FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO POLITICAL DIALOGUE: THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY AND ARMED GROUPS IN PEACE PROCESSES IN NORTHERN MYANMAR

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DIFFERENT OPTIONS OF AGREEMENTS

**TRUCE**
Is a short-term, unverified break in hostilities

**CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES**
Is a temporary, unverified, extended version of a battlefield truce

**CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT**
Is a formal agreement usually monitored and verified

**PEACE AGREEMENT**
Is an agreement between two or more hostile parties, usually countries or governments, which formally ends a state of war between the parties

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Nepal, 8 December 2006.

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EXAMPLE:
BORDER AREAS
CLEANING UP THE GROUND-SECURITY & CONTROL:
EXCLUSION OF INFILTRATION & EXFILTRATION

STOP INFILTRATION
STOP ILLICIT TRADE
STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

CONTROL OF TERRITORY
PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE
CONTROL OF MIGRATION

ISOLATE & EXPEL MERCENARIES
FOREIGN ARMED GROUPS
FOREIGN ARMED CRIMINALS ETC.

DEFENCE FORCES   POLICE   IMMIGRATION
THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT
PRINCIPLES FOR COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION
AND INTELLIGENCE (C3I2)

THE “MOVEMENTS”

= REGULARS

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NO ARMED INDEPENDENT “THIRD PARTY” MUST BE ACCEPTED!

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ALL CONTROLLED, REGISTERED & VERIFIED BY A MONITORING BODY
ZONING
RESTRICTIONS & PROTECTION OF
MILITARY UNITS & MILITIAS

"PROTECTION ZONE"
X METRES

IDEAL MINIMUM DISTANCE TO
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NOTE:
IN URBAN AREAS
DISTANCE CAN BE
DOWN TO 20 METRES
(ACROSS THE STREET)

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“OPPONENT” X KM

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SAFE AND CONTROLLED STORAGE OF WEAPONS
EXAMPLE UNMIN/NEPAL

STORAGE AREA
WITH 24/7 MANNING

3 DIV
HQ

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EXAMPLE OF ZONING & BUFFER ZONE

UNMIN/JMT
24/7

BUFFER ZONE

REBEL DIV
MCS RDPZ

ENTRY POINTS

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PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES:
1. CEASEFIRE ZONE OR SCOPE OF CEASEFIRE
2. DECLARATION OF FORCES’ DISPOSITIONS
3. PLOTTING ON A MASTER MAP
4. IDENTIFY CONTESTED LOCALITIES, POSITIONS OR CITIES
5. IDENTIFY SPECIAL AREAS
6. IDENTIFY CIVILIAN COMMUNITIES, IDP AND REFUGEE CAMPS THAT NEED PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS
7. IDENTIFY NON-SIGNATORY ARMED GROUPS/SPOILERS
8. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM
SEPARATION OF FORCES

“BUFFER” - MINIMUM ARTILLERY RANGE
STORAGE AT OPERATIONAL AND TACTICAL LEVEL

- **STRATEGIC WEAPONS**
  - ARTILLERY, GUNS, AND TUBE ARTILLERY;
    - DIVISION
  - TACTICAL TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT (FIXED WING AND ROTARY);
    - DIVISION
  - MAIN BATTLE TANKS AND APCs;
    - BRIGADE
  - HEAVY MORTARS; AND
    - BRIGADE
  - ANTI-TANK WEAPONS