

# Fact Sheet

## INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING BRANCH

contributing to global peace and security



### QUICK FACTS...

Since 1989, over 2000 Canadian civilian police peacekeepers have been deployed to:

- Namibia
- Former Yugoslavia
- Haiti
- South Africa
- Rwanda
- Bosnia Herzegovina
- Central African Republic
- Kenya
- Sierra Leone
- Guatemala
- Western Sahara
- The Hague, Netherlands
- Croatia
- Kosovo
- East Timor
- Guinea
- South Serbia
- Macedonia
- Sierra Leone Special Court
- Afghanistan
- Jordan
- Iraq
- Ivory Coast
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Sudan

### OVERVIEW

Since 1989, the RCMP has managed the deployment of over 2000 Canadian police officers to various missions around the world. On behalf of the Government of Canada, the RCMP's International Peacekeeping Branch (IPB) is responsible for the selection of candidates, pre-deployment training and ongoing medical, emotional and logistical support. IPB is part of International Policing, which falls under the RCMP's Federal and International Operations (FIO) Directorate.

Requests for personnel come from multilateral organizations such as the United Nations and decisions to deploy Canadian police are made by Foreign Affairs Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, and Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada under the Canadian Police Arrangement. To meet the growing demand for Canadian police expertise, IPB relies heavily on the cooperation and assistance of more than 25 provincial, regional and municipal police partner agencies.

### MANDATE

Canadian police officers on foreign mission are mandated to promote international peace and security by working with local police in countries experiencing or threatened by conflict.

### ACTIVITIES

- training, reforming, professionalizing and democratizing police organizations
- investigating human rights violations
- overseeing the security and human rights of returned refugees and displaced persons
- exercising executive police authority
- acting as a liaison between international organizations
- assisting with humanitarian activities
- encouraging a neutral political environment free from intimidation during the electoral process

For more information on the RCMP's International Peacekeeping Branch, [http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/peace-keeping/index\\_e.htm](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/peace-keeping/index_e.htm)



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