

THE PRINCIPAL ORGANS AND AGENCIES OF THE UN

United Nations Organisation

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. It has played an active role in averting wars and ensuring harmony between the different countries.

Principal organs of UNO:

The six principal organs of United Nations Organizations are :

- . The General Assembly
- . The Security Council
- . Economic and Social Council

- . International Court of Justice
- . Trusteeship council
- . The Secretariat

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the main organ of UNO. It is composed of representatives of all member states. The General Assembly meets in regular session beginning in September each year. All the organs have to report the General Assembly for consideration and follow up action.

The Security Council

The council is composed of five permanent members and ten temporary members. The permanent member countries are China, Russia, France, the UK and the USA. The non permanent members are elected by the

General Assembly for a two year term. This organ has the power to make decisions whereas the other organs can only recommend.

International Court of Justice

This court is the principal judicial organ of the UN. It consist of 15 judges elected for 9 year term. Each judge has to be from a different country. The headquarters of this court is at Hague, Netherlands.

Economic and Social Council

This organ of the U.N. consists of 54 representatives of the member countries elected by a two third majority of the General Assembly. It helps to achieve international co-operation by solving international problems of economic, social, cultural and humanitarian character.

Trusteeship council

This organ safeguards the interests of inhabitants of territories which are not yet fully self governing and which may be placed there under by individual agreements.

The Secretariat

This is the chief administrative office which coordinates and supervises the activities of the U.N. It is headed by a Secretary General. Secretary-General of the U.N. is elected for five years

Agencies of the UN

- . The United Nations also helps in the development of social, political and economic aspects of human society through its various organizations. There

are 16 agencies which report annually to the Economic and Social Council.

- The UNDP, United Nations Development Program is the main source of funds for technical assistance. The Head quarters of UNDP is located in New York.
- The UNICEF, united Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. To meet the needs of children such as food, drugs and clothing. In 1950 its name was changed as United Nations Children's Fund.
- The WHO, or the World Health Organization, is responsible for the health-related issues across the world. Its head quarters is at Geneva, Switzerland.
- The UNESCO, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, works towards removing illiteracy and educating children all

over the world. It has its head quarters at Paris in France.

- The ILO, or the International Labour Organisation. It is established to provide social justice to the working classes in order to ensure universal peace. It has its head quarters at Geneva in Switzerland.
- The FAO, or the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN, provides assistance on animal and plant disease control.