

# Peace operations worldwide, 1948–2000 military tasks, techniques and mechanisms

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## 1940s

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### **UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) 1948–**

- truce supervision, then supervision of Armistice Agreements.
- ✦ military observers; mediator deals with complaints; observers assigned to armed groups on both sides.

### **UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) 1949–**

- monitor cease-fire.
- ✦ military observers.

## 1950s

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### **International Commission for Supervision and Control (ICSC) 1954**

- oversee and report on implementation.
- ✦ multinational commission established for Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

### **UN Emergency Force I (UNEF I) 1956–67**

- monitor cease-fire and withdrawal of forces.
- ✦ military observers; aerial reconnaissance; observation posts; patrols.

### **UN Observer Group in Lebanon (UNOGIL) 1958**

- ensure no infiltration of personnel and supplies across borders.
- ✦ observers; observation posts; regular patrols; aerial reconnaissance; evaluation team to analyse and co-ordinate information.

## 1960s

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### **UN Operation in the Congo (ONUC) 1960–64**

- restore law and order; oversee withdrawal of foreign troops; prevent civil war.
- ✦ support local armed forces in restoring order; oversee withdrawal of foreign troops; use of force to round up foreign troops; observation posts, patrols.

### **UN Yemen Observation Mission (UNYOM) 1963–64**

- monitor disengagement of forces.
- ✦ military observers, check points; ground and air patrols; liaison with forces.

### **UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) 1964–**

- prevent recurrence of fighting; help establish law and order.
- ✦ supervise cease-fire and maintain buffer zone; military observers, patrols; observation posts; since 1974, inspection of cease-fire lines.

### **Mission of the Representative of the Secretary-General in the Dominican Republic (DOMREP) 1965–66**

- observe and report on cease-fire.
- ✦ military observers.

## 1970s

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### UN Emergency Force II (UNEF II) 1973–79

- supervise cease-fire and return of forces to previous positions; ensure maintenance of agreed limits on forces and arms.
- † military observers; observation posts, check points; buffer zones for re-deployments; patrols, air patrols; bi-weekly inspections.

### International Commission of Control and Supervision in Vietnam 1973

- oversee cease-fire and withdrawal of foreign troops.
- † multinational commission to monitor and investigate violations.

### UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) 1974–

- maintain and supervise cease-fire; supervise re-deployment of forces; establish buffer zone as per formal Israel–Syria agreement.
- † military observers; observation posts; check points; buffer zones; liaison with parties; fortnightly inspections.

### Sinai Field Mission (SFM) 1974–82

- US to monitor buffer zones and operation of Egyptian and Israeli surveillance stations, and to undertake aerial reconnaissance in conjunction with UNEF; after 1979 inspection of Egyptian military installations in interim buffer zone.
- † observers; watch stations; tasks contracted out to private companies; liaison officers check Israeli and Egyptian surveillance stations; aerial reconnaissance.

### UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) 1978–

- confirm withdrawal of Israeli forces; restore peace and security; prevent infiltration in zone of operation.
- † military observers, check points (working with Lebanese gendarmes), observation posts, patrols.

### Commonwealth Monitoring Force (Rhodesia/Zimbabwe) 1979

- comprehensive peace settlement; cease-fire monitoring; separation of forces; demilitarisation.
- † containment procedures; cease-fire commission.

## 1980s

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### Multilateral Force and Observers (MFO) 1982–

- take over from SFM (see above).
- † in general, same as for SFM.

### UN Good Offices Mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP) 1988–90

- monitor peace accord concluded under UN auspices.
- † military observers, observation posts; inspections of garrisons; investigation of complaints; meetings with parties to discuss compliance with obligations.

### UN Iran–Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) 1988–91

- verify and supervise cease-fire and troop withdrawal.
- † military observers; mobile patrols by vehicle, helicopter, boat, mule and foot.

