The UN Security Council



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Overview

- Origins
- UN Charter
- Structure and composition
- Selected events
- Canada and the SC
- Final thoughts



World War I

Clash of empires
Failed balance of power & "Concert of Europe"
National selfishness and militarism



Origin of international organization (IO) for peace

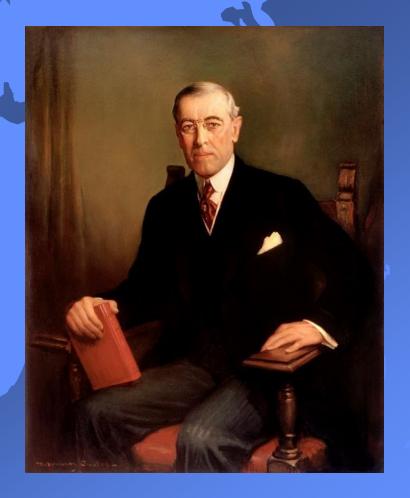
Sacrifice, progressive spirit, imperative of prevention From destruction, new hopes and dreams



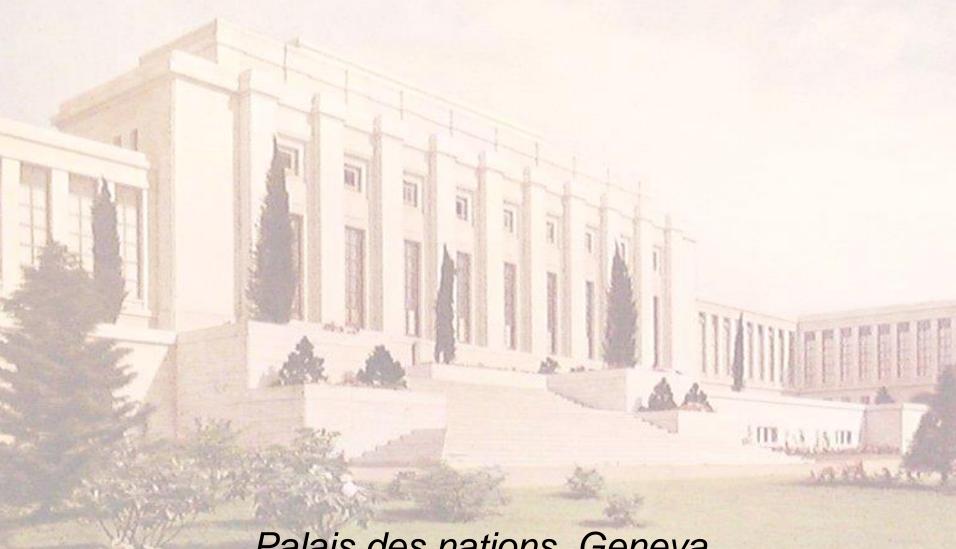
The Seed Idea

"A general association of nations must be formed under specific covenants for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike."

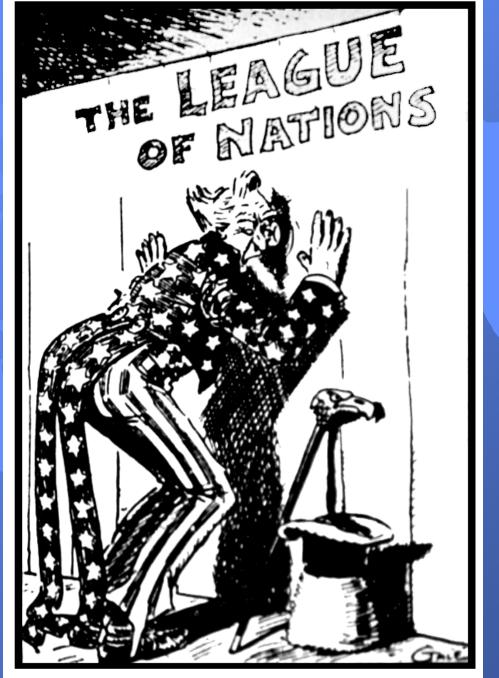
President Woodrow Wilson
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League of Nations



