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# ABBREVIATIONS

3D	Three-Dimensional
A.D.	Anno Domini
A4P	Action for Peacekeeping
AfD	Alternative für Deutschland
AFISMA	African-led International Support Mission in Mali
AIS	Artificial Intelligence System
AMIB	African Union Mission in Burundi
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
AQIM	Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
AQIS	Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATA	Anti-Terrorism Act
AU	African Union
BAF	Bangladesh Air Force
BBL	Bangsamoro Basic Law
BBS	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
BC	Before Christ
BCE	Before Common Era
BDA	Bangsamoro Development Authority
BISS	Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies
BIPSOT	Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training
BJP	Bharatiya Janata Party
BLM	Black Lives Matter

BN	Bangladesh Navy
BPC	Bangladesh Peacebuilding Centre
BRAC	Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
BUP	Bangladesh University of Professionals
CAR	Central African Republic
CCC	Copenhagen Consensus Center
CDU	Christian Democratic Union
CIMIC	Civil-Military Cooperation
CNN	Cable News Network
COE	Contingent-Owned Equipment
COP	Consolidation for Peace for Mindanao
CRPF	Central Reserve Police Force
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
CT	Counterterrorism
CTTCU	Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit
CVE	Countering Violent Extremism
DaO	Delivering as One
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration
DFS	Department of Field Support
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operation
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
DSCSC	Defence Services Command and Staff College
DSRSG	Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EEBC	Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission
EFA	Education for All
ETA	Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (Basque Homeland and Liberty)
EU	European Union
FARC	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FIA	Federal Investigation Agency
FIB	Force Intervention Brigade
FPU	Formed Police Unit
GDP	Gross Domestic Product



GIS	Geographical Information System
HC	Humanitarian Coordinator
HIPPO	High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations
HPC	Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center
HUJI	Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami
IB	Intelligence Bureau
IBL	Institutionalization Before Liberalization
ICG	International Contact Group
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDEC	International Development and Cooperation
IEP	Institute for Economics and Peace
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMT	International Monitoring Team
INF	Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces
IR	International Relations
IS	Islamic State
ISI	Inter-Services Intelligence
ISI	Islamic State in Iraq
ISIS/ISIL	Islamic State in Iraq and Syria or the Levant
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
J-BIRD	Japan-Bangsamoro Initiative for Reconstruction and Development
JDF	Japan Defense Force
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JISR	Japanese Initiative for the Future of Syrian Refugees
JMB	Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh
JTJ	Jama'at al-Tawhid wa'al-Jihad
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MI	Military Intelligence
MILF	Moro Islamic Liberation Front

MINURSO	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
MINUSCA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic
MINUSMA	United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
MINUSTAH	United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MISCA	African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MONUC	United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MONUSCO	United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MTF	Mindanao Task Force
MVM	Monitoring and Verification Mechanism
NACTA	National Counter Terrorism Authority
NAP	National Action Plan
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCOs	Non-Commissioned Officers
NCTC	National Counterterrorism Centre
NDC	National Defence College
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NSG	National Security Guard
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIC	Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
ONUB	United Nations Operation in Burundi
ONUMOZ	United Nations Operation in Mozambique
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PAM	Peace Accords Matrix
PBA	Peacebuilding Architecture
PBC	Peacebuilding Commission
PBF	Peacebuilding Fund
PBSO	Peacebuilding Support Office
PHQ	Police Headquarters
PKF	Peacekeeping Force

PKO Bill	Act on Cooperation for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations
PKOs	Peacekeeping Operations
PNIA	Peacebuilding Needs and Impact Assessment
PoA	Plan of Action
POWs	Prisoners of War
PSF	Peacebuilding Structural Fund
PSOs	Peace Support Operations
PVE	Preventing Violent Extremism
QIPs	Quick Impact Projects
R2P	Responsibility to Protect
RAB	Rapid Action Battalion
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
RC	Resident Coordinator
RSS	Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
SDF	Self-Defense Force
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SI&T	School of Infantry & Tactics
SG	Secretary-General
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SSP	Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan
SSR	Security Sector Reform
STF	Special Task Force
SWAT	Special Weapons and Tactics
TCC	Taiwan Cogeneration Corporation
TCC	Troop Contributing Countries
TIB	Transparency International Bangladesh
TTP	Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan
UAVs	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
UCDP	Uppsala Conflict Data Program
UK	United Kingdom
UKIP	UK Independence Party
UN	United Nations
UNAMET	United Nations Mission in East Timor
UNAMID	United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur

UNAMSIL	United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
UNDOF	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNIIMOG	United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNMIL	United Nations Mission in Liberia
UNMIS	United Nations Mission in Sudan
UNMISSET	United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor
UNMISS	United Nations Mission in South Sudan
UNMIT	United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
UNMOGIP	United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan
UNOCI	United Nations Operations in Côte d'Ivoire
UNPKOs	United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
UNPOL	United Nations Police
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSOA	United Nations Support Office for AMISOM
UNSOM	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia
UNSOS	United Nations Support Office in Somalia
UNTAC	United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia
UNTAET	United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor
UNTAG	United Nations Transition Assistance Group
UNTSO	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
US	United States
USA	United States of America
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
VE	Violent Extremism
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WB	World Bank
WDR	World Development Report
WFP	World Food Programme
WIP	Women in Parliament



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## FOREWORD

This important book bears testimony to an important contemporary phenomenon: peace is on the agenda, all chapters dedicated to peace. Only a decade ago that was not the case. War was on the agenda, and with war the only thing one could hope for was a cease-fire, meaning exactly that, ceasing the firing, also known as an armistice.

Not the same as peace. Nor is stopping beating in a marriage the same as love. The First World War 1914-1918—not exactly “world”, but most of Europe—called the Great War, ended with armistice 11-11-1918. Then came a Versailles Treaty punishing German and Austrian civilians for the belligerence of aristocrats and emperors all over, benefiting from amnesty as pointed out by that blue-eyed Austrian, Adolf Hitler.

This book launches the concept “quality peace”, with security, dignity and predictability as components. “Security” comes close to what others, like Quincy Wright and Peter Wallensteen, call negative peace. How about dignity and predictability, as the book spells them out?

To me “dignity” brings up “respect”, “being respected by self and others for peaceful behavior”, not as part of the definition of peace.

And “predictability”? Very important: anything called “quality peace” should confer dignity on the parties, and also be predictable.

To me that means “sustainable”, durable (French: *dur* = hard).

Not only predictability; the prediction also matters: for US military interventions increasing from once to twice per year? Predictable, yes, but does that in itself spell “quality peace”?

This book points wisely to capacity, capability. To solve conflict, for instance. And, as it points out, in a predictable manner, and so as to bestow dignity on all the parties. That spells dialogue with all parties, identifying their good and bad aspects.

And, instead of one party winning over the other, it spells good aspects of both winning over the bad. The Transcend approach.

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