### UN Angola Verification Mission I (UNAVEM I) 1989–91

- verify redeployment and withdrawal of Cuban troops.
- † military observers; mobile teams for *ad hoc* inspections; Joint Commission for liaison and coordination.

**UN Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II) 1991–93**

- verify compliance with peace accords reached by the parties; verify that the parties are carrying out the monitoring of the cease-fire adequately.
- ♦ military observers; observation posts, mobile patrols (including by helicopter); Joint Political Military Commission and subsidiary committees.

**UN Transitional Assistance Group (UNTAG) 1989–90**

- oversee reduction and withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia.
- ♦ military observers; Joint Commission; assembly points for turning in arms; monitoring of bases where troops are confined; permanent border check points.

**UN Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA) 1989–92**

- verify security aspects of Esquipulas II Agreement (1990); monitor cease-fire and demobilisation of troops in Nicaragua.
- ♦ mobile military observer teams. Spot checks and *ad hoc* inspections; based in verification centres close to sensitive areas.

**1990s****UN Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) 1991–95**

- monitor verification with agreement to end civil war in El Salvador; includes verification of cease-fire and separation of forces, plus changes in armed forces.
- ♦ military observers; monitor troops in designated locations; verify weapons inventories.

**UN Iraq–Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) 1991–**

- monitor demilitarised zone and waterway.
- ♦ military observers; observation posts; mobile patrols on cleared tracks; air patrols; visual observation only, no imaging or radar technology.

**UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) 1991–**

- monitor cease-fire; verify reduction of troops and confinement of certain troops to specified locations.
- ♦ military observers; observation posts, mobile patrols; helicopter patrols for supplementary and short-notice inspections.

**UN Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC) 1991–93**

- monitor cease-fire; advance mission for UNTAC.
- ♦ military observers, liaison officers.

**European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) 1991–95**

- cease-fire monitoring; later, joint monitoring of no-fly zone with UNPROFOR (see below).
- ♦ observers; later, joint monitoring of cease-fire and withdrawal of heavy weapons with UNPROFOR; inspections of departing and arriving aircraft at designated airports.

**UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) 1992–93**

- to oversee implementation of Agreements on a Comprehensive Political Settlement; supervision of cease-fire; verify withdrawal of forces; oversee cantonment, disarmament and demobilisation of forces; weapons control, including verifying end of outside assistance.
- ♦ military observers, mobile monitoring teams, air and marine patrols; border checkpoints; cantonment sites.

**UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) 1992–95**

- monitor cease-fire; ensure delivery of humanitarian aid. Croatia: establish and monitor UN

protected areas (UNPAS). Bosnia: security at airport; humanitarian protection; no-fly zone; border observation; and safe areas.

- ♦ UNPAS: checkpoints, intensive patrols by land and air; check complaints of violations (cordon and search operations). Krajina: establish buffer zone, weapons under dual-lock storage. Bosnia: military observers, collect weapons and oversee demilitarisation, set up and monitor heavy weapon exclusion zones. Maritime monitoring of arms embargo under NATO auspices.

#### **UN Observer Mission in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) 1992–94**

- oversee implementation of peace agreement; cease-fire, separation of forces, demobilisation, collection, storage and destruction of weapons, withdrawal of foreign forces, and disbanding of private military groups.
- ♦ military observers; Supervisory and Monitoring Commission; two sub-commissions; assembly areas for pre- and post-demobilisation monitoring; inspections of declared and undeclared sites.

#### **UN Observer Mission Uganda–Rwanda (UNOMUR) 1993–94**

- border monitoring to ensure that no military goods or other military assistance is crossing frontier.
- ♦ military observers.

#### **UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) 1993–96**

- initially to implement Arusha Peace Agreement; establish secure environment; monitor cease-fire; later expanded to include protection of civilians, intermediary role between warring factions.
- ♦ military observers.

#### **UN Operation in Somalia I (UNOSOM I) 1992–93**

- monitor cease-fire; security for humanitarian aid.
- ♦ military observers.

