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FOREWORD

The landscape of conflict across the globe has undergone major changes since the original edition of this volume appeared in 1997. Much has also changed in the study of conflict management and resolution, as the various methods and techniques applied to various conflicts have evolved rapidly. Recognizing the need for an updated examination of the approaches to dealing with inter- and intrastate conflict, the United States Institute of Peace presents this revised edition of *Peacemaking in International Conflict: Methods and Techniques*.

In addition to updating the original chapters, editor William Zartman has added several new chapters to address such topics as the use or threat of force in peacemaking, the role of conflict resolution education, and economic tools as innovative peacemaking practices. This revised edition also features a concluding chapter that offers guidelines for determining when a conflict is ready for peacemaking initiatives, which peacemaking tools and methods are most appropriate, and who should wield those tools.

Under the best of circumstances, peacemaking is a complicated and difficult endeavor. Today's peacemaking comprises a great many approaches and methods for understanding, managing, and hopefully resolving conflicts. The variety of methods is a product of the increasing complexity of international conflicts, as well as the experience of the international community in dealing with failed and failing states, separatist and centralist conflicts, and the dwindling instances of interstate conflict. Whereas wars in times past were largely the province of august heads of state and foreign ministers representing powerful nations and grand alliances, conflict in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries has "evolved" to bring destruction and death to mass publics and to threaten stability on a regional and global scale.

Fortunately, we are not helpless in confronting such organized violence and mass social chaos. Ever since nation-states first went to war with each other, scholars in the social sciences and members of the foreign policymaking establishment have developed a vital body of knowledge about how to curb the destructiveness of state-organized aggression. Over time, as international wars became more extensive and destructive, the relevant body of knowledge has become more elaborate, and approaches to peacemaking have become more diversified through their sheer number.

The techniques of making violence-prone adversaries halt their acts of carnage and destruction are not always based on detailed analyses or the invocation of time-honored principles and techniques. In many cases, snap judgments and plain luck guide a peacemaker's tactics and stratagems. Nevertheless, conflict managers today can execute their assignments with an intellectual arsenal of knowledge, theories, and techniques that have proved successful in managing previous conflicts.

Some of the methods explored in this collection are time-honored and well known, such as negotiation, bargaining, and third-party mediation. Some are relatively new to the peacemaking community, such as problem-solving workshops, economic incentives and disincentives for managing conflict, conflict resolution education in zones of conflict, and training in conflict management techniques. All methods aim to combine analytical and prescriptive components in order to form a durable and effective approach in diverse conflict settings.

Editor William Zartman is well known to specialists in conflict and peace studies as a former director of the African Studies Program and director of the Conflict Management Program at Johns Hopkins University's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, as well as a preeminent scholar on conflict resolution. He brings to this project a lifetime of distinguished scholarship and writing not only on Africa's various national and subnational conflicts but also on the cognitive and policymaking dimensions of peacemaking and conflict resolution.

Readers interested in complementary perspectives on conflict and peacemaking might explore some other volumes published by the U.S. Institute of Peace: *Leashing the Dogs of War: Conflict Management in a Divided World*; *Managing Global Chaos: Sources of and Responses to International Conflict*; *Taming Intractable Conflicts: Mediation in the Hardest Cases*; and *Grasping the Nettle: Analyzing Cases of Intractable Conflicts*, all edited by Chester Crocker, Fen Hampson, and Pamela Aall.

This revised edition of *Peacemaking in International Conflict* represents an important addition to a growing body of analytical and practical writings on

approaches to managing and resolving inter- and intrastate conflict. It touches on all the issues that scholars at the United States Institute of Peace explore daily in their efforts to understand and educate professionals engaged in international peacemaking.

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