Palais des nations, Geneva



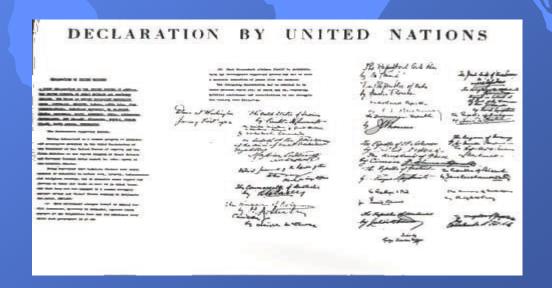
On the Outside Looking In



World War II

- League of Nations unsupported
- Declaration by United Nations (1 January 1942)

"defend life, liberty, independence and religious freedom, and to preserve human rights and justice in their own lands as well as in other lands"







From League to UN





Council

Four permanent: France, Italy, Japan & UK

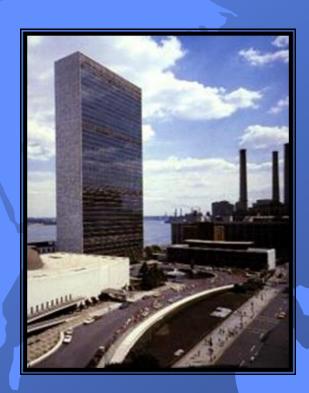
Security Council

Five permanent: China, France, UK, USA, USSR/Russia

Secretariat



Geneva Palais des Nations



New York
Headquarters

Charter of the United Nations

Preamble

I: Purposes and Principles

II: Membership

III: Organs

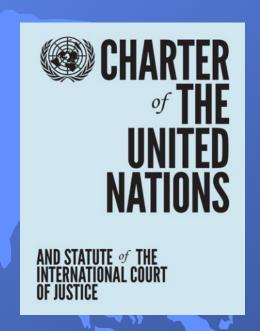
IV: The General Assembly

V: The Security Council

VI: Pacific Settlement of Disputes

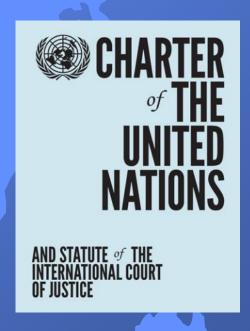
VII: Action with Respect to Threats to the Peace, Breaches of the Peace and Acts of Aggression

VIII: Regional Arrangements . . .



Article 2, Para 4

2(4): All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state...



24(1): ... Members confer on the Security Council primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security ...

The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter.

Should the Security Council consider that measures provided for in Article 41 would be inadequate or have proved to be inadequate, it may take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. ...

Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security.

Structure & Composition

Article 23 (para. 1)

The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. [China, France, USSR, UK, and USA] shall be **permanent** members of the Security Council.

The General Assembly shall **elect** ten other Members of the United Nations to be non-permanent members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution. ...



General Assembly Meets to Discuss Election of Five Non-Permanent Members of the Security Council

A delegate votes on the five non-permanent members of the Security Council. 15 October 2004, UN Photo # 51103

