

World Peace

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The assumption here is that peace is not just a state of affairs created by a diplomatic agreement and by the political and legal structures that it puts into place. Peace is rather a dynamic process and a significant part of that process calls for institutionalized mechanisms to resolve the problems that are bound to arise in the relationship between any two nations, particularly nations emerging from a history of protracted conflict. An ongoing process of conflict resolution through the joint problem solving is especially vital in the wake of a weak, incomplete agreement. The mechanisms for engaging in such a process can be seen as a type of insurance policy against the inevitable setback in the implementation and completion of the agreement.

Institutionalization of a process of problem solving must meet several conditions if it is to contribute effectively to transforming the relationship between the former enemies and help lay the basis for positive peace.