

# A Snapshot of UN Peacekeeping Research



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# The Astonishing Success of Peacekeeping

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

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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”

# Peacekeeping Trilemma

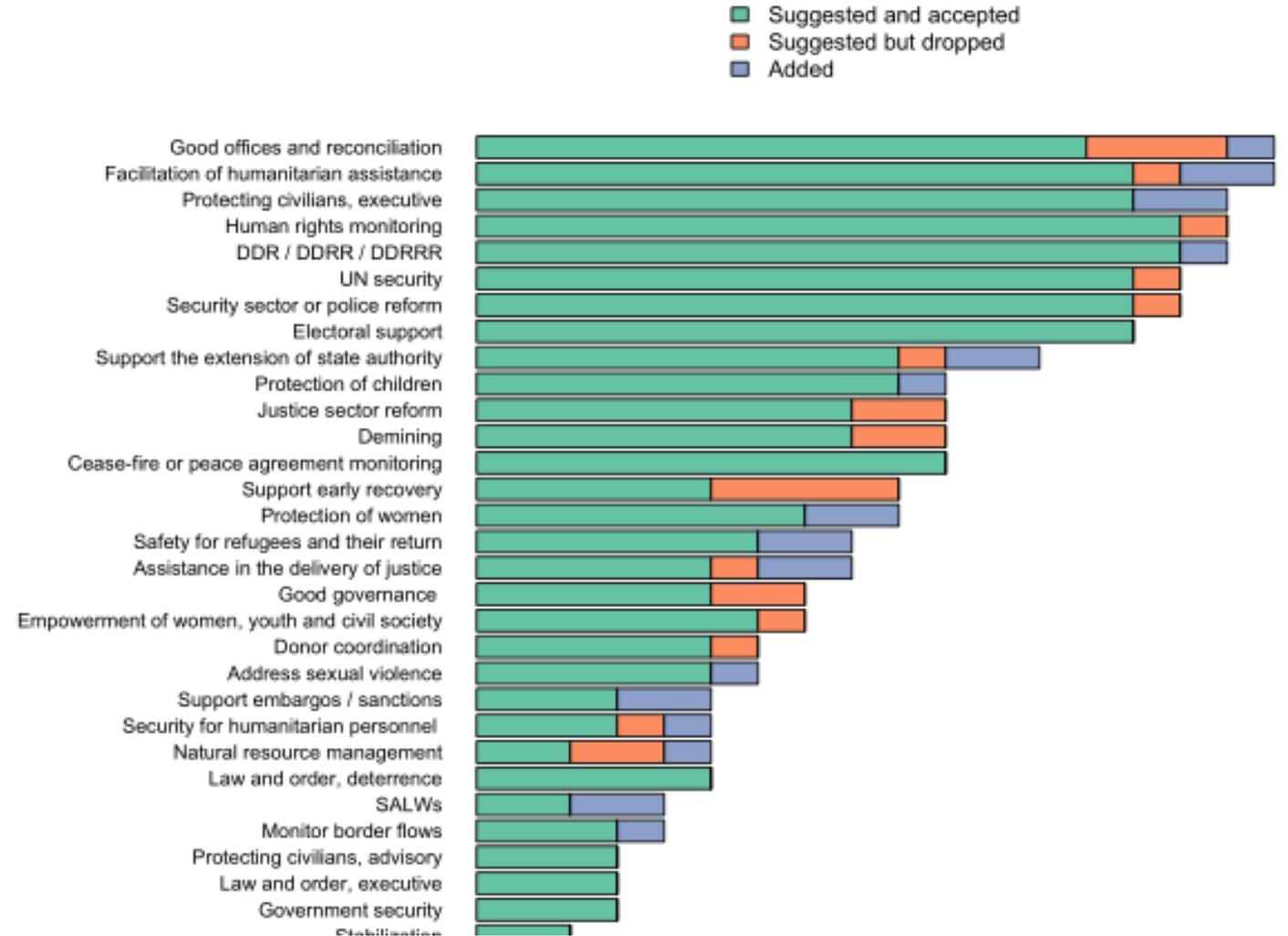


- **Implementing broad mandates**
- **Minimizing peacekeeper casualties**
- **Maximizing cost-effectiveness**

# “Christmas Tree Mandates”

Tasks specified in UN  
peacekeeping  
mandates, 1998-2014

(Lundgren &  
Oksamytna)



