



**COUNTRY:** SPAIN

**COMMITTEE:** UNITED NATION SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC)

**TOPIC:** IMPROVING EFFECTIVENESS IN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

## **INTRODUCTION**

Spain is a country on Europe's Iberian Peninsula. Its capital is Madrid. According to 2019 survey the total population of Spain is 4.69 Crores. Spain became a member of UN on 14 December 1955 and has been an elected member of the Security Council five times, which is approximately once every 10 years.

Spain has not only become a global benchmark in fight against international terrorism, the protection of human rights especially gender equality and sustainable development against others but also one of the largest contributors to UN funding and one of the countries which are most involved in peacekeeping missions.

## **ACTION'S TAKEN BY SPAIN IN PEACEKEEPING:**

1. Spain first participated in the Transition Assistance Group of Namibia (UNTAG). The Spanish UNTAG contingent, comprising eight T-12 Aviocar planes, T-10 Hercules and 85 men, started to move to Namibia in January 1989.
2. At almost the same time, the United Nations Angolan Verification Mission (UNAVEM) was arranged to keep check on the redeployment and later withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. Spain sent a contingent of seven military observers.

3. Spain also took part in the United Nations Observation Group for Verification of the Haitian elections (ONUVEH), a mission which began in November 1990 and ended two months later.
4. At the end of 1990, there was a change of command, and a Spanish general was again selected and appointed as Head of the United National Observation in El Salvador (ONUSAL) in the beginning.

## **ROLE OF SPAIN IN PEACEKEEPING:**

1. Since 1989, Spain has participated in fifty international missions in four continents, in which more than 150,000 soldiers of the three armies have taken part.
2. Currently, the Spanish effort in United Nations Peacekeeping Missions led by Department of Peacekeeping Missions (DPKO) focuses on the participation of the Armed Forces in the operation of Lebanon, established by virtue of a resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations.
3. Spain plays a leading role in the development of the UN Security Council's Agenda on the protection of Civilians are central to peacekeeping and international security efforts.

## **POSITION OF OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECTING SPAIN:**

1. There are 638 peacekeepers from Spain in peacekeeping missions and its rank is 34.
2. Ethiopia was contributing 6,052 soldiers to United Nations peacekeeping missions, the most of any country. Bangladesh followed with 5,905 troops, while Rwanda contributed 5,210 troops.