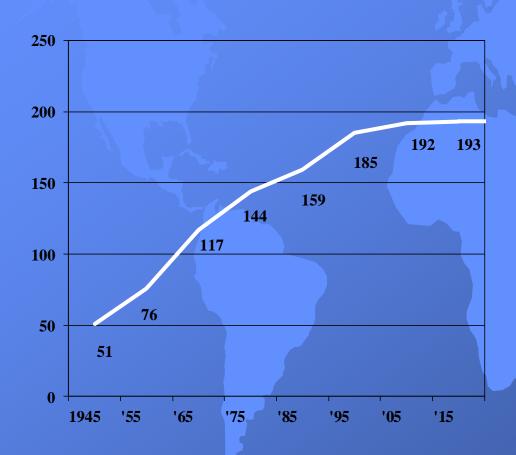
The Assembly: all membres



League Assembly

UN
General Assembly

Universality of UN membership



Most recent:
Timor Leste
Montenegro
South Sudan



Timor Leste, 27 Sept 2002

SC Non-permanent ("elected") Members

UN Charter amendment (Dec 1963): Non-permanent members from 6 to 10

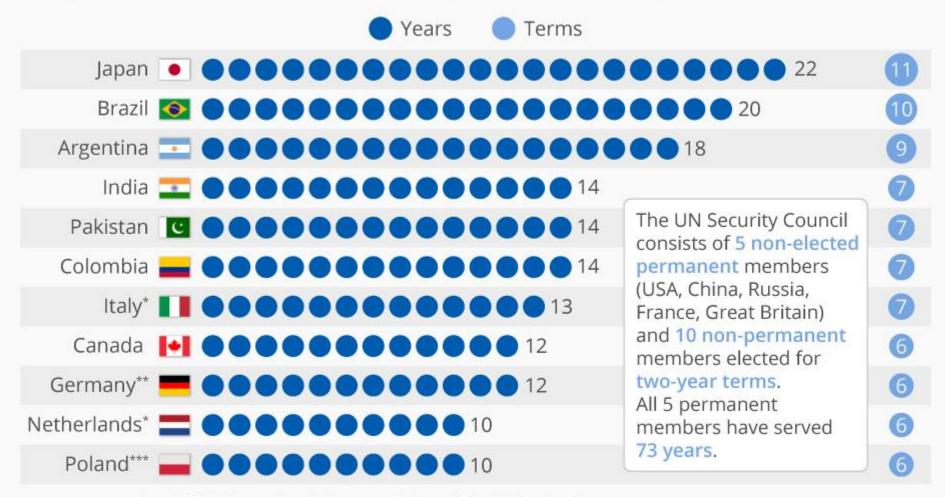
- -3 Africa
- -2 Asia
- 1 Eastern Europe
- 2 Latin America and Caribbean
- –2 Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG)

Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG)

 Andorra 	 Iceland 	 Norway
 Australia 	Ireland	 Portugal
 Austria 	Israel*	 San Marino
 Belgium 	Italy	 Spain
Canada	 Liechtenstein 	 Sweden
Denmark	 Luxembourg 	 Switzerland
Finland	 Malta 	• Turkey*
France	 Monaco 	 United Kingdom
Germany	 Netherlands 	 United States of
• Greece	 New Zealand 	America*

Who's Been Serving on the Security Council?

Non-permanent members of the UN Security Council with most years/# of terms since 1945





^{**} West & East Germany, reunited Germany

^{*** 1960-61} term was split between Poland and Turkey









The United Nations System

UN PRINCIPAL **ORGANS**

GENERAL

ASSEMBLY

SECURITY

ECONOMIC AND

SECRETARIAT

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

> **TRUSTEESHIP** COUNCIL⁶

Subsidiary Organs

- Main Committees
- Disarmament Commission
- Human Rights Council
- · International Law Commission
- Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)
- Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Funds and Programmes¹

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

- · UNCDF United Nations Capital Development
- UNV United Nations Volunteers

UNEP8 United Nations Environment Programme

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund UN-HABITAT® United Nations Human

Settlements Programme

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund WFP World Food Programme (UN/FAO)

Research and Training

UNIDIR United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNSSC United Nations System Staff College

UNU United Nations University

Other Entities

ITC International Trade Centre (UN/WTO)

UNCTAD 1,8 United Nations Conference on Trade

UNHCR¹ Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services

UNRWA1 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the

UN-WOMEN United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Related Organizations

CTBTO PREPARATORY COMMISSION

Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

IAEA^{1, 3} International Atomic Energy Agency

ICC International Criminal Court IOM International Organization for Migration

ISA International Seabed Authority

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law

OPCW3 Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

WTO1,4 World Trade Organization

COUNCIL

Subsidiary Organs

- · Counter-Terrorism Committee
- · International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
- · Military Staff Committee
- · Peacekeeping operations and political missions
- Sanctions committees (ad hoc)
- · Standing committees and ad hoc bodies

Peace building Commission

HLPF High-level political forum on sustainable development

SOCIAL COUNCIL

- · Population and Development
- · Science and Technology for Development

Functional Commissions

- Social Development
- Statistics
- · Status of Women

Narcotic Drugs

· United Nations Forum on Forests

EOSG Executive Office of the

DESA Department of Economic and

and Conference Management

DMSPC Department of Management

Strategy, Policy and Compliance

DPO Department of Peace Operations

DSS Department of Safety and Security

DPPA Department of Political and

Peacebuilding Affairs

DOS Department of Operational Support

DGC Department of Global

Communications

DGACM Department for General Assembly

Secretary-General

Departments and Offices®

Regional Commissions®

- · Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice ECA Economic Commission for Africa
 - **ECE** Economic Commission for Europe
 - ECLAC Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

