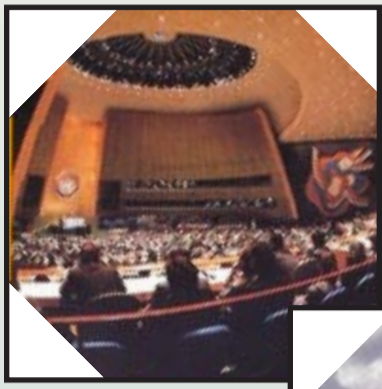


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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a founding document of the United Nations, set standards of behaviour for the world community.



Various UN agencies maintain standards of international law. Following a massive worldwide petition, the International Court of Justice ruled that the use of nuclear weapons would be illegal. The newly established International Criminal Court brings war criminals to justice.



The United Nations General Assembly provides a forum for national representatives. UN agencies, such as the UN High Commission for Refugees, play a critical role in protecting human life,

The UN has had a mixed history of peacekeeping attempts.

- Should the UN participate in international conflict?
- Does the UN Security Council, dominated by a few powerful states, act in the world's best interest?

While a top-down approach is necessary for some aspects of peacekeeping, grass-roots peacemaking is essential too.

