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### *Literature on Social Cohesion and International Peacebuilding*

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**Note:** For a comprehensive collection of additional, social cohesion related resources, including policy documents and development cooperation projects, see: *The Social Cohesion Hub*, available at: <https://www.socialcohesion.info/>



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