

I Overview

In order to play a more active role for international peace, Japan enacted the Law Concerning Cooperation for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and Other Operations (the International Peace Cooperation Law) in June 1992. Ever since then, it has on many occasions provided personnel and in-kind support for efforts toward international peace led by the UN.

This law establishes the three pillars of Japan's international peace cooperation: participation in UN peacekeeping operations, contribution to international humanitarian relief operations, and contribution to international election observation operations. It also stipulates that Japan's peacekeeping operations shall be carried out according to the five principles.

Five Principles

- ① Agreement on a cease-fire shall have been reached among the parties to armed conflicts.
- ② Consent to the undertaking of UN peacekeeping operations as well as Japan's participation in such operations shall have been obtained from the host countries as well as the parties to armed conflicts.
- ③ The operations shall strictly maintain impartiality, not favoring any of the parties to armed conflicts.
- ④ Should any of the requirements in the above-mentioned guideline cease to be satisfied, the International Peace Cooperation Corps shall suspend International Peace Cooperation Assignments. Unless the requirements be satisfied again in a short term, the Government of Japan shall terminate the dispatch of the personnel engaged in International Peace Cooperation Assignments.
- ⑤ The use of weapons shall be limited to the minimum necessary to protect the lives of personnel, etc.

1 UN Peacekeeping Operations

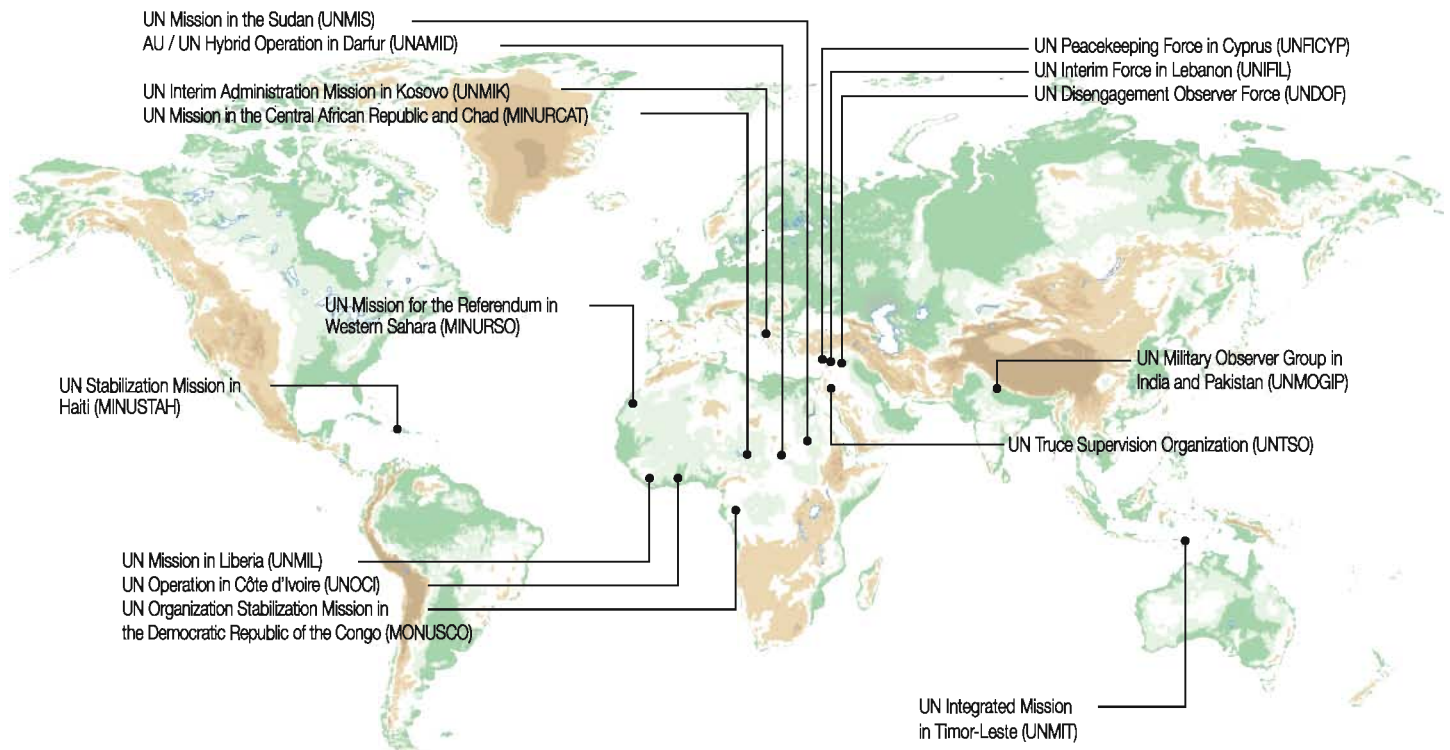
UN Peacekeeping Operations are activities undertaken by the UN to resolve conflicts around the world. In traditional Peacekeeping Operations, peacekeeping forces composed of national contingents of troops and cease-fire monitoring missions (in principle composed of unarmed military personnel) perform such tasks as monitoring cease-fires, separating hostile forces, and maintaining buffer zones. More recently, Peacekeeping Operations have expanded to include civilian police activities and administrative assistance activities, such as election and human rights monitoring, reconstruction and development, and organization and institution building.

