BRAZIL & UN PEACEKEEPING

History
Brazil has engaged in United Nations (UN)-mandated peacekeeping operations since 1956. Since then, it has contributed to roughly 50 peacekeeping missions and more than 33,000 military officials, police officers and civilians.

Active Missions
Brazil is currently contributing to 9 active UN peacekeeping missions.

- MINURSO (Western Sahara)
- MINUSTAH (Haiti)
- UNFICYP (Cyprus)
- UNIFIL (Lebanon)
- MINUSCO (Democratic Republic of Congo)
- UNISFA (Abyei)
- UNMIL (Liberia)
- UNMISS (South Sudan)
- UNOCI (Côte d’Ivoire)

A Brazilian Peacekeeping Model?
In 2004, Brazil took charge of the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti, MINUSTAH. As mission leader, Brazil adopted a model of peacekeeping based on solidarity, demand-driven cooperation, non-conditionality, and non-interference.

This Brazilian model of peacekeeping evolved from Brazil’s foreign policy traditions, as well as its domestic experience with pacification in favelas and with organized crime.

A number of countries and the UN have praised Brazil’s approach to peacekeeping; however, they also critique Brazil’s tendency to only contribute to missions that fit its strategic agenda.