

A Snapshot of UN Peacekeeping Research



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“The relationship between peacekeeping and lower levels of violence is so consistent that it has become one of the most robust findings in international relations research during the contemporary period”

The Astonishing Success of Peacekeeping

The UN Program Deserves More Support—and Less Scorn—From America

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Peacekeeping Trilemma

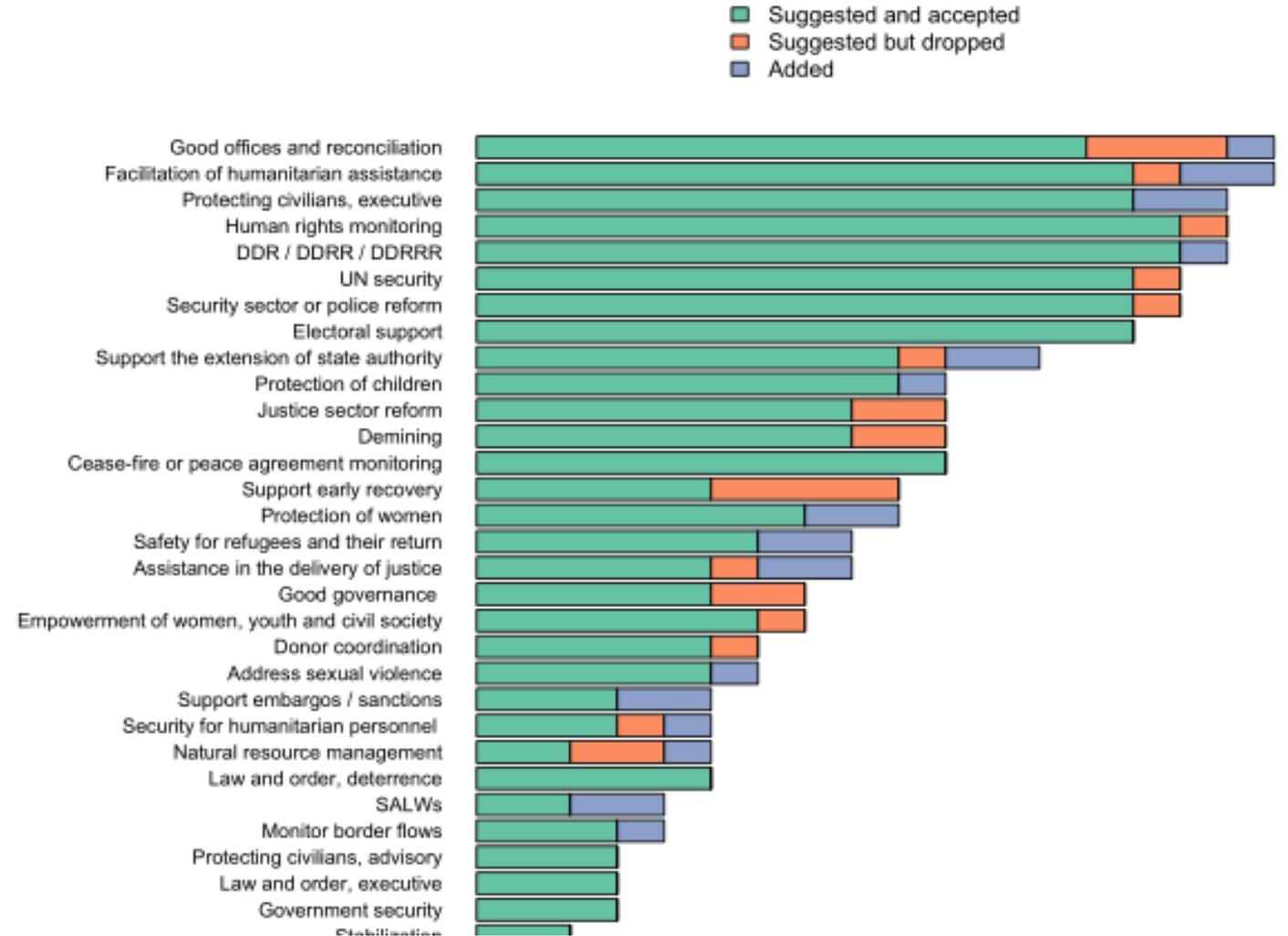


- **Implementing broad mandates**
- **Minimizing peacekeeper casualties**
- **Maximizing cost-effectiveness**

“Christmas Tree Mandates”

Tasks specified in UN
peacekeeping
mandates, 1998-2014

(Lundgren &
Oksamytna)



DPKO Year +
Cumulative
Fatalities by
year

2010	173	2761
2011	108	2869
2012	110	2979
2013	105	3084
2014	123	3207
2015	120	3327
2016	119	3446
2017	134	3580
2018	96	3676
2019	88	3764
2020	120	3884
2021	106	3990
Total	3990	3990

