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## PEACE IS A FULL TIME JOB SAID ACTOR GEORGE CLOONEY TO THE UN PEACEKEEPERS

### PEACEKEEPERS DAY WAS ON MAY 29

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**USPA NEWS** - "Peace is a full time job" said George Clooney, at the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers! As peacekeeping has evolved to encompass a broader humanitarian approach, women have become increasingly part of the peacekeeping family. 125,000 peacekeepers serve in 16 missions worldwide.

#### PEACEKEEPING HELPS COUNTRIES TORN BY CONFLICTS CREATE CONDITIONS FOR LASTING PEACE-----

Peacekeeping has proven to be one of the most effective tools available to the UN to assist host countries navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace. Peacekeeping has unique strengths, including legitimacy, burden sharing, and an ability to deploy and sustain troops and police from around the globe, integrating them with civilian peacekeepers to advance multidimensional mandates. UN Peacekeepers provide security and the political and peacebuilding support to help countries make the difficult, early transition from conflict to peace.

UN Peacekeeping is guided by three basic principles:

“ç Consent of the parties;

“ç Impartiality;

“ç Non-use of force except in self-defence and defence of the mandate.

Peacekeeping is flexible and over the past two decades has been deployed in many configurations. There are currently 16 UN peacekeeping operations deployed on four continents.

Today's multidimensional peacekeeping operations are called upon not only to maintain peace and security, but also to facilitate the political process, protect civilians, assist in the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants; support the organization of elections, protect and promote human rights and assist in restoring the rule of law.

Success is never guaranteed, because UN Peacekeeping almost by definition goes to the most physically and politically difficult environments. However, we have built up a demonstrable record of success over our 60 years of existence, including winning the Nobel Peace Prize. (Source [www.un.org](http://www.un.org))

#### BAN KHI MOON ESTABLISHED A 17 MEMBER HIGH LEVEL INDEPENDENT PANEL ON UN PEACE-----

Peacekeeping has always been highly dynamic and has evolved in the face of new challenges. Recently, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon established a 17-member High-level Independent Panel on UN Peace Operations to make a comprehensive assessment of the state of UN peace operations today, and the emerging needs of the future.(Source: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org))

UNV has been supporting the work of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in war-torn and post-conflict areas since 1992. Almost 2,000 UN Volunteers are currently serving in 11 DPKO missions.(Source [www.un.org](http://www.un.org))

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