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Divided by a Common Language:

Influencing the United States to Follow Good Practice in Conflict Prevention and Security Sector Reform as part of the Global War on Terrorism.

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Abstract

The US strategy for the war on global terrorism and to confront transnational threats is dominated by military action through coalitions or alliances and the way the US administration operates reflects the lead the Department of Defense (DOD) has taken. Although the US makes the connection between security and development in the context of tackling the problems presented by weak and failing states, the area of activity that can contribute, but has been disregarded, is that of Conflict Prevention, Post Conflict Reconstruction and SSR. Despite recognition of the limits to what military action can achieve, the US strategy has neglected coalition activity related to the root causes of global terrorism and transnational threats. This paper aims to address how coalition partners can influence the US strategy to take into greater account the importance of Post Conflict Reconstruction and Conflict Prevention.

