## A New Path to Peace: A Comprehensive Six-Tiered Peacekeeping Model

## An Introduction for Our UN Colleagues and Future Civil Peacekeepers

Welcome. This document outlines the foundational principles of our work at Origin-1. For our partners in the United Nations and other international organizations, this tiered model offers a clear framework for how we integrate with and complement existing global security structures. For those of you considering joining our ranks, it provides a comprehensive understanding of where our mission as **Origin-1 Civil Peacekeepers** fits within the broader landscape of conflict resolution. We believe that by creating a full spectrum of response, from grassroots community action to heavy military intervention, we can provide the right solution at the right time, with our unarmed civil peacekeepers serving as the proactive, vital link that prevents small conflicts from becoming large ones.

## A Comprehensive Six-Tiered Peacekeeping Model

Our model now includes a powerful final tier, creating a full spectrum of responses from the least to the most intense forms of intervention. This framework is logical and covers every possible level of conflict.

**Tier 1: Local Community Action** This is the grassroots level, where ordinary civilians act to prevent violence within their own communities.

- Uniform: No uniform: normal civilian clothing.
- Purpose: The focus is on informal dispute resolution and prevention at the earliest stages of conflict. This includes things like local peace committees and informal mediation.
- Tools: Dialogue, rumor control, trusted relationships, and community pressure.

**Tier 2: Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP)** This is a more formalized version of the first tier, using trained, unarmed civilian peacekeepers.

- **Uniform:** No uniform; they wear civilian clothing to build trust and avoid being seen as a military or partisan force.
- Purpose: To prevent violence and protect civilians through non-violent methods like protective accompaniment and inter-positioning.
- Tools: Non-violent communication, negotiation, and physical presence as a deterrent.

**Tier 3: Origin-1 Civil Peacekeepers** This is your innovative middle tier—a visible, unarmed protective force that also excels at mediation. This tier is built on the principle of local chapters that are trained and equipped to act as an early warning system and a rapid-response force, much like firefighters. This allows for immediate action to prevent small conflicts from escalating. Our local chapters are also supported by international chapters, ensuring that they can assist with long-term solutions for sustainable peace and security.

- **Uniform:** Distinctive but non-military uniforms, such as the white and gray to signal a non-threatening humanitarian presence.
- Purpose: To provide a visible "shield" and act as a neutral party for structured de-escalation in areas of low-to-medium violence. The local chapters are key; they are better positioned to identify early warnings and respond faster than external forces, and their goal is to help local communities become more proactive and find lasting solutions.
- **Tools:** Formation movements, non-violent crowd control techniques, and formalized mediation and negotiation skills.

**Tier 4: International Police Peacekeeping** This tier involves a formal, uniformed police presence. They are trained in law enforcement and can use force for self-defense.

- **Uniform:** A standard, official police uniform with international markings.
- **Purpose:** To support local law enforcement, maintain public order, and help rebuild civilian justice systems in post-conflict zones.
- **Tools:** Standard law enforcement tools, including batons and pistols, with strict rules of engagement.

**Tier 5: UN Peacekeeping (Military)** This tier is a military force operating under the UN's mandate. They are authorized to use force for self-defense and the protection of civilians, but their primary goal is peacekeeping, not combat.

- Uniform: Full military combat uniforms with the UN's "Blue Helmet" and insignia.
- **Purpose:** To enforce ceasefires and protect civilians in situations where armed groups pose a significant threat.
- **Tools:** Military weapons and equipment, but their use of force is a last resort and is governed by a strict mandate.

**Tier 6: Heavy Military Intervention** This is the highest and final tier. It is a purely military deployment, often a multinational coalition, that provides an overwhelming show of force to halt extreme violence.

- **Uniform:** Full military combat gear with national and possibly coalition markings; they do not wear the UN "Blue Helmet."
- **Purpose:** To provide overwhelming military force to stop mass atrocities, genocide, or widespread, high-intensity conflict when peacekeeping is no longer an option. The focus is on force projection and combat to create a secure environment.
- **Tools:** Heavy military equipment, including armored vehicles, air power, and advanced weaponry.