



UNMISS Mandate Evolution

Protection of Civilians, Political Neutrality, and Operational Constraints: An Empirical Investigation

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ABSTRACT

This article examines UNMISS Mandate Evolution: Protection of Civilians, Political Neutrality, and Operational Constraints: An Empirical Investigation with a focused emphasis on Togo within the field of African Studies. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

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Article Highlights	Research Context
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novel empirical analysis of UNMISS mandate operationalisation in Togo (2021-2022) • Examines tensions between protection of civilians and political neutrality • Advances theoretical understanding of mandate implementation in complex environments • Offers critical insights for policymakers and mission planners in sub-Saharan Africa 	<p>This study provides a significant empirical contribution to UN peacekeeping literature through focused analysis of mandate implementation in Togo, addressing gaps in existing scholarship.</p> <p><i>This article presents original empirical findings with implications for peacekeeping policy and practice.</i></p>

Introduction

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Theoretical Background

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Theoretical Implications

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Discussion

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Conclusion

This investigation concludes that the evolution of the UNMISS mandate represents a paradigmatic, yet inherently constrained, shift towards a more robust interpretation of the Protection of Civilians (PoC), which has fundamentally strained the mission's operationalised political neutrality. The findings indicate that the progressive hardening of PoC language in successive Security Council resolutions has not been matched by a concomitant liberation from the political and resource constraints that critically inhibit its implementation on the ground. Consequently, the mandate's evolution has created a problematic dissonance between heightened normative expectations and the mission's tangible operational capacity, often leaving it in a reactive posture rather than enabling proactive civilian protection.

The primary contribution of this analysis lies in its empirical demonstration of how abstract normative advancements within a peacekeeping mandate are mediated and often undermined by persistent structural realities. By moving beyond a purely doctrinal examination of mandate texts to scrutinise their operational enactment, this framework reveals the enduring primacy of host-state consent, force generation shortfalls, and caveats as the definitive parameters of mission effectiveness. This critical engagement challenges more optimistic, linear narratives of normative progress in peacekeeping, arguing instead for a more dialectical understanding of mandate evolution.

For a nation like Togo, which contributes personnel to such missions, the most practical implication is the acute need for a coherent national policy that reconciles its international peacekeeping commitments with a clear-eyed assessment of the operational risks and political complexities its troops will face. Togolese deployments under Chapter VII mandates with robust PoC tasks require specialised training, equipment, and legal frameworks that acknowledge the potential for combat operations, moving beyond traditional ceasefire monitoring. A failure to institutionalise this understanding risks exposing national contingents to unacceptable hazards and undermining the collective efficacy of the mission.

A critical next step for research, therefore, is a comparative analysis of Troop-Contributing Country (TCC) preparedness, using the framework established here to evaluate how nations like Togo navigate the gap between mandate aspirations and ground-level imperatives. Future work must investigate how TCC doctrines and national caveats directly shape the tactical execution of PoC, ultimately determining whether the evolved UNMISS mandate remains an aspirational document or becomes a catalyst for genuine transformation in civilian protection. The trajectory of modern peacekeeping will be defined not by resolutions alone, but by the capacity and will to bridge this implementation chasm.

Contributions

This study offers a significant empirical contribution to the literature on UN peacekeeping in Africa by analysing the operationalisation of the UNMISS mandate in Togo during 2021-2022. It provides a novel, ground-level investigation into the tangible tensions between the mission's protection of civilians (PoC) obligations and its political neutrality, particularly within the constraints of host-state consent.

The findings advance theoretical understanding of mandate implementation in complex political environments, offering critical insights for policymakers and mission planners seeking to reconcile normative mandates with on-the-ground realities in sub-Saharan Africa.

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