

Neutrality

Maintaining Ireland's role as a nation of peacekeepers.



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Any change to Ireland's long-standing neutrality must require a referendum. Our stance on this is firm.

Ireland's neutrality has served it well for more than 100 years and Independent Ireland is committed to maintaining Irish neutrality in the future. We oppose Ireland joining any military alliance and support upholding the existing triple-lock mechanism, which pertains to United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions.

In order for Ireland to participate in UN peacekeeping missions, the following conditions must be met:

- A UN Security Council resolution or UN General Assembly resolution and;
 - A formal decision by the Irish Government and;
 - Approval by a resolution of Dáil Éireann.
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- We recognize that Ireland's long-standing tradition of neutrality leaves us in an excellent position to pursue peaceful resolution of foreign conflicts, albeit quietly. Our success in diplomacy depends on discreetly encouraging negotiations, not in grandstanding for television cameras and social media. Therefore, Independent Ireland supports maintaining the existing triple-lock mechanism.
 - We are supportive of Ireland's role within the European Union, but oppose joining a multinational EU Defence Force. Our small island nation can play a larger role in facilitating peaceful international relations by remaining a neutral mediator, and Ireland should remain committed to its historical neutrality.