

**Statement of the Republic of Finland – Pledging Session
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Finland is **strongly committed** to UN peacekeeping, contributing with uniformed personnel, as well as with extra-budgetary funding. Through the years, Finland has contributed with more than 50 000 peacekeepers to over 60 different peacekeeping operations around the world.

Currently Finland contributes with around 200 soldiers to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (**UNIFIL**) and is the largest contributor of military observers in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (**UNTSO**) with 15 officers.

As a committed Police Contributing Country Finland leads and deploys police officers to the specialized police team on sexual and gender-based violence in the **UNMISS** operation in South Sudan together with Norway. In addition, Finland pledges towards jointly providing **a new Specialized Police Team** as agreed with the UN and as a part of **our renewed pledge of 20 police officers to the UN peace operations**.

Together with UN, we aim to conduct the Assessment and Advisory Visit (AAV) for of our IEDD Detachment and the Infantry Company, in order to raise the level of our readiness. Moreover, Finland confirms the renewal of the pledges for 2025-2026 for six different military units such as an Amphibious Task Unit, a Special Operations Force Unit and a Deployable CBRN Laboratory to the **UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System**, all currently on LEVEL 1. The total strength of all these units is above 700 persons.

Finland will continue contributions to capacity building, training, and education in support of peacekeeping. The Finnish Defence Forces International Centre (FINCENT) organizes a **UN's Military Observers Course (UNMOC)** twice a year with a Gender parity concept. The Nordic countries sponsor Female officers' participation in these courses. Furthermore, FINCENT organizes yearly the **UN Comprehensive Protection of Civilians Course (UNCPOC)** as well as the **United Nations Peace Operations Security Management Programme**, that we have developed.

Finland is committed to advancing women's full, equal and meaningful participation in all aspects of peace and security, including peacekeeping. Integrating gender perspectives and ensuring women's leadership across all phases of UN peace operations is not only a question of equality, but of effectiveness and accountability. We are pleased to continue our funding of the **Women's Military Peace Operations Course (WMPOC)**. **This year, the course will be organized in Finland**

Finland strongly supports the UN's efforts to ensure that peace operations uphold the highest standards. Finland provides extra-budgetary funding for a **strengthened screening policy** for the selection of senior leaders in the field.

For analysis and planning, an **integrated approach** is essential to ensure that efforts of all actors — civilian, police, military, UN and non-UN — aim at common goals. We also recognize the importance of digital transformation of peacekeeping and continue to support and fund the Comprehensive Performance Assessment System (CPAS) through extra-budgetary funding that aims to ensure that operational plans are integrated and grounded in local context.

Finland remains a steadfast and forward-looking partner to UN peacekeeping, committed to contributing expertise, personnel, and resources to promote global peace, security, and gender equality—now and in the future.