OCHA Office for the Coordination of

ODA Office for Disarmament Affairs

OHCHR Office of the United Nations

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special

SRSG/VAC Office of the Special

on Sexual Violence in Conflict

on Violence Against Children

for Children and Armed Conflict

High Commissioner for Human Rights

OIOS Office of Internal Oversight Services

OSAA Office of the Special Adviser on Africa

Representative of the Secretary-General

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Humanitarian Affairs

OLA Office of Legal Affairs

- **ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- ESCWA Economic and Social Commission or Western Asia

Other Bodies

- · Committee for Development Policy
- · Committee of Experts on Public Administration
- · Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

UNGEGN United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Research and Training

UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

UNISDR United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

UNODC1 United Nations Office on Drugs

UNOG United Nations Office at Geneva

UN-OHRLLS Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

UNON United Nations Office at Nairobi UNOP² United Nations Office for Partnerships

UNOV United Nations Office at Vienna

Specialized Agencies 1,5

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development

ILO International Labour Organization

IMF International Monetary Fund

IMO International Maritime Organization ITU International Telecommunication Union

UNESCO United Nations Educational. Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization

UNWTO World Tourism Organization WHO World Health Organization

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization

UPU Universal Postal Union

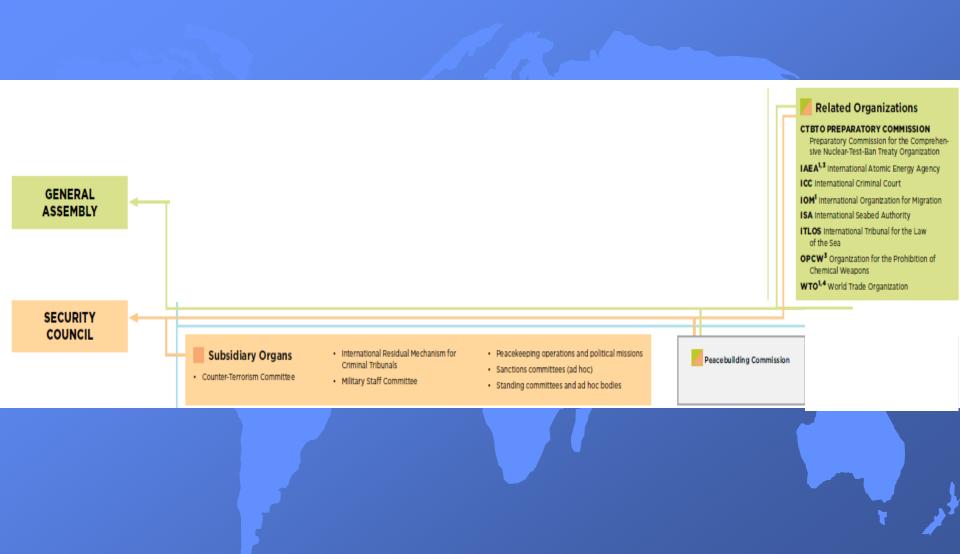
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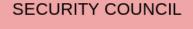
WORLD BANK GROUP7

- · IBRD International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- · IDA International Development A ssociation
- · IFC International Finance Corporation

- 1 Members of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).
- 2 UN Office for Partnerships (UNOP) is the UN's focal point vis-a-vis the United Nations Foundation, Inc.
- 3 IAEA and OPCW report to the Security Council and the General Assembly (GA). 4 WTO has no reporting obligation to the GA, but contributes on an ad hoc basis to GA and Economic and
- Social Council (ECOSOC) work on, inter alia, finance and development issues. 5 Specialized agencies are autonomous organizations whose work is coordinated through ECOSOC (inter-
- governmental level) and CEB (inter-secretariat level).
- 6 The Trusteeship Council suspended operation on 1 November 1994, as on 1 October 1994 Palau, the last United Nations Trust Territory, became independent.
- 7 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) are not specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter, but are part of the World Bank Group.
- 8 The secretariats of these organs are part of the UN Secretariat.
- 9 The Secretariat also includes the following offices: The Ethics Office, United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and the Office of Administration of Justice.

