

## **Peace and World Security: Building a New International Dialogue**

### **Abstract**

It is always a challenge for leaders and policymakers to adopt and implement policies that accommodate every segment in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious society. In too many such countries, myopic, sectarian leaders from a particular ethnic and/or religious belief, rather than pursue inclusive policies, seeking to include and embrace all, tend to favor the people belonging to that particular religious belief. Hence, they sow the seeds of discontent, and as discontent increases, they use increasing force to suppress, and this in turn provokes further anger, and sometimes insurgency. This is what we witness around the world. If we look at the root causes of conflicts around the world, you will find some commonalities on how a conflict started. It is to be expected that the State firmly addresses security threats emanating from extremist ideologies; the use of measured and proportional force might, at times, be required but a wiser and more effective strategy is one that encompasses dialogue, accommodates critical view, embraces ethnic and religious diversity and political plurality. A heavy-handed security approach alone may not suffice to ensure permanent security. Often it produces the opposite effect.