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as poverty and inequality. By working together to comprehensively implement the SDGs, member states can significantly reduce the risk of conflict while fostering sustainable development globally.

Establishing international formal frameworks that facilitate state compromises, especially in cases such as the China Taiwan tensions, the Cameroon civil conflict, or the Sudan crisis, could offer a viable solution to bypass divisive and polarizing mechanisms within democratic states. The United Nations should assume an active role in ensuring states accede to frameworks and address domestic dissension diplomatically rather than resorting to aggression. Developing a multilateral