

EXAMPLES OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

The United Nations



What is the United Nations?

- First international organization founded after World War II (in 1945)
 - Currently made up of 193 Member States (originally 51)
 - Its way of working, purposes and principles are contained in its founding Charter
 - Practices global governance through the discussion of common problems and shared solutions
 - All Member States are a part of the General Assembly
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Structure of the UN

- Head of the UN: Secretary-General, currently António Guterres
 - Appointed by the General Assembly for 5 years, suggested by the Security Council

 - The main bodies of the UN are, the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice, UN Secretariat

 - The Secretariat carries out the daily management of the UN
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General Assembly

- Main deliberative, representative and policymaking organ of the UN
 - Only UN body with universal representation
 - Each year in September there is a General Assembly session where all members, often represented by their Heads of State meet and discuss major issues
 - Most important issues (new members, budget etc.) require $2/3$ majority, the rest simple majority
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Security Council

- Primary responsibility for maintaining peace and security
 - 15 members, 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent
 - Permanent members: China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States
 - Each member has one vote
 - All Member States have to comply with the decisions of the Security Council
 - Can impose sanctions for peace or even use force to restore or maintain peace
 - Has a rotating Presidency, changes every month
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International Court of Justice

- Principal judicial organization of the UN
 - Found in the Hague (Netherlands)
 - The Court settles legal disputes submitted to it by States according to international law
 - It can also give legal advice to questions submitted by UN organs and specialized agencies
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Further information

- UN website: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/main-bodies>
 - <https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/AQA/Global-Systems-and-Global-Governance/Case-Studies/Global%20Systems%20and%20Governance%20-%20UN%20Case%20Study%20.pdf>
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