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The authors describe the experiences of peacekeepers on the ground in order to show how tasks were planned and executed, placing them within the broader historical and political backgrounds of each mission. This volume shows how Australian policy in the post–Cold War era was driven as much by the idea of being a good international citizen as it was by narrow national interest.

Granted full access to all relevant Australian Government records, David Horner and John Connor provide readers with a comprehensive and authoritative account of Australia's peacekeeping operations in Asia, Africa and Europe at a time when hopes for a new world order began to dissolve.

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Preface

This volume of the Official History of Australian Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post–Cold War Operations continues the story of Australian peacekeeping and describes six Australian overseas missions that began in the year after the First Gulf War ended in March 1991. These missions were: the large peacekeeping mission in Cambodia (1991–99), in which Australian Lieutenant General John Sanderson was the force commander in 1992–93; the smaller mission in Western Sahara (1991–94); the limited but lengthy commitment to the former Yugoslavia (1992–2004); the short humanitarian deployment in northern Iraq (1991); the Maritime Interception Force operations applying sanctions against Iraq (1991–99); and Australia's contribution to the inspection of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction facilities under the auspices of the United Nations Special Commission on Iraq (1991–99). Dr John Connor wrote chapters 3 to 9, covering the main peacekeeping mission in Cambodia, while Professor David Horner wrote the remainder of the volume.

The previous volume in this series, *Australia and the 'New World Order'* (published in 2011) was concerned with Australia's role in the operations that resulted from the end of the Cold War. The missions were: Australia's contributions to the United Nations Iran–Iraq Military Observer Group in Iran (1988–90); to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in Namibia (1989–90); to the United Nations Mine Clearance Training Team in Pakistan and Afghanistan (1989–93); to the Maritime Interception Force applying sanctions against Iraq in 1990; and to the First Gulf War in January–March 1991. The missions included observer activities, the conduct of elections and mine clearance training, but also moved beyond peacekeeping to peace enforcement, such as the application of sanctions and even war. The account of these missions effectively sets the scene for the stories of those described in our present volume.

Our volume shows how, in the post–Cold War world, peacekeeping became increasingly complex, overlapping with or extending to sanctions, weapons inspection, humanitarian aid, election monitoring, mine clearance and peace enforcement. We argue that all these missions were initiated to enhance Australia's status as a good international citizen. Certainly, there was a large element of Australian self-interest in agreeing to take part in the missions. But Australia's commitments were also made in a period of optimism following the end of the Cold War, when it was hoped that multilateral action would help bring about a more peaceful world. This optimism was not to last much beyond the early 1990s.

In all the volumes of this series we aim to tell the story of the respective missions at three levels: the strategic level, in which we concentrate on the government's decision-making process; the operational level, in which we seek to explain how the Australian Defence Force, police and other agencies planned and executed their tasks; and the tactical or personnel level, in which we attempt to describe what the peacekeepers actually did in the field. Beyond this, we see a need to explain the broader historical and political backgrounds for each of the missions in which Australia has been involved.

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We are also conscious that, in contrast to the other conflicts and their official histories, it is unlikely that there will be many other books on the experience of the Australians in their respective missions. We have therefore felt a special responsibility to describe the particular circumstances and conditions that Australian service personnel, police and electoral workers endured in their respective missions.

As with volume 2, *Australia and the 'New World Order'*, we have been given full access to all relevant Australian Government records. There has been no censorship, except that the government reserved the right to prevent publication of any material that might be damaging to Australian national security, such as intelligence sources and information received from allied countries. The excision of such material – and it has been extremely small – has in no way changed our conclusions or caused us to compromise the integrity of the history.

As noted earlier, this volume has been a collaborative effort. Dr Connor began work on his part of the volume in September 2004 when he was employed by the Australian War Memorial, and he completed it in November 2011 after he moved to the University of New South Wales, Canberra, in September 2007. Professor Horner researched and wrote the two chapters on Western Sahara during late 2005 and early 2006. Work on the four chapters in part 4, 'Watch on Iraq', was undertaken during 2007, while the research and writing of the two chapters on Operation Banner in Cambodia and of the two chapters on the Former Yugoslavia was undertaken during 2009.

