



REMARKS AS DELIVERED
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I would like to begin by acknowledging that I am speaking with you from the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.

Today, I join you virtually from Ottawa to reaffirm Canada's support for effective and inclusive United Nations peace operations and peacebuilding.

À un moment où nous devons travailler ensemble pour la paix, la sécurité et la prospérité, je suis fière de partager les engagements suivants du gouvernement du Canada.

PEACEBUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION

We know that, to build sustainable peace and to prevent conflicts, we must support national and local leaders in advancing their peacebuilding priorities.

The UN's Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace agenda is key to making the UN system fit for purpose in support of inclusive political solutions, including in peacekeeping contexts.

That is why Canada supports the UN Secretary General's Peacebuilding Fund, which champions national and local ownership while ensuring that its investments are gender-responsive.

It also incentivizes coherence and unity of purpose across the UN and beyond, including to protect fragile gains when the UN draws down a peacekeeping mission.

Canada's first pledge is a commitment to significantly scale up our contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund. We will also increase the predictability of the Fund's resources through multi-year support.

This will support the Fund's efforts to build social cohesion and community resilience; empower women and youth peacebuilders; and foster coherence across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus.

ELSIE INITIATIVE

Canada's next pledge is to launch a second, expanded phase of the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations. *Nous continuerons de travailler pour accroître la participation significative des femmes en uniforme aux opérations de maintien de la paix, et pour éliminer les obstacles à leur participation.*

This effort will build on lessons learned since 2017 while increasing our ability to work with the UN, Member States, and partners around the world.

To begin, we will provide over \$7.7 million in extra-budgetary funding to the UN Departments of Peace Operations and Operational Support over two years. This funding will go towards implementation of the UN's Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy. It will also support the construction of gender-responsive camp accommodations to create more receptive and inclusive mission environments.



Le Canada est fier de travailler avec nos partenaires bilatéraux, le Ghana, le Sénégal et la Zambie, et nous continuerons de travailler avec eux au cours des prochaines années pour lancer des activités qui s'attaquent aux obstacles à la participation des femmes aux opérations de maintien de la paix.

VANCOUVER PRINCIPLES

Canada has worked closely with partners to protect children in peacekeeping contexts since 2017.

À ce jour, cent-cinq États membres de l'ONU ont souscrit aux Principes de Vancouver sur le maintien de la paix et la prévention du recrutement et de l'utilisation d'enfants soldats.

Canada's third pledge is to provide multi-year support for continued implementation of the Vancouver Principles. We begin with over \$2 million to the UN Department of Peace Operations to integrate the Principles into UN peacekeeping policy, guidance and training.

PEACE OPERATIONS

Canada's fourth pledge is to renew multi-year support for specialized peacekeeping training. This is essential, given the complex missions peacekeepers undertake.

Our support responds to critical gaps identified by the UN. We begin today with \$4.8 million towards technologies to support e-learning and medical response training.

CONCLUSION

Le Canada est déterminé à aider les opérations de paix des Nations Unies à devenir plus inclusives et plus efficaces.

En coopération avec vous tous, le Canada continuera de travailler pour bâtir un monde plus pacifique.

Merci. Thank you.