



Prioritizing Peace

A New U.S. Foreign Policy
for a Post-COVID-19 World

Recommended actions for the first 100 days of the Biden administration to ensure that peacebuilding becomes a core tenet of U.S. foreign policy:

1. Make peacebuilding a priority

Establish peacebuilding as a central goal of U.S. foreign policy.

2. Do no harm

Ensure that arms sales, security assistance, and military operations do not escalate current conflicts, undermine peacebuilding efforts, or exacerbate human suffering.

3. Strengthen the voice of peacebuilding and human rights in U.S. foreign policy architecture

Increase the power and authority of the offices and bureaus that focus on promoting human rights, peacebuilding, and justice.

4. Increase staff diversity and capacity to build peace

Align hiring, training, retention, and promotion policies to attain a more inclusive and diverse workforce with greater peacebuilding expertise.

5. Position peace at the center of U.S. foreign assistance

Apply a conflict-sensitive lens to all humanitarian and development assistance and increase support to local peacebuilding efforts.

6. Reaffirm the U.S. commitment to multilateralism

Rejoin multilateral organizations, pay U.S. dues in full, engage in multilateral diplomacy, and ratify and abide by international treaties.

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