DPKO Year +  
Cumulative  
Fatalities by  
year

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

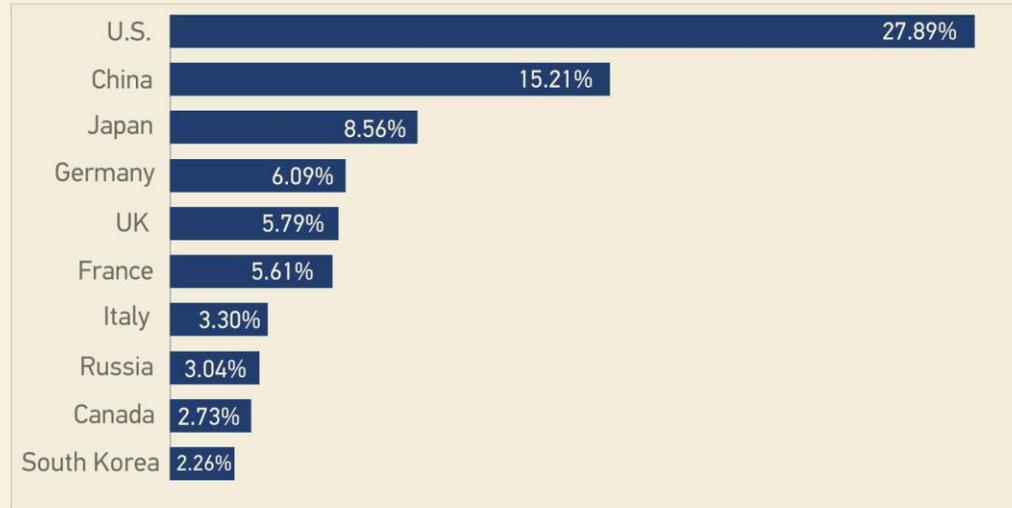
Cost effectiveness  
– Budget contributions

## 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



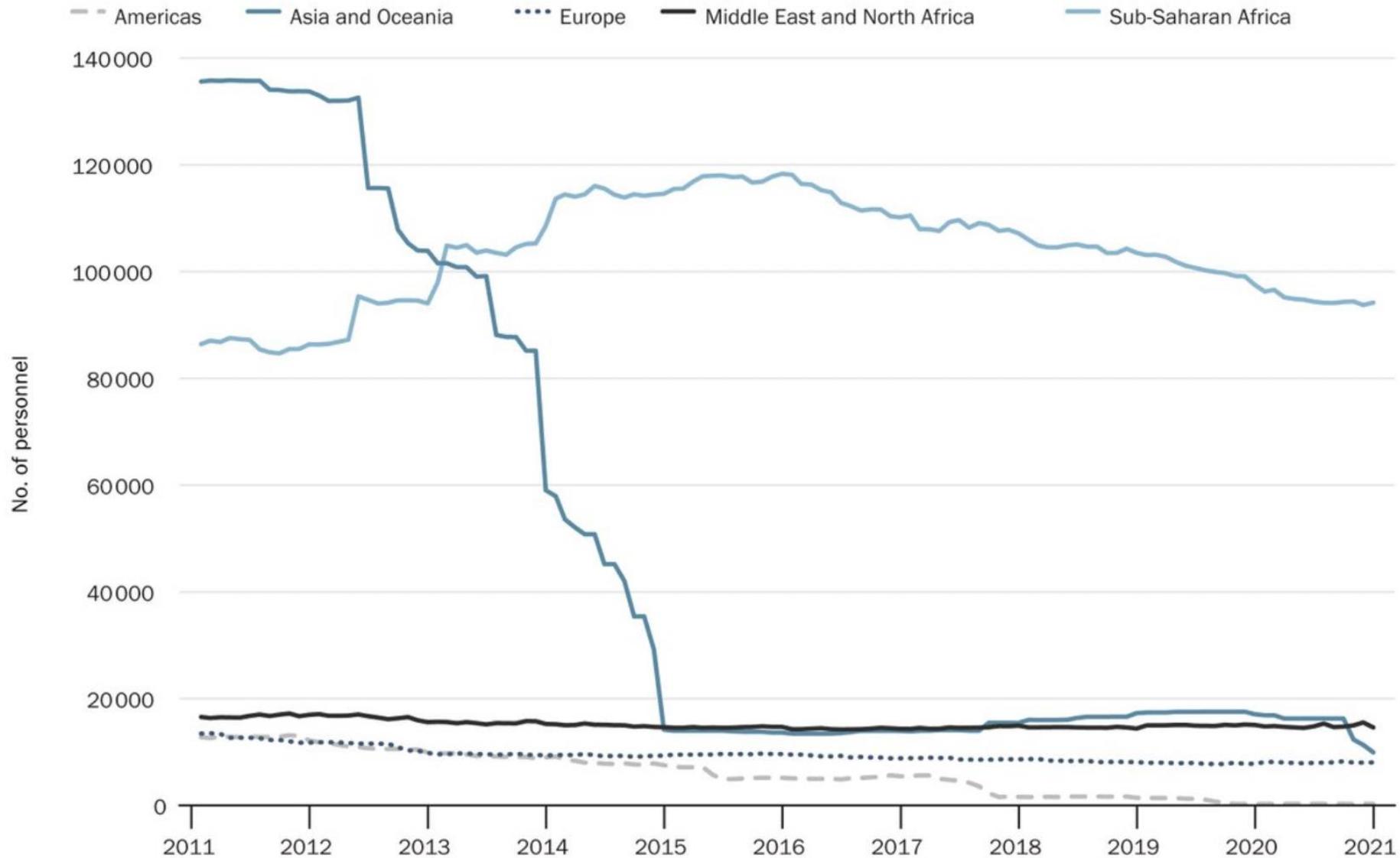
### ■ First in number of peacekeepers among P5

