

foreign police to maintain law and order, Canadian police, in cooperation with international partners, help create a safer and more stable global environment. This paves the way for long-term development and can prevent illicit activities from spilling across borders into other countries, including Canada.

International Peace Operations Branch (IPOB) manages the deployment of Canadian police, including planning and evaluating missions, selecting and training personnel from across the country and providing support throughout deployment. Canadian police officers who serve abroad come from municipal, provincial and regional police forces as well as the RCMP, and represent a variety of backgrounds. They play a range of roles within each mission, from training and mentoring their police counterparts and providing humanitarian assistance to ensuring security for elections and investigating human rights violations.

Serving on a mission is a unique opportunity for police officers to contribute to public safety in unstable countries. Mission experience also enables police officers to improve their leadership, problem-solving and intercultural skills, which ultimately benefits participating police services and the communities they serve.

2015 marks 20 years of Canada's Police participation in peace operations. Today, nearly 100 Canadian police officers are serving on peace operations, namely in Cambodia, Haiti, and the West Bank.

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## **WIDER PEACEKEEPING – UK MILITARY DOCTRINE**

The modern doctrine of the UK started to be developed since 1988, with the end of the «cold war», when there was a document «on peace support operations», which already represented a more extensive codification of traditional peacekeeping. However, the current approach has formed somewhat later, in 1994, with the publication of «Wider peacekeeping».

It should be noted that today's military doctrine of the UK is clearly traceable to block NATO, including the focus on the fight against international terrorism. However, the participation in operations in favor of peace or humanitarian operations is not limited to the area of responsibility of NATO. In doctrine the following typology of war is present: total war,

limited war, regional conflict, civil war, rebel actions, terrorism. The tasks that are put before the Armed Forces of Britain, apart from the security of the country and the region as follows:

- support for British interests in the world with the aim of strengthening presence abroad and enhancing its influence;
- peacekeeping and humanitarian operations-participation in operations other than war, the purpose of which is to protect British interests, as well as the maintenance of the international order and the conduct of humanitarian activities (the latter most likely under the aegis of the United Nations).

In the framework of doctrine three types of operations are distinguished – «peacekeeping» operations, which are conducted with the consent of the parties to support the efforts to establish peace and security in areas of potential and existing conflicts; «wider peacekeeping» with the same objectives of the agreement, but that quickly changed, and «peace enforcement» – the restoration of peace between the warring parties without the consent of the intervention, the opportunity to participate in military operations.

Thus, the military concept «Wider peacekeeping» reflected the emergence of a new type of peacekeeping operations, their characteristics occupying an intermediate position between traditional peacekeeping and coercion to peace.

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### **PEACEKEEPING: CHILDREN IN CONFLICT**

Why is child protection at the heart of peacekeeping? Conflicts disproportionately affect children. A lot of them are subject to abductions, military recruitment, killing and numerous forms of children exploitation. Everybody in a peacekeeping operation, including military and the police, plays a role in protecting children. There are special advisors, who in those countries in which conflict impacts children most severely, help the mission channel their resources towards children. Their work includes:

- Placing the concerns of children onto the peace and political agenda.
- Ensuring that child protection becomes an integral part of the mission's engagement. This is done through mainstreaming and advising the mission leadership.