This Chart is a reflection of the functional organization of the United Nations System and for informational purposes only. It does not include all offices or entities of the United Nations System







5 permanent members with the power of veto

10 non-permanent members elected for 2-year terms

Decides

SECRETARY GENERAL

Ban Ki-moon

Implements

UN ORGANS

UNDP UNHCR UNICEF UNEP

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

FAO UNESCO WHO WTO **GENERAL**ASSEMBLY



193 members 1 country = 1 vote Recommends

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE PEACEKEEPING FORCES

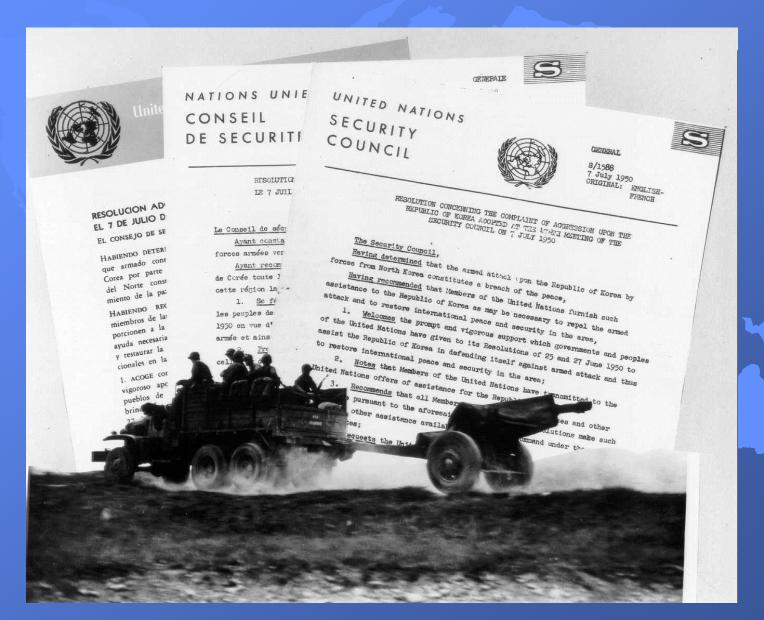
> ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Selected Events

"Police Action" in Korea 1950

Vindication of Collective Security







Cuban Missile Crisis October 1962

Stephenson-Zorin, Security Council debate

- October 25



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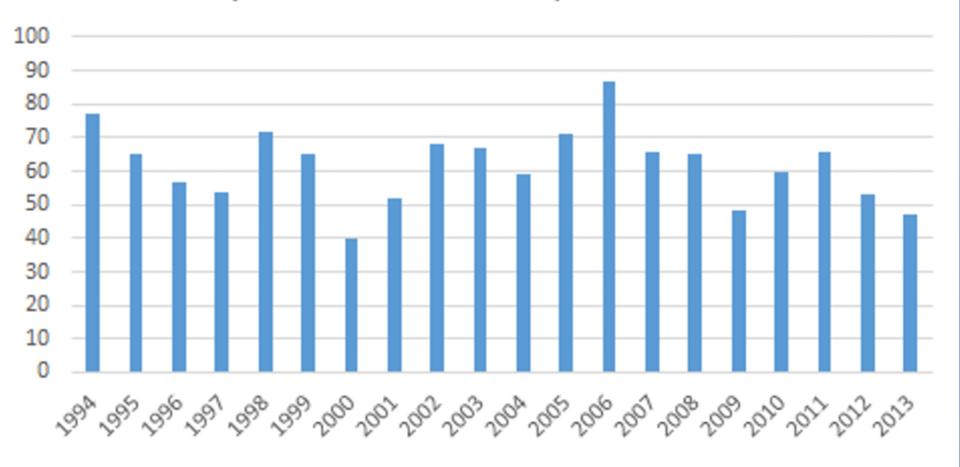
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SC votes on Resolution 678 ("all necessary means" to uphold its resolutions, if Iraq does not withdraw from Kuwait) 29 November 1990, UN Photo 31700

