



FINLAND

FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL 2029–2030

**PEACE
PEOPLE
PARTNERSHIPS**

FINLAND

Finland is seeking a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council to champion peace, to uphold international law, and to promote the freedom, rights, and well-being of all people.

Finland will work for a Security Council that is more effective, accountable, and representative of today's world.



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**PEACE IS A QUESTION
OF WILL. ALL CONFLICTS
CAN BE SETTLED, AND
THERE ARE NO EXCUSES
FOR ALLOWING THEM TO
BECOME ETERNAL.**

Martti Ahtisaari,
former President of Finland
and Nobel Peace Prize
Laureate 2008



Alexander Stubb, President of the Republic of Finland, addressing the UN General Assembly

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FINLAND IS STRONGLY ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF THE UN AND WILL REMAIN SO. THEREFORE, WE ARE STANDING FOR ELECTION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE TERM 2029–2030.

FINLAND – A TRUSTED PARTNER FOR PEACE

- Finland is a strong advocate of the UN Charter and international law. We stand up for those who are most vulnerable and least represented, to build inclusive, lasting peace.
- Finland works to strengthen international and UN peace mediation, emphasising inclusive participation and local ownership. For decades, we have been supporting dialogue and conflict prevention and resolution in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.
- Since 1956, Finland has contributed close to 60,000 troops, police, and civilian personnel to approximately 30 UN peace operations and those mandated by the UN. Building on this experience, we actively support and contribute to developing UN peace operations.
- Finland underscores the urgency of joint solutions to respond to security threats posed by climate change and environmental degradation.
- Finland calls for intensified efforts towards the peaceful settlement of disputes and promotes the use of all preventive tools available in the UN Charter.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEACE

In 2010, Finland co-founded the UN Group of Friends for Mediation, now a major diplomatic coalition, to increase the use of mediation and to strengthen the mediation capacities of the United Nations and regional organisations.

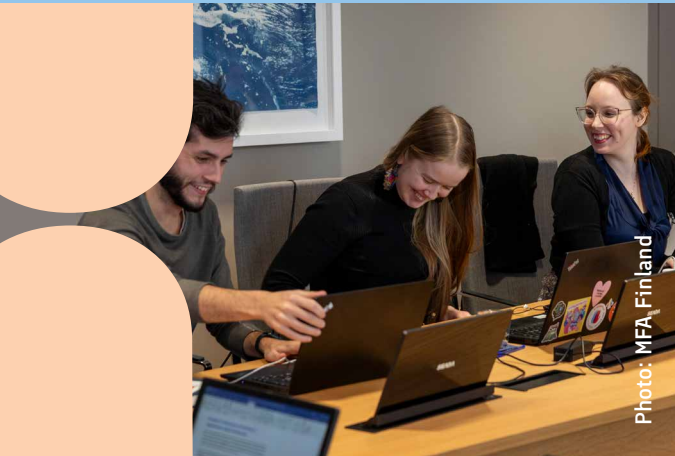
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LEADING EFFORTS ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

Finland works for the active participation of young people in peace efforts. In 2021, Finland became the first country to publish a National Action Plan on UN Security Council resolution on Youth, Peace and Security. This was followed by a second plan in 2025.

Photo: MFA Finland



FOSTERING COOPERATION FOR ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

Finland was one of the initiators of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and remains among the top donors to the ATT Voluntary Trust Fund.

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INVESTING IN PEOPLE

- Finland stands for human rights as a cornerstone of conflict prevention and lasting peace. Through our own path as a nation, we have learned that human rights, gender equality, and social justice form the foundation for dignity, stability, and prosperity.
- The full, equal, and meaningful participation of women is a prerequisite for sustainable peace. Finland is equally committed to ensuring that youth and persons with disabilities have a greater role in peace and security.
- Finland calls for renewed respect for international humanitarian law and human rights law. Finland works for stronger accountability and the protection of civilians in armed conflict.
- Finland is committed to principled humanitarian action. We contribute to where the needs are greatest, paying special attention to persons in the most vulnerable situations.

TRANSLATING THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA INTO ACTION

For several years, Finland has provided police advisors to UNMISS to counter sexual and gender-based violence, organised international training for women peacekeepers and supported the preparation of National Action Plans in different parts of the world.



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UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPLE NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

Finland promotes the active participation of persons with disabilities in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and humanitarian action.

PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONFLICT

Finland partners with UN agencies to ensure the right to education in conflict and crises through various initiatives, such as the School Meals Coalition, which Finland co-founded and co-chairs.



