

# Save our Neutrality Save The Triple Lock



## What is the Triple Lock?

The Triple Lock is a key component of Irish neutrality.

It protects us from being led into wars overseas.

For more than 12 troops to be deployed abroad there must be approval from:

- (1) Cabinet (the government ministers)
- (2) Dáil Éireann (the government + opposition TDs)
- (3) United Nations (Security Council **or General Assembly**)

Irish neutrality is not protected in the Constitution. The Triple Lock is a key safeguard protecting Irish neutrality.

## Why is the government scrapping the Triple Lock?

The Government claims that the Security Council has a veto over the deployment of Irish troops. It regularly refers to this as 'Vladimir Putin's veto'.

**This is incorrect.**

While permanent members do have veto powers, if a peacekeeping mission is vetoed, which has rarely happened, the UN General Assembly is empowered to act and **there is no veto at the UN General Assembly.**



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## So what is really going on?

Successive governments have chipped away at our neutrality for years strengthening ties with NATO and EU military structures. By removing the Triple Lock the governments will be able to deploy Irish troops on EU battle-group and NATO missions. This could lead to Irish participation in foreign wars and bring Ireland into direct conflict with global military and nuclear powers.

**The government is paving the way to send Irish children off to kill and be killed in foreign wars.**

This will not make anyone safer.

**War is big business.**

The only beneficiaries are arms industry profiteers.

Don't be fooled by their hidden agenda.

## Call on your local TDs to:

- Promote peace not war.
- Invest in housing, health care and social services not fighter jets.
- Save Our Neutrality – Save the Triple Lock.