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



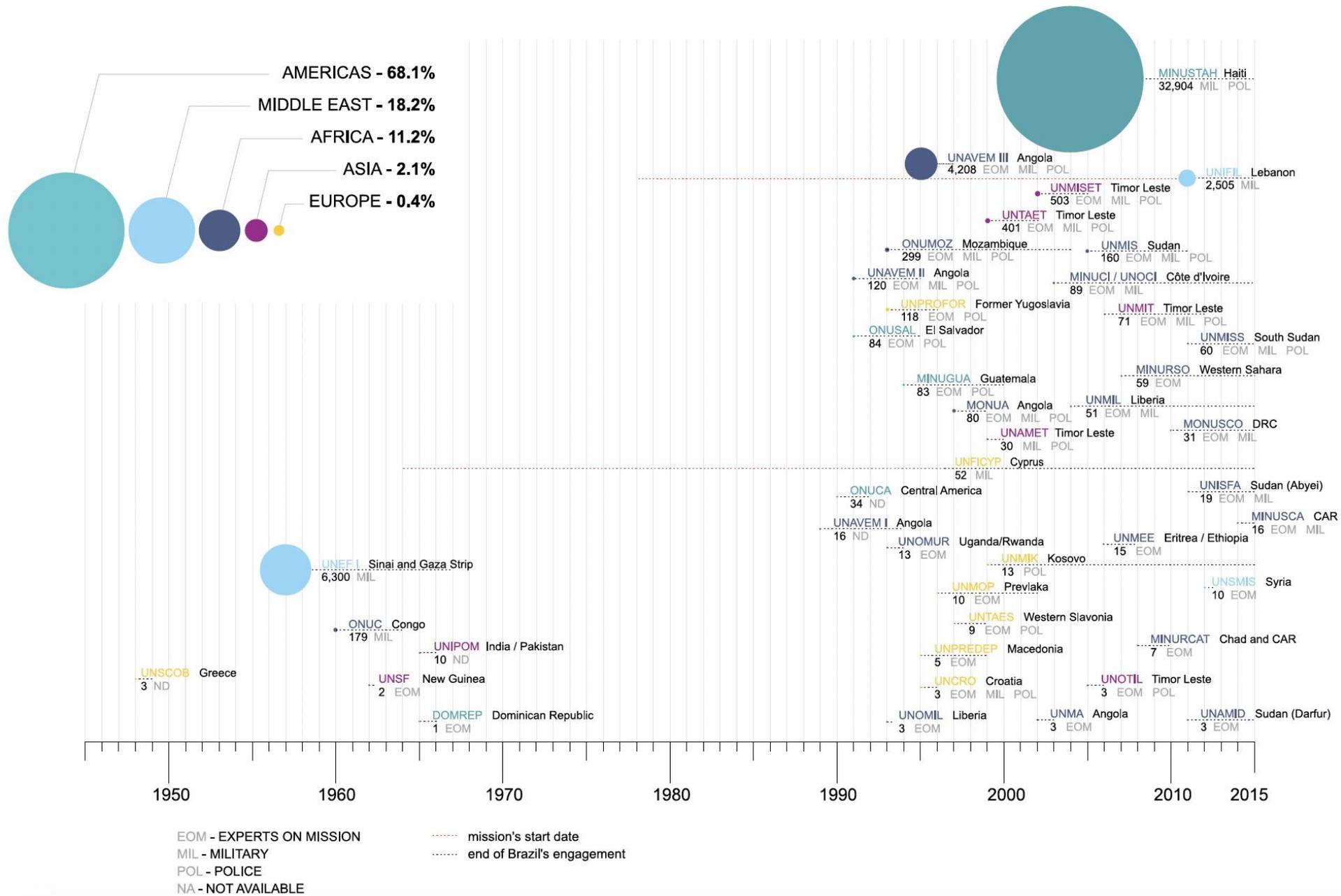
Source: UN

# 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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