

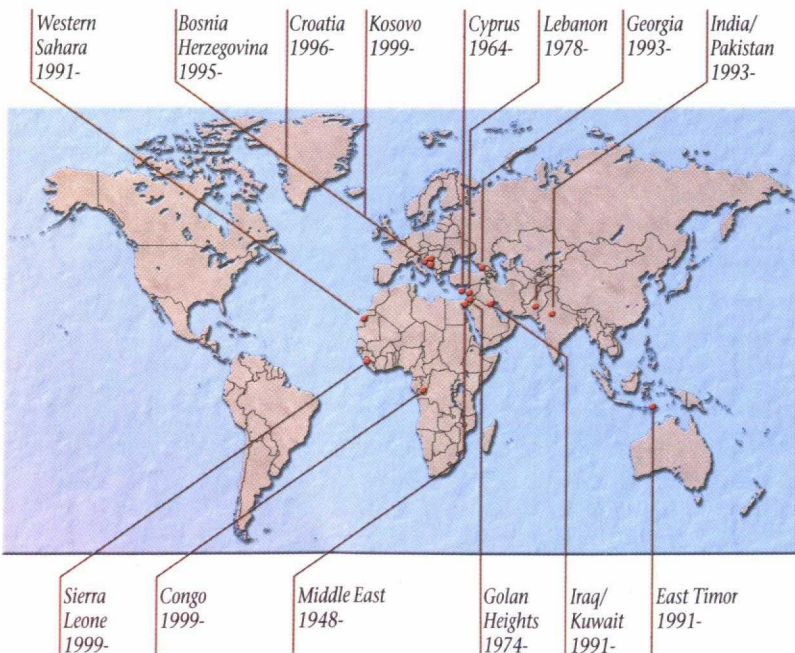
Canadian peacekeepers receive an enthusiastic welcome upon their arrival in the Kosovar village of Urosevac. (1999)

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Peace Support Operations

Ongoing UN Peacekeeping Operations



Peace Support Capacity

Peacekeeping operations are the principal tool that the international community has developed over the past 40 years to respond to grave threats from armed conflict. However, the changing nature of conflict, as well as the new focus on ensuring protection for people, has forced these missions to evolve into broad, multi-disciplinary peace support operations.

While the scope of these missions has grown, the UN's capacity to plan, co-ordinate, provide training for, deploy and fund them has eroded. In order to ensure their effectiveness, which is critical to international peace and human security, Canada will focus on bolstering UN capacity to manage peace support operations. Activities will include improving Canadian deployment and training systems to provide civilian and, as required, military experts; building the capabilities of others to participate effectively; and supporting specific capacity-building initiatives at the UN. This will include a review of the UN Secretariat's capacity to plan and conduct peace support operations, and the creation of a Rapidly Deployable Mission Headquarters.