ABSTRACT

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This research deals with the regional security crisis in the Horn of Africa and the possibility of a security framework. The study gives more details of the two leading schools in International security analysis that is the Realist and the Transnationalist schools of thought. The study shows how the traditional approaches failed to identify and address the most pressing current security concerns of the poor states. The study also traces the history of the Horn of Africa's current security situation and existing regional security cooperation structure. The study suggests "Cohesion Security Approach" as a new guideline in thinking about security studies in the third world. The analysis is based on system versus unit analysis, which is more suitable to integrate all levels of analysis. The security model here is conceptualized as a function of a complex set of interactions between the different dimensions and the different level of social organizations and interaction that is personal, communal, national, regional and global level. The cohesion security approach may be successful if free elections were held at the community- to- state level to root out the sources of insecurity. At the state-to-state level the principles of non-interference has been suggested to root-out the interstate conflict. At the states-to-regional level, regional organizations must be established, as a mechanism to solve all forms of

conflict and at the international-to- domestic level, third world countries should be given the chance to manage their own affairs.