



Quotes

"My Lords, is my noble friend aware that I believe the support given to this document by a former president of the United States, Jimmy Carter, is unconditional as is the support given by a former president of the Soviet Union, Mr Gorbachev?"

- Lord Jenkins of Putney, speaking in the House of Lords

"It is an interesting proposal that deserves to be discussed and debated."

-Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Former Foreign Secretary

"Shield is a visionary idea, with a lot to commend it, though I have to add that in the present international political and financial climate it will not be easy to make it a reality."

-Dame Margaret Anstee - former Under Secretary General of the United Nations

"Shield is a project that certainly deserves a large and detailed debate. The realisation of such a project could indeed be vital for our World in transition."

-Alfred Cahen, Secretary General, Atlantic Treaty Association.

"After the tragedies we have witnessed in recent years, there can be no doubt that the world would be a safer and more secure place if the nations could one day reach agreement on a world system of international law. If it were to be effective, it would need to be acceptable to all and enforceable. When the Charter of the United Nations was agreed, those who designed it looked forward to such a possibility, but any progress was pushed into the background by the Cold War. In truth, whatever the circumstances, there are several problems in defining its range.....

.... very practical problems that must be faced, but despite them, nothing but good will come from people thinking about and debating these issues, and Mr Stonor makes a very useful contribution to the discussion"

- Rt Hon Lord Callaghan of Cardiff KG

"I wholly agree that the Rule of Law should prevail on a global scale, and this will be possible only if effective military action is available at the disposal of a global authority."

- The Rt Hon The Lord Archer of Sandwell

"It does sound a most feasible concept"

- Lord Grade of Elstree

"I wish you every success with your interesting project."

- J-M Veranneman de Watervliet, Charge d'Affaires a.i., Belgium Embassy, London

"Preventative diplomacy is indeed a necessity in today's world and Switzerland is very much in favour of it."

- *Francois Nordmann, The Ambassador of Switzerland to London .*

"Fundamentally, an American President has to run with such a proposal. It will not come from the bottom up, in my judgement, but the top down."

- *Lord Owen*

" I am very interested and favourably disposed to the concept. It seems to me that in the long run peace in the world and disarmament will only be secured if there is an international security arrangement with a degree of automaticity. I do see enforceable international law as the way ahead."

- *The Rt Hon Lord Lamont*

"This is a very interesting and imaginative scheme and very well set out"

- *The Rt Hon Lord Jenkins of Hillhead*

"It looks most interesting ..."

-*The Rt Hon Lord Steel*

"I would like to wish you luck in gaining recognition for the concept of " Shield " ."

- *Menzies Campbell, MP*

"I am most sympathetic to the concept of Shield ..."

- *Sir David Knox*

"It is clear, an interesting concept"

- *The Rt Hon Alan Clark, MP*

"It is all extremely relevant and I believe will eventually happen"

- *Peter Temple-Morris, MP*

" ...you are certainly correct in pointing to the desperate need to have an organised international response to the sort of emergencies which are occurring around the world."

- *David Harris, MP*

"It is, as you say, an interesting concept but not easy to sell."

- *The Rt Hon Lord Tebbit*

" ... an idea well worthy of the most serious consideration."

- *Sir Patrick Cormack, MP*

"As ever ... the subject of a 'quick response unit' came up. Such a body was intended in the UN Charter, but has never been implemented."

- *Lord Ramsbotham GCB CBE*

"The existence of a non-national law enforcement body answerable to the United Nations might indeed be useful,"

- *Paul von Maltzahn, Minister Counsellor, German Embassy, London .*

" Shield raised some interesting points."
- *John Humphrys, BBC Today Programme*

"May I wish you every success in increasing the exposure and support for the principles that Shield promotes."
- *David Chidgey, MP*

"I am sure that your work will add to the important developments in the post Cold War world."
- *Francis Maude, MP*

"I wish you every success with your work."
- *Simon Hughes, MP*

"I agree that the role of NATO, the UN and the EU in both defence and international law will need to change in the coming decades and informed debate is necessary."
- *Richard Livsey, MP*

"Of course I do accept that something must be done because I personally was appalled at the events over Iraq where the Americans and the British seem to have taken on a role as world policeman without authority.

"I have to say that I think there is a great deal to be said for having some kind of international force or committed national force under the control of the United Nations and certainly this would be a great deal more sensible than the proposed European army which is a further indication of the obsession of the EU in establishing a single state without democracy."
- *Sir Teddy Taylor, MP*

"I certainly think that you are moving in exactly the right direction. It is good to see that you have got such a broad-based group of supporters and I wish you well with your initiative."
- *Professor the Lord Alton of Liverpool*

"I was most interested to read about the work of Shield . Shield is an imaginative idea, and it raises some very pertinent questions regarding the concept of a body of international law acceptable to all, interpreted in the same way by all and enforceable by all. I am firmly in favour of a high level of discussion on the issues which are addressed by Shield , in particular those which concern the key debate of the effective role of the United Nations in preventative diplomacy as we approach the 21st Century."
- *Lord Moynihan, Opposition Spokesman for Foreign Affairs, House of Lords.*

" ... I think you make some very interesting points in your letter about global stability and the UN needing an enforcement arm ."
- *Rt Hon Lord Renton of Mount Harry*

"I share your views about Shield but regret I cannot manage a meeting with you and Paul in the near future."
- *Rt Hon Lord Healey of Riddlesden*

"..... I believe this is a very important initiative."
- *Julian Brazier, TD, MP*

“This looks like an excellent initiative.”

- *Nirj Deva, MEP*

“I think your proposals are admirable and certainly worth further debate.”

- *Caroline Jackson, MEP*

"There is much to be said for the proposition that if the UN is to carry out the peace-keeping role envisaged by the Charter it needs, in today's world, a very different world from that at the time the Charter was formulated, to possess its own military capability. "

"I am further inclined to believe that this should consist of mercenary forces, rather than forces subscribed by the member states...."

- *Rt Hon The Lord Lawson*

“Obviously, in view of the current debate about the role of the UN, the ideas encompassed within Shield are particularly relevant.”

- *Gary Titley, MEP*