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PEACEKEEPERS NEWS UPDATE



Week 12

8TH PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION FOR PEACEKEEPING (A4P+) – MARCH 2026

Executive Summary

This document summarizes the progress and challenges of UN peacekeeping for the period from May 1 to October 31, 2025. The major findings point to a critical transition period marked by significant policy advances, but overshadowed by new technological security threats.

Key Points:

- **Record Political Engagement:** The May 2025 Ministerial Meeting in Germany generated the highest number of contributions in the history of the process (642 pledges by 74 Member States).
- **Security and New Threats:** The year 2025 was marked by an increase in deaths due to malicious acts (13 deaths), including a tragic drone attack in Kadugli (Sudan) that killed six peacekeepers.
- **Gender Parity:** The targets of the Gender Parity Strategy (UGPS) have been met for all categories of personnel, with the exception of military contingents. Female representation in management positions is 32%.
- **Performance and Ethics:** Allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) decreased in 2025. At the same time, missions accelerated their green transition, with renewable energy reaching 12% of total consumption.

1. COLLECTIVE COHERENCE AND POLITICAL STRATEGY (PRIORITY 1)

Peacekeeping missions continue to support peace processes at multiple levels, despite volatile environments.

- **MINUSCA (Central African Republic):** Crucial support for the December 2025 combined elections, the first municipal elections since 1988. Since July 2025, 1,202 fighters have been disarmed (about 6,000 in total since the 2019 agreement).
- **UNMISS (South Sudan):** Coordination with regional partners (AU, IGAD) to maintain the framework of the R-ARCSS agreement in the face of escalating hostilities in Jonglei that displaced more than 225,000 people.
- **MONUSCO (DR Congo):** Support for the Washington and Doha agreements. Symbolic reopening of airspace in Goma in early 2026, alongside local mediation that enabled the reopening of markets and roads in Ituri.
- **UNIFIL (Lebanon):** Support for the Cessation of Hostilities Arrangement of 27 November 2024. The mission assisted in the deployment of 10,000 Lebanese troops and the securing of more than 400 weapons caches south of the Litani River.

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2. STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL INTEGRATION (PRIORITY 2)

Integration between civilian and military components, as well as with specialized agencies (AFP), has become the norm for the protection of civilians.

Mission – Integration and Collaboration Actions

- **UNMISS:** Mobile patrols enabling the delivery of aid by IOM, WFP and OCHA; collaboration with UNICEF for the reintegration of child soldiers.
- **MINUSCA:** Partnership with UNDP for electoral logistics (6,679 secure polling centres out of 6,700) and with UN Women.
- **MONUSCO:** A \$4.2 million transition portfolio in collaboration with UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA in South Kivu.
- **UNMOGIP:** Development of a geospatial tool for real-time monitoring of cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan.

3. ABILITIES, MINDSETS AND REPRESENTATION (PRIORITY 3)

The 2025 Ministerial and Training

The Ministerial Conference in Germany (May 2025) brought together 1,000 participants from 135 Member States.

- **Distribution of Pledges:** Training and Capacity Building (245), Uniformed Capacity (145), Women, Peace and Security (81).
- **Flagship Programs:** The Triangular Partnership Program (TPP) trained 597 personnel, including in engineering and countering improvised explosive devices (C-IEDs).

Women in Peacekeeping

Women's participation remains a priority, although challenges remain in appointments to command positions.

- **Leadership:** 32% of leadership positions are held by women (down from 37% in the previous cycle). Currently, 6 women hold senior management positions (2 civilian heads of mission, 3 deputies, 1 uniformed head of mission at UNDOF).
- **Targeted Training:** 138 female military officers from 43 countries have been trained over the past two years.

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4. ACCOUNTABILITY TO PEACEKEEPERS (PRIORITY 4)

Security and Emerging Threats

The year 2025 has demonstrated the vulnerability of troops to modern technologies.

- **Kadugli Attack:** A drone strike on December 13, 2025 killed 6 Bangladeshi UNISFA peacekeepers.
- **Mortality Statistics:** Of the 62 total deaths in 2025:
 - 21% resulted from malicious acts
 - 45% from illnesses
 - 21% from accidents

Health and Medical Evacuations (CASEVAC)

- **Telemedicine:** Has become a vital security tool. More than 100 simulations were conducted. At UNISFA, it enabled the remote management of a complex fracture when air evacuation was impossible.
- **Mental Health:** UNMISS has operationalized a telemental health framework for personnel in remote areas.

Justice for Crimes Against Peacekeepers

Efforts to combat impunity are progressing:

- **Investigation Rate:** 49% of reported cases were investigated by host state authorities (compared to 20% in 2015).
- **Convictions:** 70% of accused individuals brought to justice were convicted.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE OF PEACEKEEPERS (PRIORITY 5)

Ethics and Conduct

- **SEA:** The number of reported allegations decreased in 2025. Most cases concern incidents dating back more than two years ("old incidents"). Recent incidents have declined significantly.
- **Sanctions:** Since January 1, 2010, 317 disciplinary repatriations of contingent personnel have been carried out.

Performance Evaluation

In November 2025, the Office of Military Affairs (OMA) introduced a new holistic methodology for assessing infantry battalions, including qualitative indicators.

- **Civilians:** 99.7% of civilian personnel (DPO and missions) meet or exceed performance expectations.

Environmental Management

Environmental Indicator	Progress 2024–2025	Historical Comparison
Renewable electricity	12 %	10% (2023–2024)
Solid waste treatment	60 %	19% (2017–2018)
Wastewater (good practices)	72 %	32% (2017–2018)

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6. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND HOST RELATIONS (PRIORITIES 6 & 7)

Integrity of Information

Missions actively combat disinformation and hate speech (MDH):

- **Digital Tools:** Deployment of Unite Wave and MAIE to analyze the information environment (MINUSCA, MONUSCO, UNIFIL).
- **Local Media:** Radio Miraya (South Sudan) and Radio Okapi (DRC) reach millions of listeners to promote understanding of mandates.

Challenges with Host Countries

Despite strengthened dialogue mechanisms, violations of status-of-forces agreements (SOFA/SOMA) persist:

- **Obstructions:** Blockades of medical evacuation flights (MEDEVAC) at UNISFA and restrictions on freedom of movement for UNIFIL.
- **Cooperation:** Establishment of a joint technical working group between UNMISS and the South Sudanese government to facilitate last-minute troop repatriations.

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