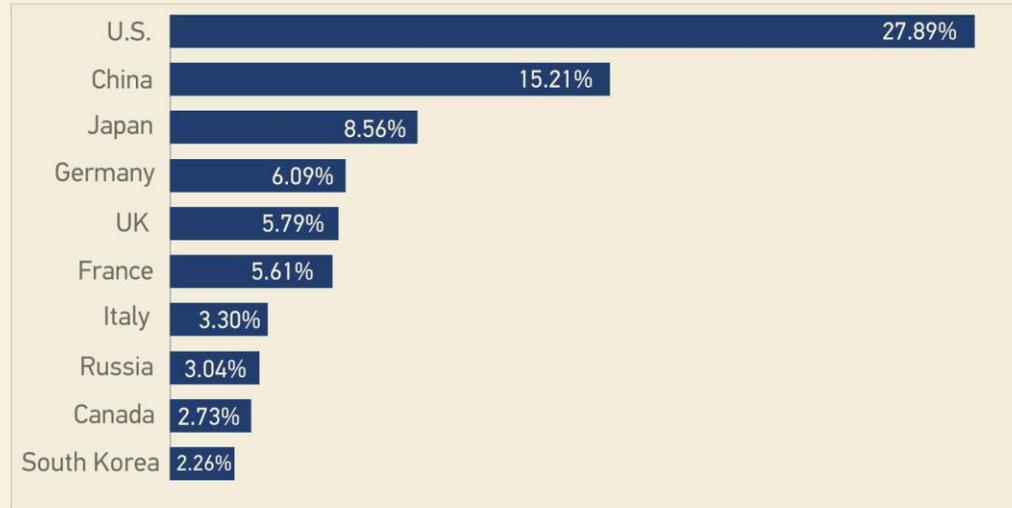
Cost effectiveness
– Budget contributions

China takes lead in UN peacekeeping

China is a top contributor of both funds and troops to the UN's peacekeeping program.

■ Second in UN peacekeeping budget

2019



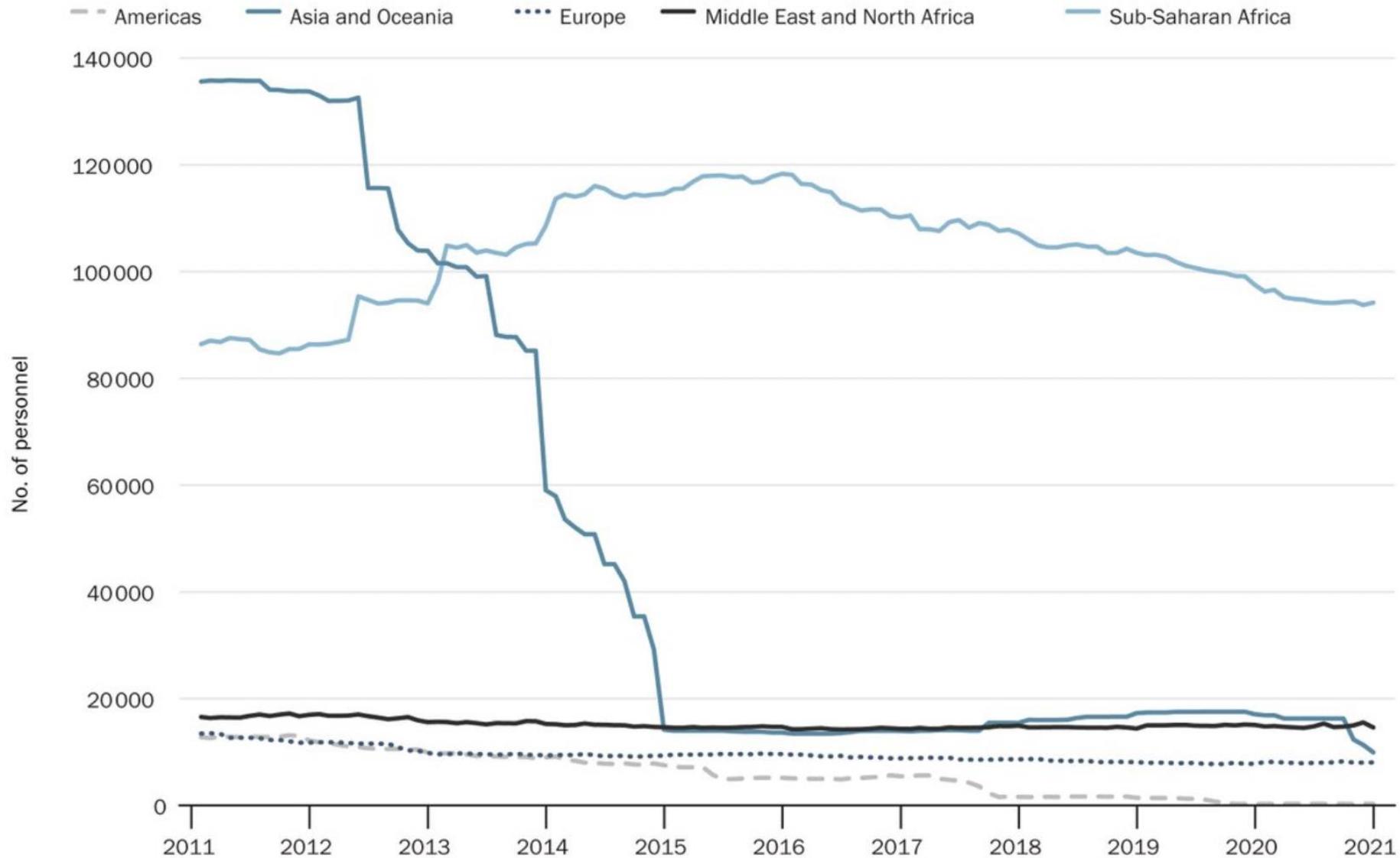
■ First in number of peacekeepers among P5