Security Council resolutions passed since 1994



Source: UN Security Council

Peace Enforcement: Types

- Sanctions
 - Monitoring compliance; assessing impact
 - Military role
- Enforcement (Military Action)
 - Gulf War (1991), Kosovo Bombing (1999, without SC resolution), Libya (2011)
- Coercive Disarmament
 - UNSCOM/UNMOVIC: Intelligence-sharing issues

Sanctions

Sanctions committees

- Only two committees to 1990: South Africa (1963-94), S. Rhodesia (1965-79)
- Ten in 1990s: Iraq (1990-), former Yugoslavia (1992-98),
 Somalia (1992-94), Libya (1992-94), Liberia (1992-97), Haiti 1993-94), Angola/UNITA (1993-), Rwanda (1994-98), Sierra Leone (1997-), Afghanistan (1999-)
- Many in 2000-2010: Eritrea-Ethiopia (2000-01), Liberia (2001); Iran (2006-); Libya (2011); ...

National submissions

Over 40,000 communications in one year

Sanctions Enforcement Support Teams

Neighboring countries

International Criminal Tribunals & Court

ICTY (1993-2017)



ICTR (1994-2015)



International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Tribunal pénal international pour le Rwanda

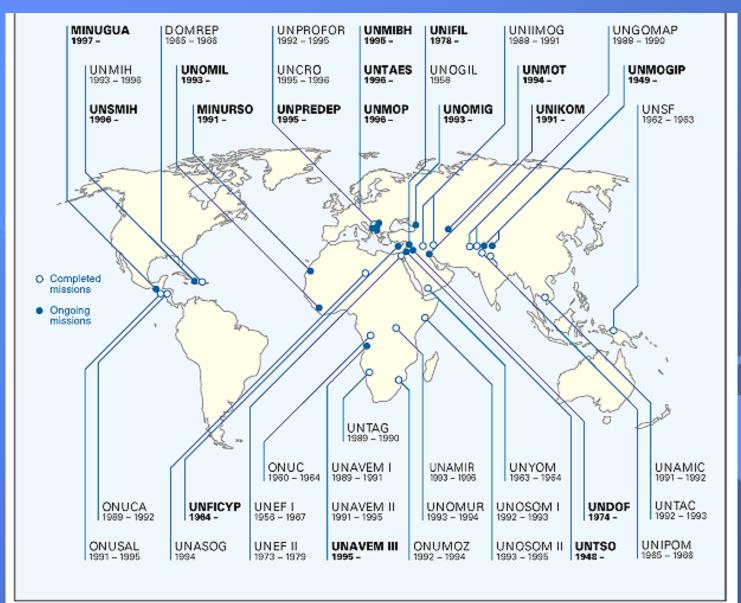


February, 1995, The Hague: Goldstone at left, as Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, with the Tribunal judges.

