

Preventing Violent Conflict and Tackling its Structural Causes

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- Devastating impact of violent conflict on Africa in recent decades.
- But also progress in ending major conflicts, such as Angola, Sierra Leone.
- Now the African Union and regional economic communities are showing the will and establish the structures to promote peace and security.

Establishing Peace and Security

Push for greater action to prevent conflict as well as to resolve existing ones.

Recommendations:

- ✓ *Tackling the **structural causes of conflict (role and impact of ODA, arms trade, conflict goods)***
- ✓ ***Supporting African leadership & capacity in the prevention and resolution of conflict***
- ✓ ***Promoting better coordination and financing of post-conflict peacebuilding***

GOVERNANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES and CONFLICT GOODS

Reinforcing International Controls on SALW

- Promoting an international Arms Trade Treaty
- Promoting a global legally binding agreement on territorial and extra-territorial arms brokering
- Enhancing the enforcement of international and domestic laws controlling the arms trade, stricter regulation of transport agents and mainstreaming SALW programmes within peace building and transition programmes

Capacity for early action and resolution

- **Preventive mediation and diplomacy** – how can this be strengthened?
- **African peacekeeping capacity** – what are the gaps?
- What can the Commission do to strengthen **the role of civil society and traditional authorities**?
- **UN High Level Panel**: UN reform and UN relations with regional and sub-regional organisations

‘POST CONFLICT’ PEACEBUILDING

Implementation

Delivery on commitments, both from African countries & institutions and Africa's external partners crucial

Recommendations:

- ✓ *Building a global partnership around African leadership*
- ✓ *Strengthen institutions, incl. IFI's to give higher priority to Africa*
- ✓ *Stronger African influence in multilateral organisations*
- ✓ *Monitoring of quality of donor assistance*
- ✓ *Effective and independent mechanisms to monitor and report on implementation progress*