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- Working definition of monitoring and verification

- Mandating authority:
 - Range from UNSC mandate, to a regional mandate to inter-party arrangements.

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Context/Agreement defines parameters

For example

- Cessation of hostilities (Mindanao);
- Localised ceasefire (Nuba mountains);
- Memorandum of understanding (Aceh);
- Peace agreement (Nepal).

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Monitoring support

- UN deployment: heavy (Lebanon) to light (Nepal)
- Support of regional organizations (EU and ASEAN in Aceh)
- Support of individual countries/' Friends of groups' (Mindanao and Nuba mountains)
- Civil society (Mindanao)

[observers can be military or non-military]

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Different configurations and coordination structures

- Heavy external presence and limited contact between parties (*Lebanon*)
- External monitors (*Aceh*).
- Local monitoring teams plus (limited) international role (*Mindanao*)
- Joint monitoring concept (international and the parties) (*Nepal, Nuba mountains*)
- Range of different coordination structures and degrees of delegation to field offices

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Range of operational activities

- Fact-finding and investigations of incidents
- patrolling
- Inspection of military units/cantonment sites
- Monitoring troop movements and exercises
- Monitoring arms storage sites
- Liaising with local communities
- Assisting in demining
- Assisting parties in identifying/addressing criminal acts

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Common themes

- Monitoring/verification teams reporting to a joint military or civilian structure.
- Information sharing (between parties or with neutral external party)
- Investigation and dispute resolution (aimed at early and cooperative resolution of local disputes)
- Confidence building measure (joint teams, investigations)
- Forums to raise issues of contention/ complaints.

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Key elements

- Commitment and ownership of parties.
- Robust architecture: central and local mechanisms.
- Access to and use of existing command and control structures of forces. (Representative need to be able to take decisions/action)
- Flexibility
- Mobility
- Transparency
- impartiality
- Clear liaison arrangements.
- Freedom of movement and safety of monitors (local monitors more resilient?) generally unarmed.
- Clear and realistic mandate
- Sustainability: financial and political support.

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Thank You.

Questions?

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