Staff officers of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) Headquarters



Civilian police officers of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)

Current UN Peacekeeping Operations (as of October 1, 2010)



UN peacekeeping operations

As of October 1, 2010

	UN peacekeeping operations	Period of operations
★	1 United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO)	May 1948 to the present
★	2 United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)	Jan. 1949 to the present
	3 First United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF I)	Nov. 1956–June 1967
	4 United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon (UNOGIL)	June 1958–Dec. 1958
	5 United Nations Operation in the Congo (ONUC)	July 1960–June 1964
	6 United Nations Security Force in West New Guinea (West Irian) (UNSF)	Oct. 1962–Apr. 1963
	7 United Nations Yemen Observation Mission (UNYOM)	July 1963–Sept. 1964
★	8 United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)	Mar. 1964 to the present
	9 Mission of the Representative of the Secretary-General in the Dominican Republic (DOMREP)	May 1965–Oct. 1966
	10 United Nations India-Pakistan Observation Mission (UNIPOM)	Sept. 1965–Mar. 1966
	11 Second United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF II)	Oct. 1973–July 1979
★	12 United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)	June 1974 to the present
★	13 United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)	Mar. 1978 to the present
	14 United Nations Good Offices Mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP)	May 1988–Mar. 1990
	15 United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG)	Aug. 1988–Feb. 1991
	16 United Nations Angola Verification Mission I (UNAVEM I)	Jan. 1989–June 1991
	17 United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG)	Apr. 1989–Mar. 1990
	18 United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA)	Nov. 1989–Jan. 1992
	19 United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM)	Apr. 1991–Oct. 2003
★	20 United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)	Apr. 1991 to the present
	21 United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II)	June 1991–Feb. 1995
	22 United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL)	July 1991–Apr. 1995
	23 United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC) ¹	Oct. 1991–Mar. 1992
	24 United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) ²	Feb. 1992–Mar. 1995
	25 United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC)	Mar. 1992–Sept. 1993
	26 United Nations Operation in Somalia I (UNOSOM I)	Apr. 1992–Mar. 1993
	27 United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ)	Dec. 1992–Dec. 1994
	28 United Nations Operation in Somalia II (UNOSOM II)	Mar. 1993–Mar. 1995
	29 United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda (UNOMUR)	June 1993–Sept. 1994
	30 United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)	Aug. 1993–June 2009
	31 United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)	Sept. 1993–Sept. 1997
	32 United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)	Sept. 1993–June 1996

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	33 United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR)	Oct. 1993–Mar. 1996
	34 United Nations Aouzou Strip Observer Group (UNASOG)	May 1994–June 1994
	35 United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)	Dec. 1994–May 2000
	36 United Nations Angola Verification Mission III (UNAVEM III)	Feb. 1995–June 1997
	37 United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation (UNCRO) ²	Mar. 1995–Jan. 1996
	38 United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP) ²	Mar. 1995–Feb. 1999
	39 United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH)	Dec. 1995–Dec. 2002
	40 United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja, and Western Sirmium (UNTAES)	Jan. 1996–Jan. 1998
	41 United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevljaka (UNMOP)	Jan. 1996–Dec. 2002
	42 United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (UNSMIH)	July 1996–July 1997
	43 United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA)	Jan. 1997–May 1997
	44 United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA)	June 1997–Feb. 1999
	45 United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH)	Aug. 1997–Nov. 1997
	46 United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH)	Dec. 1997–Mar. 2000
	47 United Nations Civilian Police Support Group (UNPSG)	Jan. 1998–Oct. 1998
	48 United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA)	Apr. 1998–Feb. 2000
	49 United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL)	July 1998–Oct. 1999
★	50 United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)	June 1999 to the present
	51 United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)	Oct. 1999–Dec. 2005
	52 United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)	Oct. 1999–May 2002
	53 United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC)	Nov. 1999–June 2010
	54 United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)	July 2000–July 2008
	55 United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET)	May 2002–May 2005
★	56 United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)	Sept. 2003 to the present
★	57 United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)	Apr. 2004 to the present
★	58 United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)	June 2004 to the present
	59 United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB)	June 2004–Dec. 2006
★	60 United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS)	Mar. 2005 to the present
★	61 United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)	Aug. 2006 to present
★	62 African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operations in Darfur (UNAMID)	July 2007 to present
★	63 United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) ³	Sept. 2007 to present
★	64 United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	July 2010 to present

Based on the information made available by UN.

Notes: 1. UNAMIC was absorbed into UNTAC in 1992.

2. UNPROFOR was divided into UNPROFOR, UNCRO, and UNPREDEP in March 1995.

3. The mission is foreseen to cease in December 2010.

4. In addition to the above, the United Nations has sent such political missions as the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET; June–October 1999) and the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN; January 2007 to present)

5. ★ indicates ongoing operation.

2 International Humanitarian Relief Operations

International Humanitarian Relief Operations, undertaken outside the parameters of UN Peacekeeping Operations, provide assistance to afflicted people (refugees, etc.) and the repair of damage caused by conflicts. These operations are usually carried out by various UN organizations, such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Health Organization (WHO).



Medical assistance (Rwanda)



Water supply assistance (Rwanda)

3 International Election Observation Operations

International Election Observation Operations aim to ensure the fair execution of elections and other voting to establish a ruling apparatus by democratic means in areas disordered by conflicts. These operations are implemented outside the parameters of UN Peacekeeping Operations and are carried out by the UN, the Organization of American States (OAS), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and other regional organizations.

Election observers visiting a counting center (Democratic Republic of Congo)



Election observers visiting a polling center (Timor-Leste, 2007)