Photo: Isaac Onyango, WFP

PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- The world's development challenges are too great for any nation to solve alone. International partnerships are essential for progress. Finland is a committed partner in promoting sustainable development, resilience, and prosperity. We have been an active partner to the UN for more than seven decades.
- In building our society, Finland placed people, education, and technology at its core, ensuring that everyone can participate equally. Social innovations and strong institutions have been essential in our efforts to ensure equality and democracy.
- The strengthening of economies is key for advancing well-being and prosperity for all. Finland supports partner countries in their efforts to increase economic resilience through innovation and multistakeholder partnerships.
- Finland shares knowledge and technology to address risks posed by rapidly accelerating climate change. We have decades of experience in disaster risk reduction, integrating it into climate adaptation, development policy, humanitarian aid, and preparedness.

FINLAND – AN ACTIVE PARTNER TO THE UN

In the aftermath of the Second World War, Finnish children received assistance from UNICEF. Shortly thereafter, Finland became a dedicated partner to the United Nations, actively advancing development and humanitarian efforts with various UN organisations worldwide.

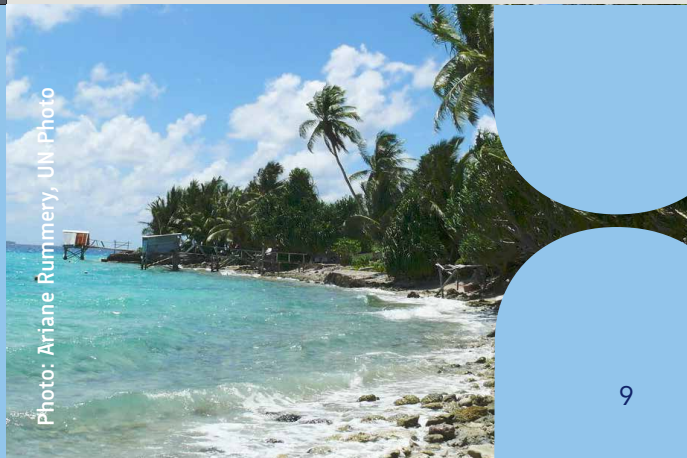


ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Finland hosts UN entities driving solutions to global challenges through innovation. Finland also co-organises the annual UN LDC Future Forum to support sustainable development in Least Developed Countries.

SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY

Finland supports cooperation for strengthening resilience against extreme weather conditions. Finnish expertise has contributed to the improvement of climate and weather services in over 100 countries.



FINLAND'S PATH TO STABILITY AND PROSPERITY

Just over a century ago, Finland emerged from a civil war as a fragile, impoverished young nation. Two decades later Finland lost ten percent of its territory in World War II but preserved its independence, values, and democratic institutions.

With limited natural resources to rely on, Finland turned to its greatest asset: its people. We worked hard to build a society grounded on education, gender equality, the rule of law and a fair economy. As a result, we became an innovative society equipped to develop solutions that respond to global challenges.

Our own path has shown that development, human rights, and peace go hand in hand. We stand for a strong United Nations with its three mutually reinforcing pillars: peace and security, human rights, and sustainable development.

FACTS ABOUT FINLAND



**187,888
LAKES**

Over 70% of land area covered in forest.



FREE EDUCATION

Finland has offered free education for over 100 years, today extending from preschool to university.



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Finland was the first country in the world to give full political rights to women.

3 MILLION SAUNAS

More than passenger cars.



DESIGN FOR LIFE

From playgrounds and everyday objects to public systems, functional thinking shapes how happiness is built into daily life.

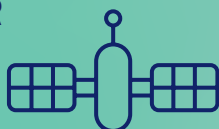


MORE THAN A MEAL

In Finland, free-of-charge school meals have been provided since the 1940s. The school meals system is an important part of Finland's education success story.

TECH-SAVVY FOR THE FUTURE

With expertise in quantum computing, space tech, and next-gen connectivity, we are actively exploring the solutions that will shape tomorrow.



HAPPINESS

For almost a decade, Finland has been ranked the happiest country in the world. This stems from stability, equality, trust, and freedom. These values make Finland a strong platform for technological innovation and entrepreneurship.



AS A MEMBER OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, FINLAND WOULD

FOCUS ON CONFLICT PREVENTION

Promoting the peaceful settlement of disputes through mediation and other tools of the UN Charter; addressing underlying causes of conflict.

DEFEND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Standing up for the UN Charter, international humanitarian law and international human rights law; strengthening accountability and countering impunity.

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Fostering dialogue; carefully listening to all those concerned; building bridges even in the most challenging circumstances.

DELIVER CONCRETE SOLUTIONS

Drawing on our experience in UN peacekeeping, mediation, international justice and inclusive peacebuilding; joining forces with fellow member states and other partners to deliver results on the ground.



Finland has served on the Security Council twice before, in 1969–70 and 1989–90.

Finland is ready to serve again.

Thank you for your support.

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