Most of the research for this volume therefore took place at the same time as Professor Horner was researching *Australia and the 'New World Order'*, and inevitably we owe a debt of gratitude to the same group of good colleagues that he warmly acknowledged in the previous volume. These include Dr Peter Londey, initially at the Australian War Memorial and later at the Australian National University, Dr Bob Breen of the Australian National University and Dr Steve Bullard of the Australian War Memorial. We are also grateful to our loyal and capable research assistants, Dr Jean Bou, Daniel Flitton, Dr Matthew Glozier, Dr David Hay, Dr Rosalind Hearder, Dr Garth Pratten, Miesje de Vogel and Dr Christine Winter. As with the previous volume, Professor Peter Dennis and Dr Hugh Smith, both of the University of New South Wales, Canberra, graciously read the manuscript and offered wise advice. Anna Samson prepared the index.

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Chronology 1989–99

Events described more particularly in this volume are printed in italics.

1989

6 January	Vietnam announces it will withdraw troops from Cambodia in September
20 January	George H.W. Bush succeeds Ronald Reagan as US President
15 February	Last Soviet troops depart from Afghanistan
18 February	*Two AFP officers deploy to Thai–Cambodia border as part of* UNBRO
11 March	Australian advance party arrives in Namibia as part of UNTAG
3–7 April	No 36 Squadron aircraft delivers relief supplies to PNG after Cyclone Aivu
14 April	Main body of Australian contingent arrives in Namibia
26 June	PNG government declares State of Emergency in Bougainville
5 July	Defence Minister Kim Beazley approves despatch of mine clearance trainers to Pakistan as part of UNMCTT
16 July	First Australian mine clearance training contingent arrives in Pakistan
7 August	*Two ADF officers visit Cambodia as part of survey team for possible UN peacekeeping mission*
26 September	Vietnamese complete Cambodian withdrawal
9 November	Fall of Berlin Wall
24 November	*Foreign Minister Evans announces Cambodia peace proposal based around the creation of a UN transitional authority*
2–3 December	Gorbachev and Bush meet in Malta and declare the Cold War has ended
6 December	Foreign Affairs policy statement, *Australia's Regional Security*, presented to Parliament
20 December	US forces invade Panama

1990

2 January	*DFAT establishes Cambodia Task Force to develop Evans's proposal into a detailed peace plan*
6–26 February	No 37 squadron aircraft deliver an army helicopter and relief supplies to Western Samoa and Tuvalu after Cyclone Ofa
13 March	International Observer Group arrives in Bougainville to monitor withdrawal of PNG security forces and surrender of weapons by Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA)
4 April	Senator Robert Ray succeeds Beazley as Defence Minister
9 April	Last troops of Australian contingent depart from Namibia
17 May	Bougainvillean militants issue a Unilateral Declaration of Independence

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16–20 June	No 36 Squadron aircraft delivers relief supplies while on training flight in PNG after earthquake in New Britain
27 June	UN Security Council approves plan for peacekeeping force (MINURSO) in Western Sahara
21–22 July	No 36 Squadron aircraft delivers desalination kit to Tuvalu after drought in the area
29 July	*An Australian Army officer arrives in Morocco as part of the technical survey mission for a UN force in Western Sahara*
2 August	Iraq invades Kuwait
2 August	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 660 condemning Iraq and demanding its withdrawal from Kuwait
5 August	PNG Government and BRA sign the Endeavour Accord
6 August	Australian Government imposes sanctions on Iraq
6 August	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 661 imposing mandatory sanctions on Iraq
10 August	Prime Minister Bob Hawke announces the commitment of Australian warships to enforce sanctions against Iraq
13 August	HMA Ships *Darwin* and *Adelaide* depart Sydney for the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Damask
3 September	Australian task group enters area of operations in Gulf of Oman
3 October	Unification of Germany
29 November	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 678, authorising the use of force to eject Iraq from Kuwait
3 December	First Australian naval task group is relieved by the second task group on the edge of the Gulf of Oman operational area
4 December	Prime Minister Hawke announces that Australia would make its naval task force available for operations to eject Iraq from Kuwait
7 December	Last Australian UNIIMOG observers leave Iran
16 December	Australian naval task group enters the Persian Gulf

