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With ever more conflicts among its 179 member states, the UN faces massive organisational problems in its efforts to bring peace to the world's troublespots. Unpaid member contributions of \$844m compound the difficulty, with just 15 staff at UNHQ in New York to control 54,055 blue-helmets worldwide

**KEY:**  Current strength (fatalities)

 Cost to date / current cost per year

 Date operation started

MINURSO	UNPROFOR	UNFICYP	UNIFIL	UNTSO	UNDOF	UNIKOM
West Sahara	Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia	Cyprus	South Lebanon	Israel	Israel, Syria, (Golan Heights)	Iraq, Kuwait
 334 (2)	 23,549 (29)	 1,531 (159)	 5,216 (190)	 239 (28)	 1,121 (31)	 318 (1)
 \$79m	 \$729.5m	 \$197m	 \$146m/year	 \$31m/year	 \$36m/year	 \$67m/year
 Sep 1991	 Mar 1992	 Mar 1964	 Mar 1978	 Jun 1948	 Jun 1974	 Apr 1991

