



Peace support operations

MoD, n.d.

GOLAN HEIGHTS / LEBANON

United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO)

Personnel: Up to 8

UNTSO is the United Nations' oldest peacekeeping operation, and is an important and visible mission to help preserve peace between Israel and its neighbours. The New Zealand Defence Force has been a longstanding contributor since 1954 through the monitoring role played by up to eight military observers based in the Golan Heights and Lebanon. Their tasks include patrolling and monitoring ceasefires and military activity within the region. New Zealand is continuing to support conflict prevention through the mission. It is our largest current contribution to a United Nations-led peacekeeping mission.

The mandate for this deployment expires on **30 September 2020**.

For more information about UNTSO go to: <https://untso.unmissions.org/> (external link).

Copies of a Cabinet paper and associated minute of decision regarding the contribution are linked in the Deployment Articles section below.

DEPLOYMENT ARTICLES

Official Information Act

Proposed to continue New Zealand's contribution to Afghanistan Army Training

Portfolios Foreign Affairs / Defence

On 17 September 2018, following reference from the Cabinet External Relations and Security Committee (ERSC), Cabinet:

- noted that New Zealand's deployment to the Afghan National Army Officer Academy:
 - advances New Zealand's national security interests by playing its part to ensure that Afghanistan is not used again as a safe haven for terror groups to plot, launch and inspire global terror attacks;
 - supports international efforts to achieve long term peace, stability and prosperity in Afghanistan; and
 - supports the maintenance of the international rules-based order;
- noted that the legal basis for New Zealand's involvement in Resolute Support Mission is through the Arrangement between New Zealand and NATO and the Status of Forces Agreement between NATO and Afghanistan, and that the Mission is endorsed by UNSCR 2189;
- noted that the heightened operational threat for the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel in Afghanistan, and the Operational Risk Management Strategies applied to the mission;
- agreed to continue NZDF's contribution of 11 personnel to the Afghanistan National Army Officer Academy out to 30 September 2019.

**RELEASE OF
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DOCUMENTS
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