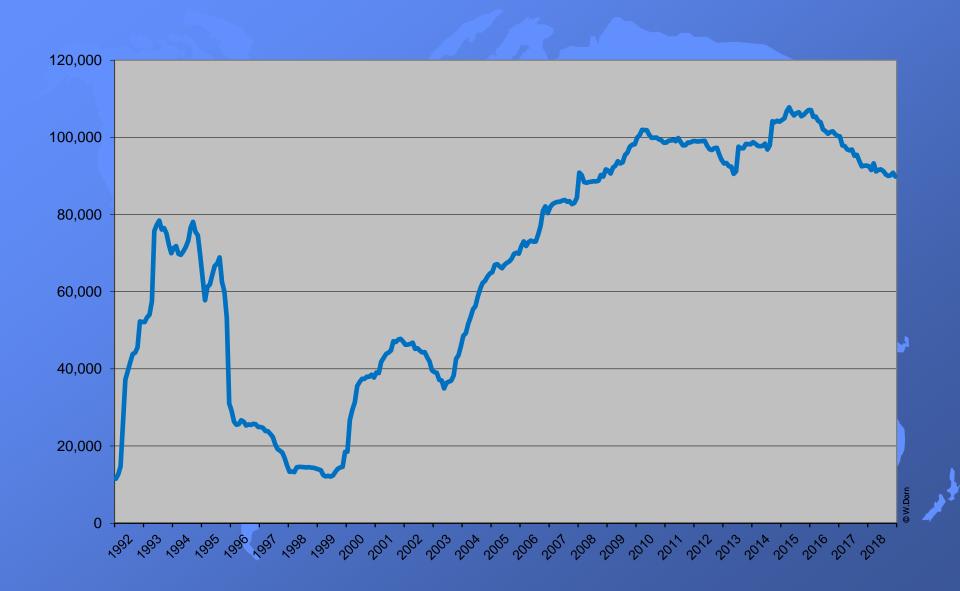
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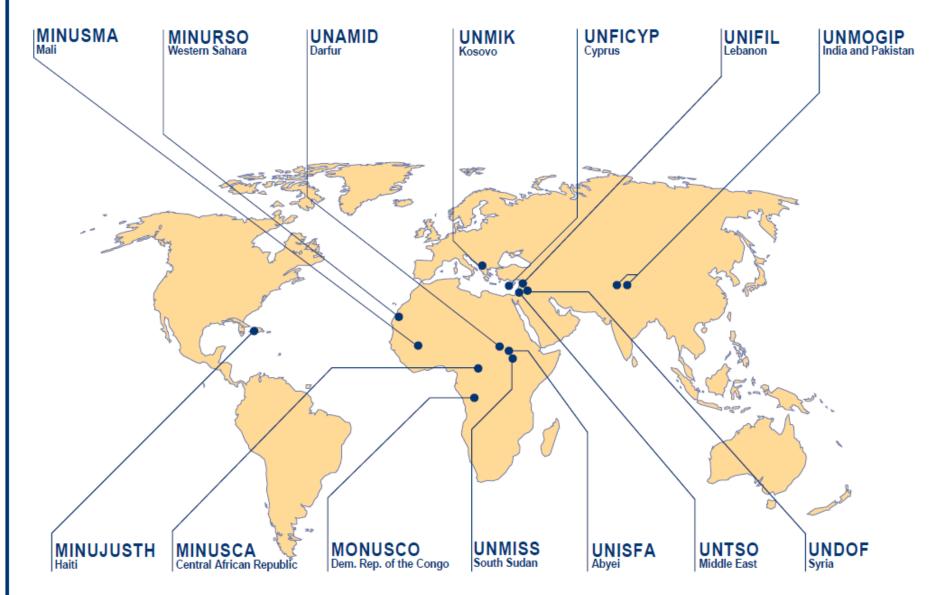
Peace Operations: 20th Century



Uniformed Personnel in UN Peacekeeping



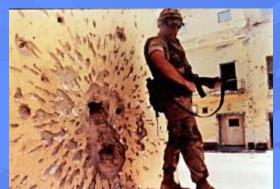
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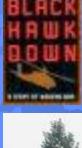


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Difficult Situations 1993-95





Somalia













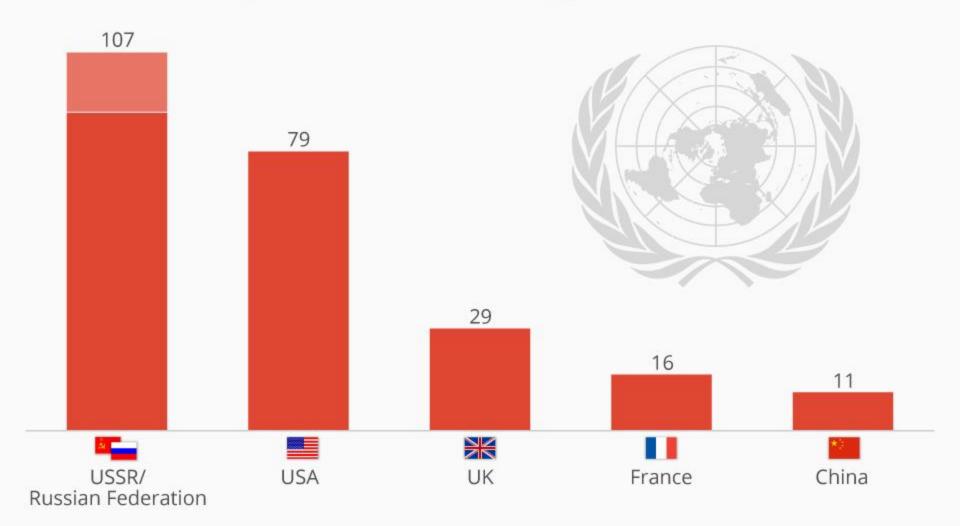


US Secretary of State Colin Powell holds up a vial that he described as one that could contain anthrax 5 February 2003



Who Vetoed the Most in the UN?

