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August 9 – National Peacekeepers Day in Canada

Canada's support for UN peace operations falls far short of government commitments

Ottawa – As the government prepares to mark August 9, National Peacekeepers Day, a new report on Canada and UN Peacekeeping documents a growing gap between the government's promises and its performance.

[Canada and UN Peacekeeping – 2020 update](#), released each year on or before August 9 by the World Federalist Movement – Canada (WFMC), demonstrates that the number of Canadian peacekeepers has reached historically low levels.

According to WFMC President, Dr Walter Dorn, "This year's numbers are particularly disappointing. Canadians were told that this country would do more, not less to support UN peace operations. When it comes to deploying boots on the ground, we're just not seeing promises being kept."

One bright spot is the renewal of Canada's provision of a C-130 military transport aircraft to the UN for a second year, from August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021. Canada's C-130 will be based at Entebbe, Uganda and will service multiple UN peace operations. "This is a positive development," says Dorn. "However, Canada can and should do more."

"Ideally, Canada would make a renewed commitment of military and police personnel in Mali. We left after only a year, while three-year rotations are more common practice for UN troop contributors."

The UN has announced new mission requirements to implement a Force Adaptation Plan for MINUSMA, the peace operation in Mali. That plan requires capabilities that Canada would be well positioned to provide, such as helicopters, monitoring, and rapidly deployable units.

The December 2019 Mandate Letter from Prime Minister Trudeau to Harjit Sajjan tasked the Defence Minister to "Work with the Minister of Foreign Affairs to expand

Canada's support for United Nations peace operations, including with respect to new investments in the women, peace and security agenda, conflict prevention and peacebuilding;"

"A return to Mali would help the government make good on its promises, to Canadians and to the world," says Dorn.

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