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SECURITY AND STRATEGY: CONCEPTUAL EVOLUTION

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Introduction

- ❖ **Various Concerns on the Concept**
- ❖ **Lack of Academic Consensus on the Definition**
- ❖ **The Methodological Plan**
 - Who or What is the Subject of Security (Whose Security?): the State, the Regime, the Society or the Individual/Citizen?
- ❖ **The Holistic Character of the Concept**
 - Is it possible to obtain “security” without identifying and addressing all the important factors?
- ❖ **The Transparency and Sincerity of the Approach**
 - Is it possible to solve an important security problem without a broad and sound consultation between officials and citizens?



Evolution of the Security Concept

- ❖ The term “security” comes from the Latin *securitas* which, in turn, comes from *securus*, literally meaning “without worry”
- ❖ Security is the state of being free from any threat
- ❖ Being Secure from Fear, Violence and Basic Needs
- ❖ Security is a corollary of the concept of Sovereignty
- ❖ It is derived from the Westphalia Treaties of 1684, ending the Thirty Years’ War
- ❖ State Security leads to Regime Security
- ❖ Human Security, New Concept in 1994
- ❖ Citizen as Security Reference
- ❖ Association of State Sovereignty with the DUTY to Protect Citizens
- ❖ Focus on Links between Violence, Development and Governance.



Security Concept Features

- ❖ **Security is a collective good:**
 - Local, national, sub-regional, regional, and global dimensions
 - “Locating” consequences of security failure is no longer an alternative
- ❖ **Not divisible into external and internal domains:**
Internal security and external security are intimately linked
- ❖ **Nation-States are no longer the only players, let alone the key players**
- ❖ **Human security and good governance are relevant**
- ❖ **Security is not a zero-sum game:**
 - Collaboration against the competition
 - Everyone benefits from global security.



Security-Development Links

- ❖ The RSS is in keeping with an approach of good management of public affairs
- ❖ Measures aiming to improve security and those intended to foster development reinforce each other.
- ❖ What the poor wish, above all else, is to know they are protected from violence and to know their property is protected. These two elements are essential at the initiation of any economic activity or productive social activity.
- ❖ Ensuring the protection of the State and its constituent communities contributes to the creation of a favorable and secure environment, at the service of reducing poverty and of social cohesion.



Evolution of the Strategy Concept

- ❖ **Strategy = relationship calculated between the ends, ways, and means.**
- ❖ **Rational means used by society to mobilize all its assets and resources to protect its interests**
- ❖ **Planning tool that gives societies the ability to shape their future rather than reacting to it and provides a solid framework for the allocation of scarce resources**
- ❖ **In the absence of a strategic framework defining priorities, it is difficult to ensure the security of a nation**
- ❖ **Two Basic Strategies for Increasing Human Security: Strengthen Legal Standards and Create the Capacity to Have Them Followed**
- ❖ **Strategic decision must overcome four obstacles: Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity.**



Conclusion

- ❖ **The Concepts of Security and Strategy have Evolved as has the Concept of War**
- ❖ **The Effective Security Sector Contributes to establishing the Legitimacy of State Institutions**
- ❖ **It Must Strengthen the Image of the State as Protector and Provider rather than Predator**
- ❖ **Security is an Essential Component of Good Public Affairs Management**
- ❖ **The Multitude of Players in the Field Requires Frank and Transparent Collaboration**
- ❖ **The development of effective national security strategies is more than ever necessary for releasing African countries from their recurring challenges.**



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