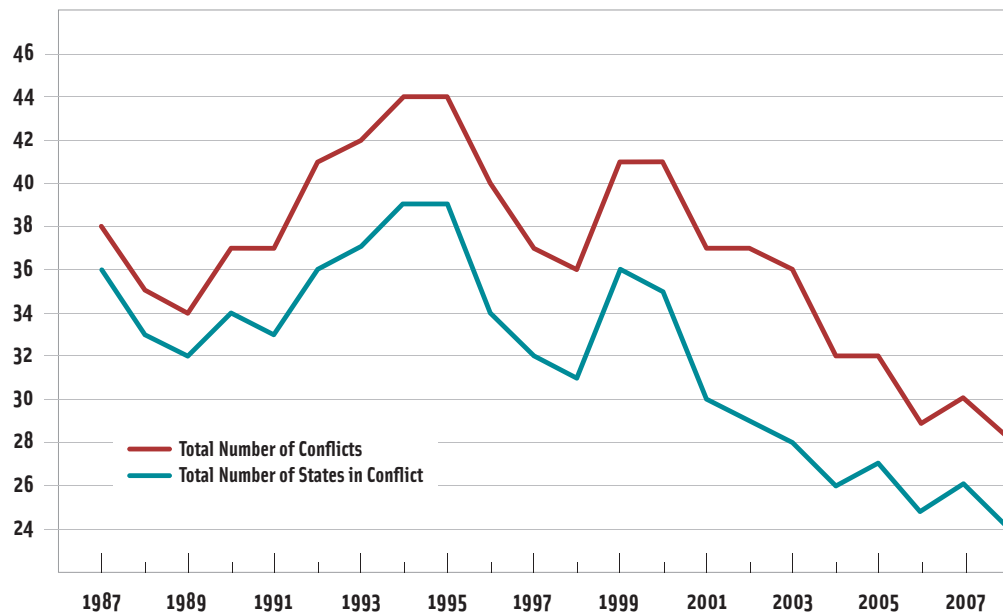


THE IMPACT OF PEACEBUILDING: ARMED CONFLICTS IN DECLINE



With 28 conflicts being fought in 24 countries, 2008 saw a return to the prevailing downward trend in armed conflicts that started in 2000. No new conflicts were added in 2008 and major armed conflicts in Haiti and Côte d'Ivoire ended.

Africa and Asia continued to be most affected by war, hosting 11 armed conflicts each, or over three-quarters of the world's total, leaving the three remaining regions of Europe, the Americas, and the Middle East with a combined share of less than one-quarter.

Between 1999 and 2008, 30 armed conflicts ended with Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas realizing regional net gains. In Europe, two conflicts were resolved with one still active; in the Middle East six were resolved while four conflicts remain active; and in the Americas, two conflicts have been resolved with one still active.

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