1991

17 January	Coalition air strikes begin against Iraq
23 January	PNG government and BRA delegations sign the Honiara Declaration
24 February	Coalition ground campaign begins against Iraq
28 February	Ceasefire in Gulf War
26 March	Australian combat ships depart from the Persian Gulf
3 April	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 687, setting out terms for the ceasefire to end the Gulf War
5 April	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 688, demanding access to Kurds in northern Iraq
10 April	*Australian Government agrees to provide inspectors to UNSCOM*
30 April	*Cabinet approves the commitment of medical and support personnel to Operation Habitat in northern Iraq*
30 April	*Cabinet approves the commitment of signallers to Western Sahara*
8 May	*Australian advance party for Operation Habitat arrives in southern Turkey*

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13 May	*Cabinet approves the deployment of a frigate as part of the Multinational Naval Force (MNF) to enforce sanctions against Iraq*
14 May	*First Australian official takes part in weapons inspection in Iraq*
24 May	*Australian contingent for Operation Habitat arrives in northern Iraq*
29 May	*HMAS* Westralia *departs from the Persian Gulf*
17 June	*Last Australians of Operation Habitat depart from northern Iraq*
17 June	*HMAS* Darwin *enters Persian Gulf as part of the MNF (Operation Damask III)*
1 July	Warsaw Pact is dissolved
1 July	*First members of Operation Blazer (weapons inspectors) arrive in Bahrain*
10 July	*Government announces the commitment of signallers to Western Sahara as part of* MINURSO
18 August	An attempted coup in USSR by communist hardliners fails and leads to break-up of Soviet Union
5 September	*Australian advance party arrives in Western Sahara (Operation Cedilla)*
5 September	*HMAS* Darwin *departs the Persian Gulf*
5–12 September	HMA Ships *Swan* and *Westralia* provide disaster relief after eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines
5–14 September	No 37 Squadron aircraft delivers relief supplies after flooding in Cambodia
19 September	*Main body of Australian contingent arrives in Western Sahara (Operation Cedilla)*
24 September	*Cabinet endorses Australian contribution to* UNAMIC
5 October	*HMAS* Sydney *arrives in northern Red Sea as part of MNF (Operation Damask IV)*
16 October	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 717, establishing UNAMIC in Cambodia
23 October	Cambodia peace agreement signed in Paris
31 October	UN Security Council adopts Resolution 718, authorising the Secretary-General to begin planning for UNTAC in Cambodia
8 November	*Australian signallers depart for Cambodia as part of* UNAMIC *(Operation Goodwill)*
11–18 December	Nos 36 and 37 Squadron aircraft deliver army helicopter and relief supplies to Western Samoa after Cyclone Val
15 December	*Last member of Operation Blazer returns to Australia*
15 December	UN Security Council Resolution 724 approves Secretary-General's plan for a peacekeeping operation in Yugoslavia
20 December	Paul Keating succeeds Hawke as Prime Minister
21 December	Former republics of USSR form the Commonwealth of Independent States
25 December	Gorbachev resigns as USSR president
31 December	USSR ceases to exist

1992

12–29 January	Aircraft from Nos 36 and 37 Squadrons deliver relief supplies, army helicopter and medical team to Vanuatu after Cyclone Betsy

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14 January	*A senior Australian officer arrives in Yugoslavia to head the UN observers there*
31 January	*HMAS* Sydney *completes its Red Sea operations*
15 March	*Lieutenant General Sanderson arrives in Cambodia to command the* UNTAC *force*
March	*HMAS Darwin arrives in Red Sea area (Operation Damask V)*
16 April	*Australian signallers begin arriving in Cambodia as part of* UNTAC *(Operation Gemini)*
May	*AFP officers and ADF movement control and military police personnel arrive in Cambodia*
4 May	*Second ADF contingent begins arriving in Western Sahara*
25 May	*Operation Blazer reactivated and, soon after, inspectors return to Iraq*
16 June	*Three Australian Army observers arrive in Sarajevo as part of* UNPROFOR
8 July	*HMAS* Darwin *departs northern Red Sea*
26 September	Prime Minister Keating visits Cambodia
October	ADF movement control units arrives in Somalia (Operation Iguana)
30 October	Third ADF contingent begins arriving in Western Sahara
13 November	*HMAS* Canberra *arrives in Red Sea (Operation Damask VI)*
15–16 December	Aircraft from Nos 36 and 37 Squadrons deliver relief supplies to Indonesia after Flores earthquake

