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UN-AU PSO – symbolism or..?

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African Solutions to African Problems – meeting “Peaceland”

- *“The idea of African solutions for African problems is sound – when pursued honestly.....African-tailored political “solutions” have so far been a circus, but with the right political will, there is enormous scope to make the concept a viable reality” ...“Be that as it may, the major issues needing attention relate to poverty and bad governance” Taurai Mabhachi Kufa 11/9-15 in African Independent*
- *“...many peace operations in Africa have suffered from a gap between expectations and capabilities.” (Williams, 2010, p. 24)*
- *“We called them ‘the humanoids’...they are people full of ideals, of vigor....but they come from another planet. They are completely disoriented” (Autesserre, 2010, p. 1)*



The AU project – its roots and ambitions

- set out a '*common vision of a united and strong Africa*'
- acknowledged the obstacles '*to the development and integration agenda*'
- AU objective - to '*achieve greater unity and solidarity between the African countries and the people of Africa*'
- New principles in the field of peace and security and for ensuring the respect for human rights



The AU project – its roots and ambitions

- The African Renaissance
- From non-interference to new norms of intervention and good governance/non-indifference
- Unconstituional change of governments
- From traditional security to human security
- Ex. The creation of the PSC – ops. in Burundi, Darfur, Somalia, Comoros, Mali, CAR, anti-LRA and the DRC
- African solutions to African problems?

Changing UN PSO

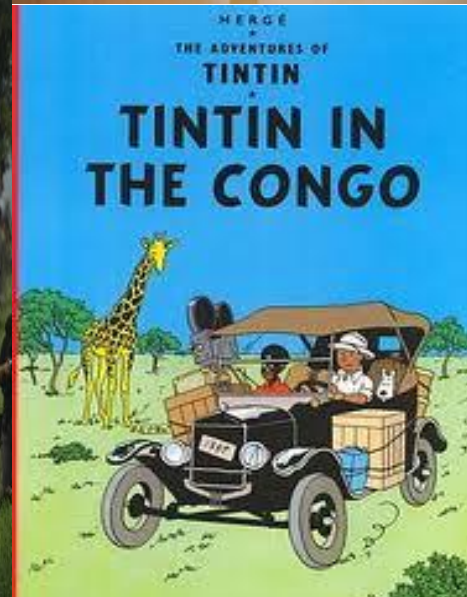


- *UN peace operations have proven highly adaptable and contributed significantly to the successful resolution of conflicts and to a declining number of conflicts over two decades. **Today, however, there is evidence of a worrisome reversal of some of this trend and a widely shared concern that changes in conflict may be outpacing the ability of UN peace operations to respond.** The spread of violent extremism, overlaid onto long- simmering local or regional conflicts and the growing aspirations of populations for change, **is placing pressure on governments and the international system to respond.** (Panel, 2015)*
- *A number of peace operations today are deployed in an environment where **there is little or no peace to keep.** ...There is a clear sense of a **widening gap between what is being asked of UN peace operations today and what they are able to deliver.** it is essential that UN peace operations, **along with regional and other partners,** combine their respective **comparative advantages and unite their strengths in the service of peace and security**(Panel, 2015)*



