



FACT SHEET

# THEMATIC PRIORITY PEACE AND SECURITY

Peace and security are basic prerequisites for prosperity and sustainable development. Given the growing number of increasingly complex conflicts, this traditional priority for foreign policy strategies is all the more important. A key focus is on adapting good offices and peace promotion to the changed international framework conditions.

## Good offices

Switzerland facilitates dialogue, negotiations and the search for compromise. Switzerland makes its good offices available when its interests are affected, it can be effective and they are requested. In the current geopolitical environment, Switzerland is adapting the instruments it uses in the framework of its good offices.

## Peace promotion

Switzerland's presence in conflict regions remains crucial. To be able to deploy its resources as effectively as possible, Switzerland defines priority regions or countries, such as Ukraine. However, it remains flexible to be able to seize opportunities. It will enhance its contribution of high-value assets in the area of military peace promotion.

## Humanitarian action

Due to rising needs, Switzerland will expand its humanitarian aid by connecting it more closely with its activities in development cooperation and peace promotion. Compliance with international humanitarian law and protection of civilian populations will remain priorities.

## Arms control and disarmament

The Federal Council will support the vision of a world without nuclear weapons and promote the reinforcement of the arms control architecture. It is also calling for clear, broad-based international regulations in the area of autonomous weapons, in which technologies are developing rapidly.

## Sanctions

Sanctions are an important instrument to enforce international law. Switzerland is committed to the effective implementation of sanctions, and it works with other states and in particular with the EU to achieve this.

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The number of peace processes in which Switzerland is involved, in various forms.



The Federal Council attaches great importance to involving women effectively in peace processes.

It will renew the National Action Plan to implement the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