1993

5–21 January	Aircraft from Nos 36 and 37 Squadrons deliver relief supplies and an army helicopter to Fiji after Cyclone Kina
6 January	*Mark Plunkett appointed* UNTAC *Special Prosecutor with power to bring charges against Cambodians committing political violence*
8–12 January	No 36 Squadron aircraft delivers relief supplies to Solomon Islands after Cyclone Nina
13 January	American, British and French aircraft attack Iraqi missile sites
14 January	HMAS *Jervis Bay* docks at Mogadishu, Somalia, with the first elements of 1 RAR group (Operation Solace)
20 January	Bill Clinton succeeds George H.W. Bush as US President
25 January	*ADF Peacekeeping Centre established*
January	ADF personnel rejoin the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai (Operation Mazurka)
12 March	*HMAS* Canberra *departs the northern Red Sea*
2–3 April	No 36 Squadron aircraft delivers relief supplies to Vanuatu after Cyclone Prema
16 May	AEC personnel arrive in Cambodia to work as polling station officers
18 May	Main body of fourth ADF contingent arrives in Western Sahara
20 May	Australian infantry battalion in Somalia returns to Australia
21 May	*Australian Army helicopters and infantry platoon arrive in Cambodia*
23 May	*Voting commences in Cambodian election*
17 June	*Boutros Boutros-Ghali delivers his report,* An Agenda for Peace*, to UN Security Council*
21 June	*Major Susan Felsche killed in Western Sahara*
20 July	*HMAS* Sydney *arrives in the northern Red Sea (Operation Damask VII)*

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21 September	*New Cambodian government formed*
9 October	*UNTAC welcome home parade in Sydney*
24 October	No 36 Squadron aircraft while on training flight delivers relief supplies to PNG after Madang earthquake
9 November	HMAS *Sydney* departs the northern Red Sea
23 November	*Main body of fifth ADF contingent arrives in Western Sahara*

1994

18 January	*First Australian troops arrive in Cambodia under the Defence Cooperation Program (Operation Banner)*
5 February	*Australian Army mine clearance trainers arrive in Cambodia*
27 March	A contingent of Australian police, followed later by ADF personnel, arrives in Mozambique as part of ONUMOZ (Operation Coracle)
5 April	Major General David Ferguson appointed Commander Multinational Force and Observers
20 May	*Last Australian troops withdraw from Western Sahara*
26–27 May	No 36 Squadron aircraft while on training flight delivers relief supplies to PNG after floods
7 August	First ADF contingent begins arriving in Rwanda as part of UNAMIR II (Operation Tamar)
10 October	Australian-led South Pacific Peacekeeping Force (SPPKF) deploys to Arawa to protect a peace conference between secessionists and PNG government (Operation Lagoon).
19 October	SPPKF departs Bougainville
21–28 October	Aircraft from Nos 36 and 37 Squadrons deliver relief supplies to PNG after volcanic eruption at Rabaul (Operation Carmine)
5 November	Main body of Australian police arrive in Haiti
23 November	Last Australian troops depart Somalia

1995

20 February	Second ADF contingent begins arriving in Rwanda as part of UNAMIR II
21 March	Australian police depart Haiti
August	ADF contingent withdraws from Rwanda
21 November	Parties to the war in the former Yugoslavia sign the Dayton Peace Agreement
15 December	UN Security Council Resolution 1013 approves UNPROFOR handing responsibility in Bosnia and Herzegovina to IFOR

1996

11 March	Coalition government comes to power in Australia with John Howard as Prime Minister
7 May	*HMAS* Melbourne *enters the Persian Gulf (Operation Damask VIII)*
14 August	*HMAS* Melbourne *departs the Persian Gulf*
18 December	UN Security Council Resolution 1088 authorises the creation of SFOR in Bosnia and Herzegovina to replace IFOR

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1997

10 February	First member of Australia's two-member contingent arrives in Guatemala as part of MINUGUA
23 March	*First Australian officers arrive in former Yugoslavia to assist British peacekeeping operations as part of Operation Osier*
1 May	*Richard Butler appointed Executive Chairman of UNSCOM*
5 July	*Coup in Cambodia*
11 July	*Evacuation of Australians from Phnom Penh (Operation Vista)*
8 October	ADF drought relief mission begins in PNG (Operation Castanet/ Ples Drai)
12 November	*UN Security Council Resolution 1284 condemns Iraq's violation of its obligations and imposes new sanctions*
20 November	Australians arrive in Bougainville as part of the Truce Monitoring Group (Operation Bel Isi I)

