

THE UNITED NATIONS - ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

Role of the UN in Preserving World Peace

The Second World War occurred due to the failure of League of Nations. The nations of the world wanted to form a better international organization to prevent future wars. As a result the United Nations Organization was set up in 1945 to maintain peace across the world.

Origin of United Nations

London Declaration

The representatives of Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa met in London and proposed for the first time to establish a world organization. This is called as London Declaration.

Atlantic Charter

The US president, Franklin Roosevelt and the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill issued a declaration, called the Atlantic charter. All nations who had signed had to follow the principles of this charter.

The Washington Declaration

In 1942, met in Washington and declared United Nations. The term United Nations was first used by the US president Franklin D Roosevelt.

The Moscow Declaration

In 1943, The foreign ministers of the USA , USSR Great Britain and China declared the necessity of establishing an international organisation as early as possible. This declaration led to the foundation of UN.

Dumbarton Oaks Conference

A plan was discussed about the formation of an international organisation.

Dumberton Oaks proposals were discussed again in a conference held at Yalta.

The United Nations organisation

In 1945 the united nations charter was drawn up by representatives of 50 countries at united nations conference in San Francisco. The United Nations Organization was set up in 1945 after the Second World War to maintain peace across the world. The UNO officially came in to existence on 24th October 1945. The United Nations had its headquarters at New York, USA.

Purpose

In the Preamble to the UN Charter the objectives of United Nations are outlined. The purposes are divided into four groups they are:

- . To maintain international peace and security by suppressing the acts of aggression.
- . To develop friendly relations among nations basing on the principal of equal rights and self-determination of people.
- . To cooperate internationally by solving international problems and promoting respect for human rights and freedom.
- . To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in attaining disarm, decolonize and develop.