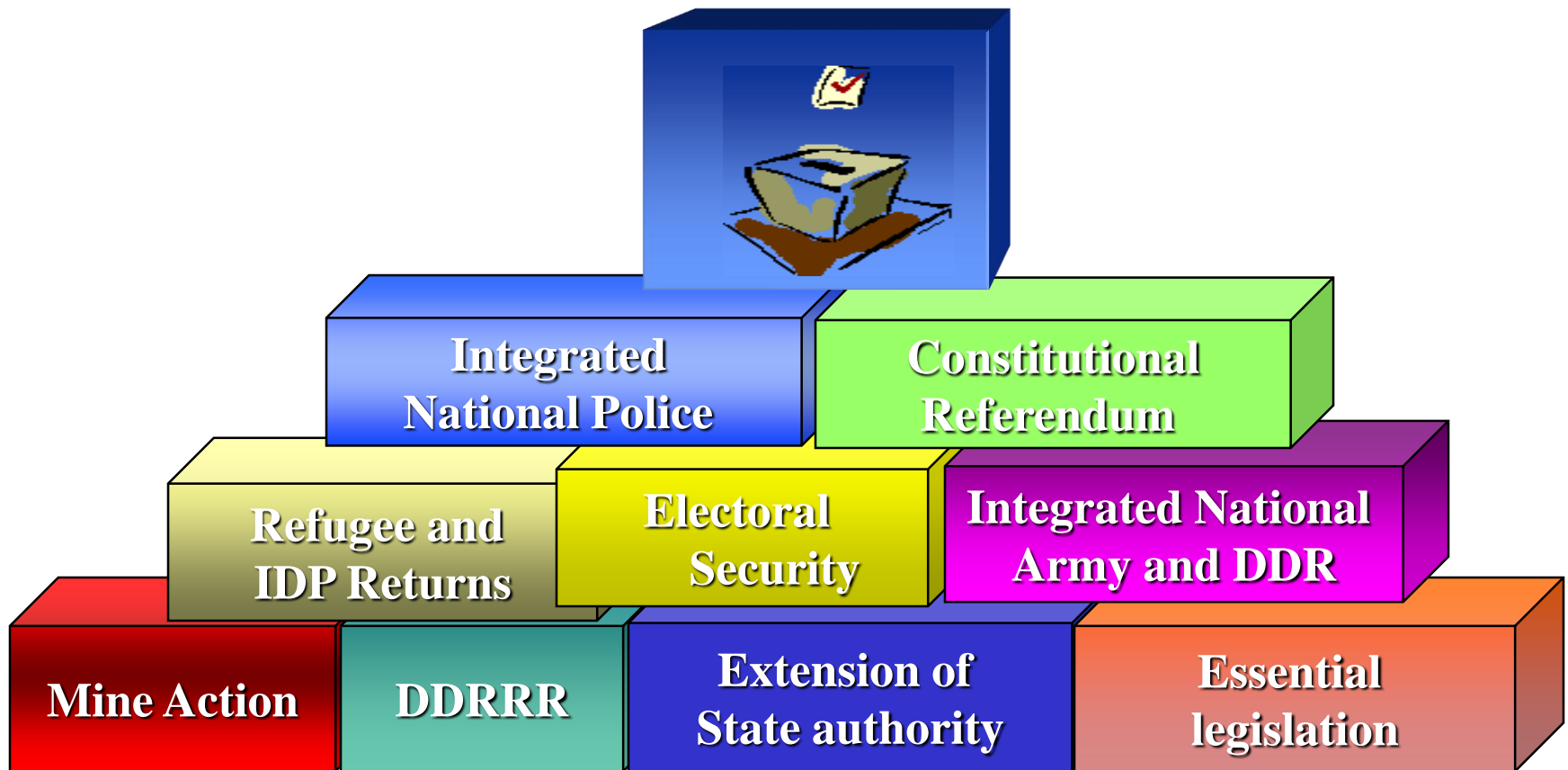
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UN PSO in Africa – POC/R2P