1998

10 January	*Government decides to send SAS and aircraft to Kuwait*
20 February	*First Australian SAS troops arrive in Kuwait as part of Operation Pollard*
31 March	Major General Tim Ford takes command of UNTSO
8 April	ADF drought relief mission begins in Indonesia (Operation Sierra/AusIndo Jaya)
23 April	HMA Ships *Fremantle* and *Whyalla* deliver relief supplies to Vanuatu after Cyclones Yali and Zuman
30 April	Peace Monitoring Group formed in Bougainville (Operation Bel Isi II)
19 June	*Last SAS troops depart Kuwait to return to Australia*
18 July	ADF disaster relief mission begins in PNG after Aitape tsunami (Operation Shaddock)
17 December	US and British aircraft attack Iraqi missile sites in Operation Desert Fox

1999

24 March	NATO aircraft begin bombing campaign against Yugoslavia
30 May	*HMAS* Melbourne *enters Persian Gulf (Operation Damask IX)*
12 June	*KFOR troops, including a few Australians, enter Kosovo*
19 June	Australian military officers and police arrive in East Timor as part of the UN Advance Mission East Timor (Operation Faber)
13 August	*HMAS* Melbourne *departs the Persian Gulf to return to Australia*
30 August	Plebiscite in East Timor votes for independence
6 September	Australian aircraft begin evacuating Australian nationals and others from East Timor (Operation Spitfire)
20 September	Australian troops arrive in East Timor as part of INTERFET (Operation Stabilise)
30 September	*Last member of Operation Banner returns to Australia from Cambodia*

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Abbreviations

ACOPS	Assistant Chief of the Defence Force (Operations)
ACPOL	Assistant Chief of the Defence Force (Policy)
ADF	Australian Defence Force
AEC	Australian Electoral Commission
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AHU	Army History Unit
AIDAB	Australian International Development Assistance Bureau
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
Air Cdre	Air Commodore
ALP	Australian Labor Party
ANZUS	Australia, New Zealand and United States treaty
APEC	Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (forum)
ARA	Australian Regular Army
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
AS	Assistant Secretary
ASC	Australian (services) Contingent or Component
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
AVM	Air Vice-Marshal
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
AWB	Australian Wheat Board
AWM	Australian War Memorial
BMVC	Baghdad Monitoring and Verification Centre
Brig	Brigadier
Capt	Captain
CDF	Chief of the Defence Force
Cdr	Commander
Cdre	Commodore
CENTCOM	Central Command (United States)
CGS	Chief of the General Staff
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (United States)
CIVPOL	United Nations civilian police
CJOP	Chief of Joint Operations and Plans
CMAC	Cambodian Mine Action Centre
CNAF	Cambodian National Armed Forces
CNS	Chief of Naval Staff
CO	Commanding Officer
Col	Colonel
Col (OA)	Colonel (Operations Analyst)
CPD	*Commonwealth Parliamentary Debates*

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Cpl	Corporal
CPP	Cambodian People's Party
CSAR	Combat Search and Rescue
CSCE	Conference on Security Cooperation in Europe
CSCI	Capable Sites Concealment Inspections (team)
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CSOTF	Combined Special Operations Task Force
CSPSU	Capable Site Planning Support Unit
CTO	compensatory time off
DCP	Defence Cooperation Program
DFA	Department of Foreign Affairs
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DIO	Defence Intelligence Organisation
DSTO	Defence Science and Technology Organisation
EC	European Community
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
FAS	First Assistant Secretary
FCU	Force Communications Unit
FUNCINPEC	Front Uni National pour un Cambodge Indépendant, Neutre, Pacifique et Coopératif (National United Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia)
FWF	Former Warring Factions
FYROM	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Gen	General
Gp Capt	Group Captain
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRUNK	Gouvernement Royale de l'Union Nationale Khmère (Royal Government of the Khmer National Union)
H of R	House of Representatives
HALO	Hazardous Areas Life-support Organisation
HAOR	Humanitarian Area of Responsibility
HF	high frequency
HMAS	Her Majesty's Australian Ship
HQ	Headquarters
HQ ADF	Headquarters Australian Defence Force
HSCD	Head, Strategic Command Division
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICFY	International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IFOR	Implementation Force
INMARSAT	International Marine Satellite (radio)
JNA	Jugoslavenska Narodna Armija or Jugoslovenska Narodna Armija (Yugoslav People's Army)
KDP	Kurdistan Democratic Party
KFOR	Kosovo Force
KLA	Kosovo Liberation Army

