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The SDPJ's working group on international peace cooperation issues, chaired by General Secretary YAMAHANA Sadao, compiled on Sept. 18 the following proposals as an alternative to the Government's proposed law on Japan's commitment to the UN Peace-NJMSS P.1/1

Keeping Operations.

1, Basic Positions on international Cooperation

(1)Japan. as a state with the Peace Constitution. should commit itself to international cooperation, commensurate with its second largest economic power in the world.

(2)Pursuing "the coexistence of peoples", Japan should promote the restructuring and reinforcement of the UN-system. as well as make extensive contributions to the UN-centered peace operations. alleviation of famine or poverty. disaster relief activities. and preservation of the global environment.

(3)With the cold war being replaced by disarmament and cooperation, such factors as changing world situation and public opinions should be reflected on the policies.

2,Basic Principles of International Cooperation

(1)The non-military commitment by civilian personnel should be the pillar of the international cooperation.

(2)A specialized permanent institution should be established.

(3)The international cooperation should center on peacekeeping operations and humanitarian relief activities concerning disasters. refugees and environmental degradation.

(4)Any operation should proceed only if requested by the UN. or other international institutions. and if accepted by concerned parties and finally it supported by the people.

3, International Cooperation and Disarmament

(1)International cooperation should be combined with the reorganization and reduction of the Self-Defense Forces.

(2)Released personnel, equipment and budgets should be utilized for international cooperation operations.

4, Specialized Institution

(1)The U.N. Peace Cooperation Organization and International Peace Cooperation Team(Provisional naming), with the size of 2,000 staff should:

--participate in and cooperate in PKO,
--restrict its commitment within civilian fields,
--recruit servicemen/women of the SDF.

(2)The International Emergency Rescue Team to be staffed by 2,000 persons should be reorganized and reinforced:

--to be a permanent organization.
--to be engaged in domestic disaster relief activities besides international ones.
--to recruit retired servicemen/women of the SDF.

(3)A new governmental institution, named the International Cooperation Agency(provisional naming) should be established within three years to merge the two teams in it.

5. Others

(1)The International Cooperation Agency should incorporate activities and programs in respect of the Official Development Aid and global environment preservation.

(2)Due considerations should be given to transferring pan of medical, telecommunications and transport divisions in the SDF to a new institution.

(3)Further commitment to the UN Peace-Keeping Operations should be constantly pursued by reviewing;

--accomplishments and experience drawn from its engagement in non-military operations by civilian personnel,

--the extent of reform in the the UN system.

--the extent of maturity of public opinions both in Japan and abroad.

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