Multi-dimensional peacekeeping comes with a number of complexities. The traditional peace keeping on the other hand, was more static in nature, it included: the support of ceasefires and buffer zones by inter-positioning, observing, verifying, report missions, and principally static military. The conflicts being dealt with during this period were mainly inter-state. However, the end of the cold War brought about a complete shift to intra-state conflict.

The multidimensional peacekeeping operations are very dynamic. This is because the many armed conflicts in Africa, notably, the genocide in Rwanda and conflict in Somalia, led to a doctrinal rethink and a complete paradigm shift in the way governments wanted to deal with conflicts.