



# **Towards a strategical approach for Reconciliation in the OSCE Area**

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# **Towards a strategical concept for Reconciliation in the OSCE Area**

- I. Reconciliation: why, what, with /by whom, expected results ?**
- II. The Principles against Impunity as a reference for sustainable reconciliation process**
- III. Reconciliation and prevention**



# **I. Reconciliation: WHEN, what, with /by whom, expected results ?**

## **WHY:**

- **Massive HR/IHL violation, or atrocities, crimes against humanity, genocide etc..have taken place**
- **The past is a threat to security, development, regional cooperation and peace**
- **The past fosters or contributes to instability**
- **Through several generation, the identity of the « other as an enemy » continues to be propagated**



# I. Reconciliation: why, WHAT, with/by whom, expected results ?

**WHAT (no blue print, but it is about....):**

## *National*

- **Responsibility and acknowledgment**
- **Multi track dialogue : strengthen civic trust**
- **Public policies: constructive management of multiple identities**

## *Regional*

- **Responsibility and acknowledgment**
- **Enhance connectivity, exchanges and mobility**



# **I. Reconciliation: why, what, WITH/BY WHOM, expected results ?**

## **WITH/BY WHOM (by essence multitrack :**

- Leaders civil society (including private sector, media)**
- Affected groups**
- State institutions and Gvt.Repr. at national and regional level**
- Gender (women, man)**
- Trans generational**
- Technical skills (for concrete results)**



# I. Reconciliation: why, what, EXPECTED RESULTS ?

## *National*

- **Truth, justice, reparation and institutional reforms**
- **Multi track dialogue : strengthen civic trust and predictability**
- **Identify shared needs and interest: towards a new societal contract?**
- **Public policies including constructive management of multiple identities**



# I. Reconciliation: why, what, EXPECTED RESULTS ?

## *Regional*

- **Truth, justice, reparation and institutional reforms**
- **Increased knowledge; changed perception of the “other”**
- **Conducive environment for cooperation and development (concrete, incremental results)**
- **Constructive management of multiple identities**
- **Enhanced connectivity, mobility**
- **Enhanced security (and common understanding of)**



# I. Reconciliation: why, what, EXPECTED RESULTS ?

- **Conducive environment for dealing with divisive past issues**

## Central message :

- **No compromise with impunity**
- **acknowledgment and responsibility**
- **Increase predictability and trust**





