



Appeal: Finland will not turn its back on the world

With our Finland will not turn its back on the world campaign, we want to bring the direction and values of Finland's foreign policy into the parliamentary election debate.

While military preparedness is one way of building a secure future, there are a number of other dimensions to consider, too. The most effective way to build sustainable peace and stability is to address the root cause of crises and conflicts. These include trampling of human rights, eroding democracy, inequality and poverty. Besides military conflict, the biggest threats to security in our society today comes from immense inequality and the alarming rate of climate change.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, six out of seven people in the world felt unsafe. We must be prepared for the impacts and consequences of continuing crises and be ready to support the most vulnerable people.

When we talk about security, we should keep our focus on what is most important: people. Unless we factor in the need to address basic human needs and to ensure human dignity, in addition to striving for nonviolence, we are not building sustainable security.

Comprehensive security requires investments in measures to strengthen human rights and climate, health and economic security. The only way to achieve lasting peace and stability is to invest in human security.

By engaging in development co-operation, humanitarian aid and peace work, Finland is making important investments in global security and stability. These investments help to prevent crises and support people in extreme distress.

We, the undersigned, want Finland to contribute towards a **stable and safe world for everyone**. To ensure this, it is important to invest in **development co-operation, humanitarian aid and peace work** as an integral part of Finland's foreign and security policy.

We demand that **Finland will not turn its back on the world**.