

Conferencia de Diego Hidalgo (marzo de 2007)

Introduction – Diego Hidalgo – Chairman of FRIDE

The Past and Present of Peace Operations

A Seminar organized by FRIDE, with the collaboration of the Canadian Embassy in Madrid and the Comunidad de Madrid.

Madrid, March 19th – 2007

Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

It's a pleasure for me to welcome and host you in Madrid for this two days seminar on one of the most important and complex activities in which the international community is involved.

I would like to thank the generous support to develop this event of the Canadian Embassy in Madrid and the Local government of the Madrid Community. Mr. Marc Lortie

“Peace operations” is a simple concept, but includes a broad range of missions and activities. There are currently around of 40 such operations around the world. Twenty one are UN Missions with different mandates. The rest are missions under the umbrella of NATO, the EU or regional security organizations.

Peace Operations are responses from the international system and the international community to different challenges, particularly the ones that affected peace, security and the protection of human rights and the life of communities under attack.

Although some operations still follow pragmatic national interests, there is a **promising** general trend in the international community oriented to provide universal protection to people under risk.

Humanitarian disasters and genocides as the ones in Rwanda and in the Balkans in the 90s showed the need for mechanisms of response to prevent genocides, to provide protection and to stabilize countries and regions.

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Situations in a broad range of conflictive situations or in postwar environments required the presence of both international military forces and civilians. The tasks are not simple, the coordination between military and civilian sectors is an-going debate, and there is a need for long term commitments from donors and contributors of forces.

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AGENDA

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF PEACE OPERATIONS

SALÓN NEPTUNO, HOTEL VINCCI SOHO
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OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING: *Peace operations have become an important and common tool for the international community to address complex armed conflicts and post conflict situations. All missions face serious challenges. The two-day seminar of experts aims at analysing the successes, problems and challenges of current peace operations. During the **first day**, important questions regarding the missions will be discussed, namely, conceptualisation, mandates, the coordination between forces of the different countries, the application of the “responsibility to protect”, and the role of women in these operations. During the **second day**, experts will debate the cases of the operations in Haiti, Lebanon, Ivory Coast and Afghanistan. Every session will begin with a 12-minute presentation. Guests will make 10-minute commentaries.*

MONDAY, 19 MARCH 2007

9.00 – 9.30: RECEPTION AND ACCREDITATIONS

9.30:

WELCOME

Diego Hidalgo, President of FRIDE

Marc Lortie, Canadian Ambassador to Spain

Mariano Aguirre, Director, Peace, Security and Human Rights Area, FRIDE

9.45:

INAUGURAL PRESENTATION. CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR PEACE OPERATIONS

Pierre Schori, Former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to the Ivory Coast

10.15-11.45:

AFTER THE COLD WAR: ASSESMENT OF 16 YEARS OF PEACE OPERATIONS

After the end of the Cold War, a series of peace operations have been conducted with very different outcomes: from failure to protect victims (Ruanda) to mixed results (Angola). Is the tension between national and universal interests still the crucial issue?

Introduction to the discussion: *Charles-Philippe David, Chair Raoul-Dandurand, Canada*

11.45 COFFEE BREAK

12.15 – 13.45: **CLARIFYING CONCEPTS: PEACE KEEPING, PEACE ENFORCEMENT, WAR AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION**

After the intervention in Kosovo and the Iraqi War, confusions among the different concepts of Peace Keeping, Peace Enforcement and War have arisen. There is a need for a clarification of these concepts.

Introduction to the discussion: *Tom Woodhouse, School of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, Bradford, UK.*

14.00 – 15.30 LUNCH

15.30 – 16.45: **SCOPE AND LIMITS OF THE “RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT”**

Since 2001 the “responsibility to protect” has become part of the mainstream legal and political debate. How strong is the commitment of the UN member states towards this principle?

Introduction to the discussion: *Jesus Núñez, IECAH, Madrid, Spain.*

16.45 – 17.00 COFFEE BREAK

17.00 -18.30: **OPERATIONS, MANDATES AND COORDINATION**

More than 30 ongoing Peace Operations face a series of complex problems and challenges. Amongst them are coordination, mandates, the role of women in the crisis regions and the “grey areas” between Peace Keeping and Peace Building.

Introduction to the discussion: *Xavier Zeebroeck, GRIP, Brussels, Belgium.*

21.00 DINNER

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007

9.00 -10.30: **AFGHANISTAN, THE BORDER BETWEEN PEACE MISSION AND WAR OPERATION**

Introduction to the discussion: *Astri Suhrke, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway.*
Daoud Yaqub, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Canberra, Australia.

10.30– 11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30: **IVORY COAST, UNITING A DIVIDED COUNTRY**

Introduction to the discussion: *Pierre Schori, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to the Ivory Coast.*

Francis Akindès, Head of department of Anthropology and Sociology of University of Bouake.

12.30 – 14.00: **HAITI, AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE AGAINST THE INTERNAL CRIMINALITY?**

Introduction to the discussion: *Amélie Gauthier, Researcher at FRIDE. UN Peace Operation in Haiti research project. Madrid, Spain.*

Michèle D. Pierre-Louis, Fondation Connaissance et Liberté-FOKAL, Haiti.

14.00– 15.30 LUNCH

15.30-17.00: **LEBANON, A MISSION WITH A FLEXIBLE MANDATE**

Introduction to the discussion: *Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice-president of the Toledo International Centre for Peace, Madrid, Spain.*

Marie-Joëlle Zahar, University of Montreal, Canada.

17.30-18.00: **FINAL SESSION OF REFLECTION AND CLOSING.**

Hernan Vales, Department of Peace Keeping Operations United Nations, New York, USA.