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KPNLAF	Khmer People's National Liberation Armed Forces
KPNLF	Khmer People's National Liberation Front
L Cpl	Lance Corporal
LHQ	Land Headquarters
LSF	Logistic Support Force
LSG	Logistic Support Group
Lieut	Lieutenant (Navy)
Lt	Lieutenant (Army)
Lt Cdr	Lieutenant Commander
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
Lt Gen	Lieutenant General
Maj	Major
Maj Gen	Major General
MCTU	Mine Clearance Training Team
MIF	Maritime Interception Force
MINURSO	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
MNF	Multinational Naval Force
MP	Military Police
MPLA	Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola
MSA	mission subsistence allowance
MSF	Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
NAA	National Archives of Australia
NAG	Northern Arabian Gulf
NAPS	Nerve Agent Pre-Treatment Set
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NBC	nuclear, biological and chemical
NBCD	nuclear, biological and chemical defence
NCO	non-commissioned officer
NGO	non-government organisation
OAU	Organisation of African Unity
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OMV	Ongoing Monitoring and Verification (program)
ONUMOZ	United Nations Operation in Mozambique
ONUSAL	United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador
OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OSCE	Organisation for Security Cooperation in Europe
OSPA	(United Nations) Office for Special Political Affairs
OTC	Overseas Telecommunications Corporation
OTCI	OTC International Ltd
PAT	Planning Assistance Team
PLAN	People's Liberation Army of Namibia
PKO	Peacekeeping operation
PM&C	Prime Minister and Cabinet (Department of the)
Polisario	Polisario Front, or Frente Polisario, from the Spanish abbreviation of Frente Popular de Liberación de Saguía el Hamra y Río de Oro (Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el-Hamra and Rio de Oro)
Pte	Private

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PTT	Post Telephone and Telegraph (Building)
PUK	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
R Adm	Rear Admiral
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RAR	Royal Australian Regiment
RCAF	Royal Cambodian Armed Forces
RMA	Royal Moroccan Army
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major
SADR	Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
SAS	Special Air Service (Regiment)
SCR	Security Council Resolution
SFOR	Stabilisation Force
Sgt	Sergeant
SITREP	situation report
SNCO	senior non-commissioned officer
SO1	Staff Officer Grade 1
SO2	Staff Officer Grade 2
SO3	Staff Officer Grade 3
SPC-A	Sea Power Centre – Australia
Spr	Sapper
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
SSO	Special Security Organisation
UCPMB	Ushtria Çlirimtare e Preshevës, Medvegjës dhe Bujanocit (Liberation Army of Preševo, Medveđa and Bujanovac)
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations (Organisation)
UNAMIC	United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia
UNAMIR	United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda
UNAVEM	United Nations Angola Verification Mission
UNBRO	UN Border Relief Organization
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFICYP	United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
UNGOMAP	United Nations Good Offices Mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIKOM	United Nations Iraq–Kuwait Observation Mission
UNITA	National Union for the Total Independence of Angola
UNITAF	Unified Task Force
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo
UNMLOY	United Nations Military Liaison Officers in Yugoslavia
UNMO	United Nations Military Observer
UNMOGIP	United Nations Military Observer Group on India and Pakistan
UNMOVIC	United Nations Monitoring and Verification Inspection Commission
UNOSOM	United Nations Operation in Somalia
UNPA	United Nations Protected Area

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UNPROFOR	United Nations Protection Force
UNSCOM	United Nations Special Commission (on Iraq)
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council Resolution
UNTAC	United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia
UNTAG	United Nations Transition Assistance Group
UNTSO	United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation
US	United States (of America)
USAF	United States Air Force
USN	United States Navy
V Adm	Vice-Admiral
VCDF	Vice Chief of the Defence Force
VHF	Very High Frequency
WEU	Western European Union
WFP	World Food Program
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction (nuclear, biological and chemical weapons)
WO1	Warrant Officer Class 1
WO2	Warrant Officer Class 2

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