Active mission (data as of Aug. 31, 2020)



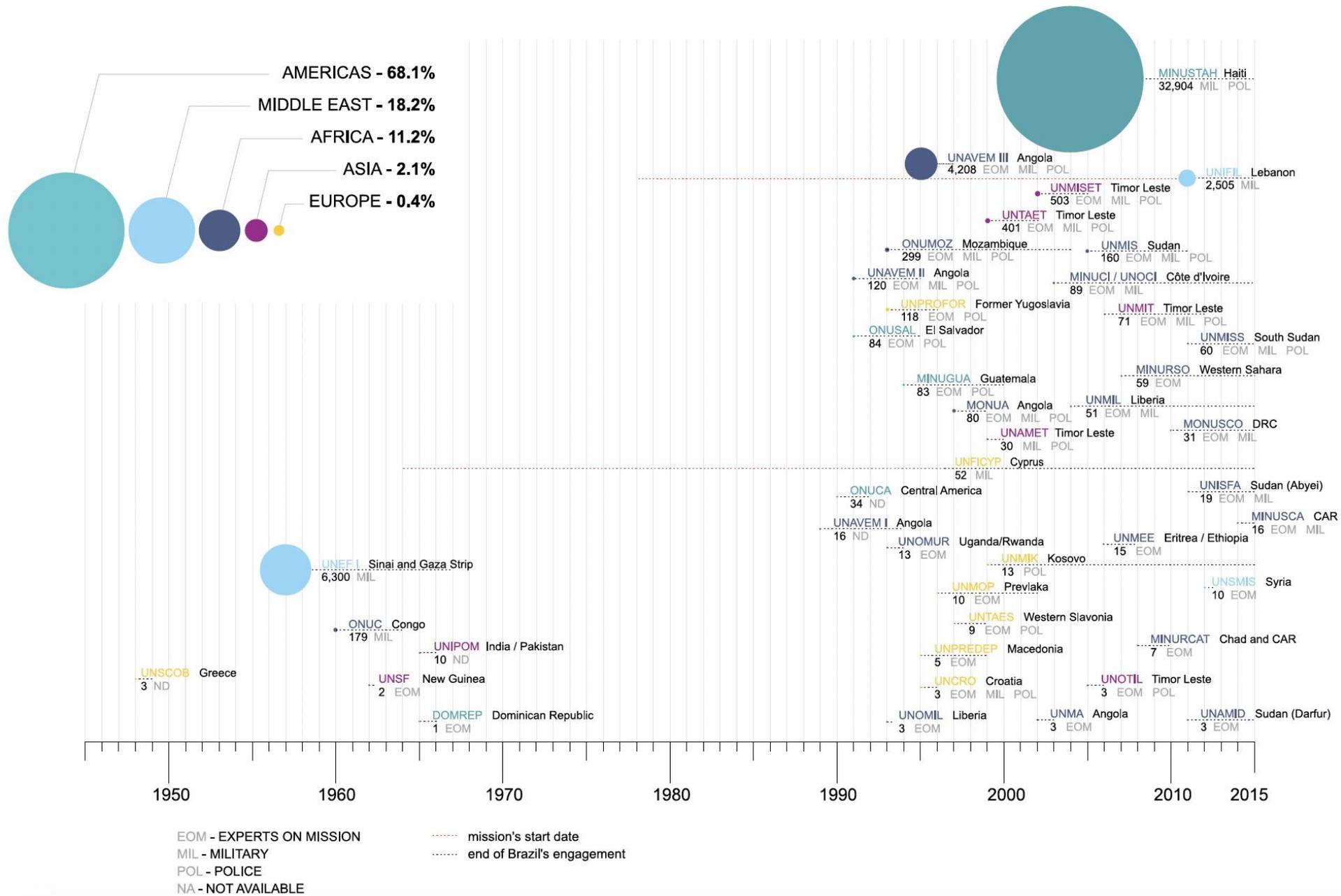
Source: UN

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN MULTILATERAL PEACE OPERATIONS, BY REGION, 2011-20



Source: SIPRI Multilateral Peace Operations Database, May 2021.

Graph 1. Brazilian uniformed personnel in UN peacekeeping missions (1947–2015)





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