#### **UN Operation in Somalia II (UNOSOM II) 1993–95**

- cease-fire monitoring; establish secure environment; control of heavy weapons and seizure of small arms; secure ports and airports; protect UN personnel.
- ♦ military personnel; cantonment and storage of heavy weapons.

#### **UN Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) 1993–**

- verify compliance with cease-fire; monitor implementation of peace accord; observe CIS peace-keepers; monitor security zone, weapon storage areas, troop withdrawals; investigate violations.
- ♦ military observers; patrols, including use of helicopters.

#### **UN Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) 1993–97**

- monitor implementation of peace accord to verify impartial application by ECOMOG and ECOMOG, including cease-fire, encampment and disarmament of troops, demobilisation, arms embargo. 1995 mandate expansion: monitor borders for movement of arms; assemble and disarm combatants.
- ♦ military observers; Joint Cease-fire Monitoring Committee; checkpoints.

#### **UN Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) 1993–96**

- establish security and oversee modernisation of armed forces.
- ♦ military observers.

#### **UN Aouzou Strip Observer Group (UNASOG) 1994**

- oversee withdrawal of Libyan forces as specified in International Court of Justice decision.
- ♦ military observers.

**UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) 1994–**

- agreements between the two sides; support agreements and operation of Joint Commission, including investigation of cease-fire complaints and liaison with CIS peacekeepers.
- ✦ military observers; UNMOT chaired Joint Commission.

**UN Angola Verification Mission III (UNAVEM III) 1995–97**

- monitor and verify cease-fire, assembly of troops and demobilisation, disarmament, formation of new armed forces.
- ✦ military observers; Joint Commission framework.

**UN Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia (UNCRO) 1995–96**

- monitor cease-fire; control, monitor and report on flow of military personnel and equipment across borders; monitor demilitarisation of Prevlaka peninsula.
- ✦ military observers; patrols.

**Military Observer Mission Ecuador–Peru (MOMEP) 1995–99**

- by agreement.
- ✦ verify cease-fire; military observers.

**Implementation Force (IFOR) 1996****Stabilization Force (SFOR) 1996–**

- verify compliance with cease-fire, withdrawal of forces from zone of separation, collection of heavy weapons, demobilisation, arms control and confidence-building measures.
- ✦ NATO and UN member state troops; patrols; cantonment sites; notifications and inspections; Joint Military Commission with IFOR as chair.

**UN Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) 1996–98**

- monitor return of refugees; demilitarisation, maintain general security, assist in implementation.
- ✦ military observers and troops.

**UN Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP) 1996–**

- continuation of UNPROFOR tasks; monitoring demilitarisation.
- ✦ military observers.

**Peace Monitoring Group (Bougainville) 1997–**

- by agreement.
- ✦ monitor cease-fire and then agreement; military observers.

**UN Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) 1998–2000**

- maintain security; supervise control and storage of weapons and disarmament.
- ✦ military observers.

**UN Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) 1999–**

- monitor cease-fire agreement.
- ✦ military liaison officers; Joint Military Commission.

**UN Mission of Observation in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) 1998–99**

- monitor military and security situation, disarmament and demobilisation.
- ✦ military observers.

**UN Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) 1999–**

- take over from UNOMSIL; oversee implementation of agreement; disarmament, demobilisation and re-integration of troops.

- ♦ military observers and troops; Joint Monitoring Commission.

### Irish peace process

- provision for decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within two years after referendum.
- ♦ Independent International Commission on Decommissioning.

### Kosovo Verification Mission 1998–99

- verify compliance with provisions of UN Security Council resolution and cease-fire.
- ♦ observers; NATO-led aerial reconnaissance.

### Kosovo Force (KFOR) 1999–

- deter renewed hostilities; maintain and enforce cease-fire; oversee withdrawal of Yugoslav troops and demilitarisation of Kosovo Liberation Army; border monitoring.
- ♦ NATO-led military troops; Joint Implementation Committee.

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