Service for Human Rights. Page 'Who Protects the Human Rights?' URL: <https://ishr.ch/about-human-rights/who-protects-human-rights/>

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