## **II. A Holistic Approach to Dealing with the Past and reconciliation**

**There is no standard model for Dealing with the Past**

### ***Best practices***

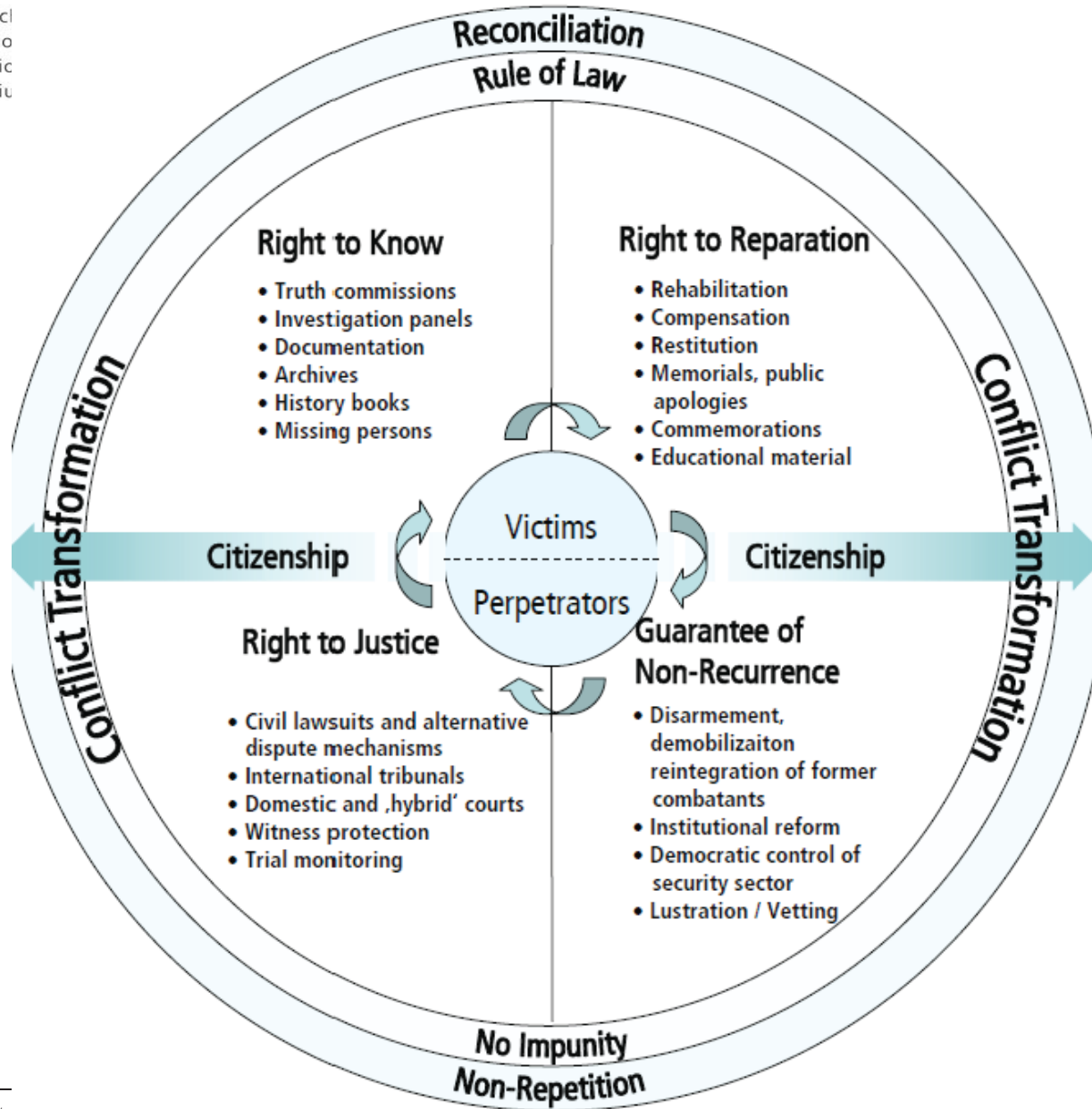
- **Contextual**
- **Processual , dialogical**
- **Ownership, Inclusiveness**
- **Incremental**
- **Integrated in the national/regional agenda**
- **Answer to concrete needs versus perception**



# Conceptual framework for Dealing with the Past:

## The Principles against Impunity Duties of the State & Rights of victims

- **The Right to Know**
- **The Right to Justice**
- **The Right to Reparations**
- **Guarantees of Non-Recurrence**





### III. Reconciliation and prevention

## RECONCILIATION AS A STRATEGIC APPROACH:

### *In a context of conflict*

- **Mediation, facilitation**
- **Security of civilians**
- **DWP conceptual framework : establishing facts, justice, reparation, and guarantee of non recurrence; as a mean of prevention of escalation.**



### III. Reconciliation and prevention

#### RECONCILIATION AS A STRATEGY:

##### *building national /regional architecture*

- **Peaceful coexistence and management of conflicts**
- **Constructive management of multiple narratives and perception**
- **Constructive management of multiple identities**
- **National/regional policies to increase connectivity, inclusiveness and participation**
- **Prevention of incitement**



## III. Reconciliation and prevention

### *national*

- **Reconciliation: political process aiming at developing a new societal contract, strengthening RoL, inclusiveness, participation and civic trust**

### *regional*

- **Reconciliation: political process aiming to acknowledging « the other » as a partner for security, cooperation and development**
- **Reconciliation: affirmation of core values as common values**



### **III. Reconciliation and prevention**

- **Reconciliation after a divisive past lies at the core of security and cooperation**
- **Reconciliation strategies during/after protracted conflict is at the core of a sustainable process towards peace**
- **Reconciliation strategy can/shall be translated into an architecture, enshrined in existing structures, promoted as a core value**
- **Reconciliation after a divisive past is essentially future oriented**