

# VOTE FOR PEACE, NEUTRALITY, AND TO PROTECT THE TRIPLE LOCK!



In recent years, the Government has strengthened ties with EU military structures and NATO. Examples of this include:

- Irish troops participating in military training exercises with NATO and EU battlegroups.
- Irish troops providing weapons training and equipment to Ukraine while it's at war with Russia.
- Signing a joint Ireland–NATO agreement on cyber-security and undersea infrastructure.
- Permitting the US military to use Shannon Airport while it arms Israel, a country on trial for genocide at the world's top court in the Hague.
- Allowing Israeli flights carrying tens of tonnes of war materiel to pass through Irish airspace unimpeded.

These actions violate Ireland's neutrality, our constitutional commitment to peace, and our obligations under international law.

Within this context, the Government announced plans to abandon the Triple Lock, a key component of Irish neutrality. The Triple Lock means that Irish troops cannot be deployed on overseas missions unless there is approval from:

- (1) Cabinet
- (2) Dáil Éireann
- (3) United Nations

The Government plans to remove the requirement for UN approval. Without it, Irish troops could be deployed on EU or NATO military operations, not to keep the peace but to kill and be killed.

Abandoning the Triple Lock would weaken Ireland's commitment to the UN system, UN peacekeeping, and multilateralism. This comes at a time when the UN faces an unprecedented challenge with Israel's genocide on Palestine and its war on Lebanon, where UN peacekeepers, including Irish Blue Helmets, have been threatened and directly targeted. This is no time to undermine the UN system further; instead, Ireland must redouble its commitment to strengthening and reforming the UN, to genuine multilateralism and international law.

We call on all political parties and election candidates to publicly commit to upholding Ireland's constitutional commitment to peace, to strengthening Irish neutrality, and to protecting the Triple Lock.

