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To meet Article 33 of the UN Charter’s commitment for nation states to collaboratively maintain (international) peace and security through diverse non-use of force means first, the New Agenda for Peace and UN 2.0 Quintet of Change practical outcomes needs to include:

1) Enhancement of (a) transparent mechanism(s) through which local peace changemakers actively involved in conflict transformation are able to directly report non-violent community-centred and local-driven conflict solutions for insecure contexts within UN security forums (including the UNSC).

NB. This is especially required in UN security fora (e.g. where national and military security are considered) and where the core mandate is not to look at ‘human security’.

Building a stronger (bottom-up) communication chain with the individuals and communities the UN is concerned with within all core UN security conversations will also help realise the New Agenda for Peace’s 6 priority areas to strengthen as well as the ‘Creating an Enabling Environment’ and ‘c. Enhance civil society and other stakeholders’ participation modalities’ recommendations in the UN75 People’s Declaration & Plan for Global Action. Such (a) mechanism(s) is also fundamental for the shifts needed within the UN Security & Peace infrastructure to enhance ‘Common’ and ‘Human security’ and ‘feminist foreign policy’ security frameworks.
(These mechanisms may include the Genocide Prevention Advisory Network’s recommendation to create a web-based collaborative public portal disseminating real-time early warnings, analysis and policy recommendations.)

To facilitate the enhancement of such (a) mechanism(s), and meet obligations within Article 2 of the UN Charter, the New Agenda for Peace and UN 2.0 terms need to include:

2) a) A regular audit on the ‘state of trust’ for advancing meeting security objectives through ‘common’ and ‘human’ security frameworks through the core UN Security fora (e.g. UNSC)
- b) Specific financial resources and expertise provided to utilise ‘conflict transformation’, ‘sustained dialogue’ and ‘deep listening’ tools to support State and UN personnel within UN security fora to build trust and increase precedence for common security action so that security actions are sustainable and impactful.

These measures are essential for realising the New Agenda for Peace’s proposal to strengthen ‘reshaping responses to all forms of violence’ and the UN75 People’s Declaration & Plan for Global Action ‘Creating an Enabling Environment’ recommendations. Without doing the work within UN security fora to enable more receptive environments to engage with non-violent locally-owned and driven conflict solutions, meeting the New Agenda for Peace’s objectives will be unsustainable.

These measures and approaches also feed into the UNSG’s note on utilising Behavioural Science within UN systems, but is to be applied in a self-reflective manner to assess effectiveness and redirect actions within UN security decision-making fora.
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