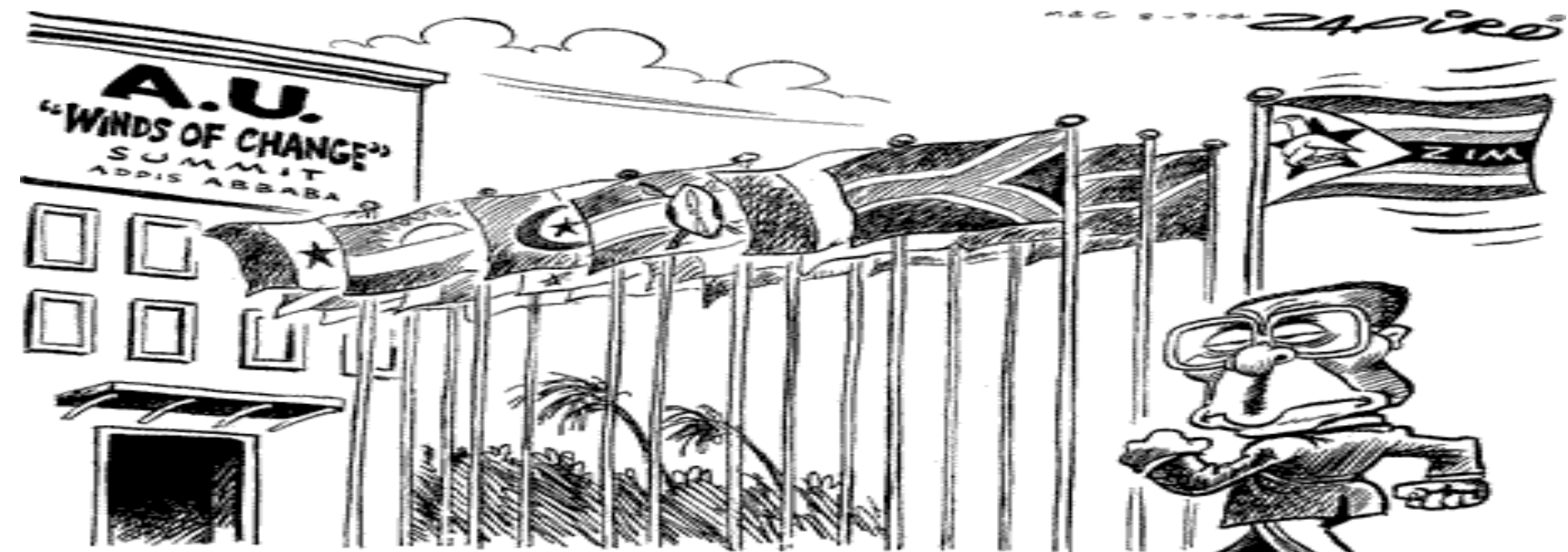


The UN Multidimensional Peacekeeping – In the DRC known in the DRC as "no use"





Collective defence, common security,?



From a strategic point of view, the African Standby Force represents a dissuading factor against threats to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our states. It would be an instrument for intervention (Chissano 2004) or

serve in peace-building efforts, including post-conflict disarmament and demobilisation and humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of civilian populations in conflict areas and support efforts on major natural disasters (Mwanawasa 2007).



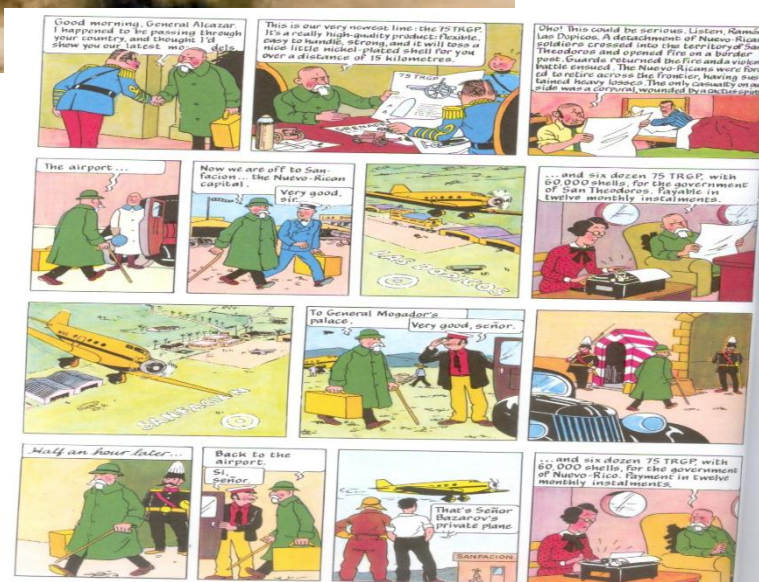
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The African Armies – African FOC/lessons learned?





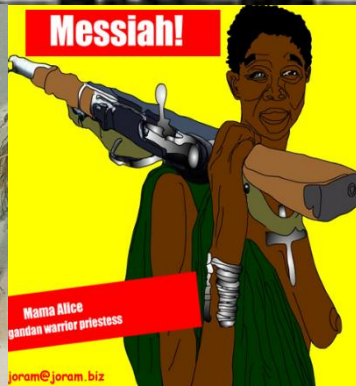
NEW MODEL ARMIES? Trained to fail and who is the opposition?





The “other” – the opponent

- Rational actor, the “uncivilised other”, => Joseph Kony pure evil, rebel, goods representative on earth? No political agenda?, etc
- Strategic asymmetry – time on his side, not conventional soldiers



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