

## EDITORIAL



# Human Security

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Faced with the ongoing problems generated by security based on the use of arms and violent methods to suppress and destroy those deemed enemies, Human Security proposes replacing the use of force by state security and armed forces with scientific knowledge of conflict, violence and crime.

These proposals are based on practical experience and solid education in conflictology, to develop effective systems to resolve armed, violent or criminal conflict. These systems have been demonstrated, in the field, to reduce violence and crime much more efficiently, cost-effectively and respectfully of human rights than any method based on the use of force.

This is the CREC's most important line, and results from specific research have already been published. In addition, we are currently developing and leading international research plans in collaboration with like-minded experts and research centres.

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