

## SHIRBRIG timeline

Date	Event
15 December 1996	Defence ministers from a number of countries agree on the establishment of SHIRBRIG.
31 March/1 April 1997	The Nordic Ministers of Defence discuss SHIRBRIG structure on a meeting in Greenland.
2 September 1997	UN General Secretary Kofi Annan inaugurates PLANELM.
15 January 1998	Poland signs Memorandum of Understanding for PLANELM.
18 February 1998	The Danish Defence Commission visits SHIRBRIG.
1 June 1998	Denmark hands over the Chairmanship to The Netherlands. Change of Command parade in Hoevelte. Romania signs Letter of Intent.
9 June 1998	Portugal signs Letter of Intent. The Netherlands takes over the Chairmanship.
11 June 1998	Spain signs Letter of Intent and Memorandum of Understanding.
9 to 13 <sup>th</sup> November 1998	SHIRBRIG conducts the first Staff and Comms exercise (in Denmark).
5 May 1999	Slovenia signs Letter of Intent.
17 December 1999	Change of Command from Brigadier Saermark-Thomsen (Denmark) to Brigadier Cammaert (The Netherlands).
13 January 2000	<b>SHIRBRIG is declared ready for action.</b>
26 to 27 March 2000	The Danish Defence Minister Hans Haekkerup host a seminar for the member countries defence ministers. The topic is SHIRBRIG future now it has been declared ready.
9 November 2000	By parliament decision no. B 33 the Danish HQCOY can be sent to Ethiopia/Eritrea.
17 November 2000	UNMEE Departure Parade in Hoevelte Barracks.
23 to 24 November 2000	Legal expert meeting in Copenhagen to establish the final agreement of status for personnel in UNMEE.
23 to 28 November 2000	Danish equipment and vehicles for SHIRBRIG is shipped out from Esbjerg Harbour.
13 December 2000	Danish personnel start building the initial camp – CAMP GREENFIELD – 10 kilometers outside Asmara, capital of Eritrea.
16 December 2000	SHIRBRIG joins UNMEE in accordance with SCR 1320.
4 to 7 February 2001	The Danish Minister of Defence Mr. Jan Troejborg, visits DANCON/SHIRBRIG/UNMEE and officially

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	opens “Camp Bifrost”, the Danish camp.
1 March 2001	Denmark is hosting a SHIRBRIG seminar to discuss the experiences from the UNMEE decision process.
21 to 25 April 2001	The Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs visits DANCON/SHIRBRIG/UNMEE.
6 to 9 May 2001	HRH Crown Prince Frederik visits DANCON/SHIRBRIG/UNMEE with the Danish Defence Commission and the Danish Minister of Defence.
16 June 2001	DANCON/SHIRBRIG/UNMEE is back in Denmark. It consisted of a Headquarters Company of app. 200 soldiers, a National Support Element of 40 soldiers and in the first fazes an Engineer Detachment of 80 soldiers. On top of this Denmark contributed with 6 staff officers to UNMEE headquarter in Asmara and 4 military observers.
13 December 2001	SHIRBRIG Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) in signed by the Danish Permanent Secretary for Defence Mr. Anders Troldborg and the ambassadors from the member countries at a ceremony in Hoevelte Barracks.
19 February 2003	UN DPKO asks for planning support for ECOWAS in Nigeria.
8 March 2003	Planning Team arrives to Abuja.
11 March 2003	Planning team operational in ECOWAS HQ.
20 March 2003	Planning documents finished.
21 March 2003	Redeployment to Denmark.
4 September 2003	UN requests core staff for interim HQ in Monrovia, Liberia.
19 September 2003	UNMIL in Liberia is established in accordance with SCR 1509.
19 September to 6 November 2003	SHIRBRIG participate in UNMIL with 12 officers and 7 support personnel.
August/September 2003	Country study Sudan, contingency planning.
February to April 2004	LO to UN Integrated Planning Team, NY (G3)
April to July 2004	LO to UN Technical Planning Team, Khartoum (G3)
31 Jul 2004 – 31 January 2005	Military component of Advanced UN Mission in Sudan UNAMIS, 17 SHIRBRIG members.
November/December 2004	Participation in Naivasha Peace Talks.
April to October 2005	SHIRBRIG: Nucleus of FHQ in Khartoum and Joint Military Committee Office in Juba. 54 Staff Officers and 34 Staff Platoon.

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June to December 2005	HQ Coy, Security Coy (220 personnel) in Sudan.
28 November to 2 December 2005	HRH Crown Prince Frederik and the Danish Minister of Defence visit Sudan and the Danish soldiers.
2005 - 2007	ACB-program. In 2005 the Steering Committee stated that member nations could use PLANELM for ACB as long as the member nation paid all expenses. Denmark was the only member to use this option in 2006 and 2007 for developing African Capacity Building support.
2006	UN asks for planning assistance to the Darfur Planning Team (3 SHIRBRIG officers).
July to December 2007	African Union AMISOM Planning Team (2 SHIRBRIG officers).
March to September 2008	SHIRBRIG officer in Chad (MINURCAT).
2008	ACB-program. An extensive program with EASBRIG and ECOBRIG funded by Denmark, Norway, Austria, Ireland and Spain.