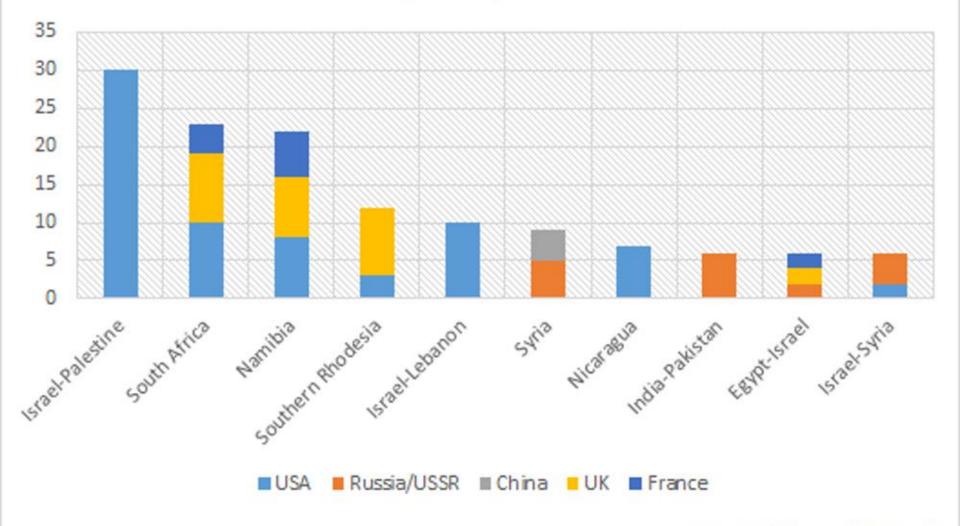
Number of UN Security Council resolutions vetoed by permanent members 1946–2017







Issues that have prompted the most vetoes



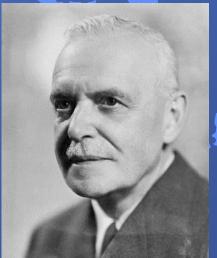
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Canada and the UN SC

San Francisco 1945







"Golden Age" of Canadian Diplomacy

General Andrew McNaughton

 Canada's first permanent delegate to UN in New York, 1948; Security Council President, 1949

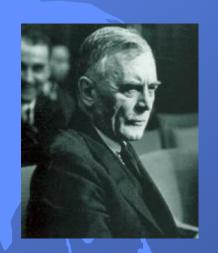
Brig. Harry Angle

- Chief Military Observer, UNMOGIP, July 1950
- First Canadian to die in a peacekeeping mission



Lt. Gen. Tommy Burns

- Chief of Staff, UNTSO, 1955-56
- First Commander, UN Emergency Force, 1956-59





Nobel Peace Prize 1957



Lester B. Pearson Oslo, 11 décembre 1957



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On the Council

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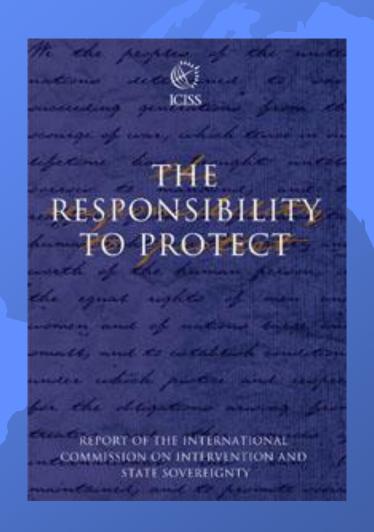
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Security Council President Robert Fowler (Canada) confers with Secretary-General Kofi Annan (left), prior to reading out a presidential statement on the situation between Ethiopia and Eritrea.





Allan Rock, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, addressing the General Assembly on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council, at UN Headquarters. 26 July 2005.



Minister Lawrence Cannon conceding the SC seat to Portugal. 12 October 2010.

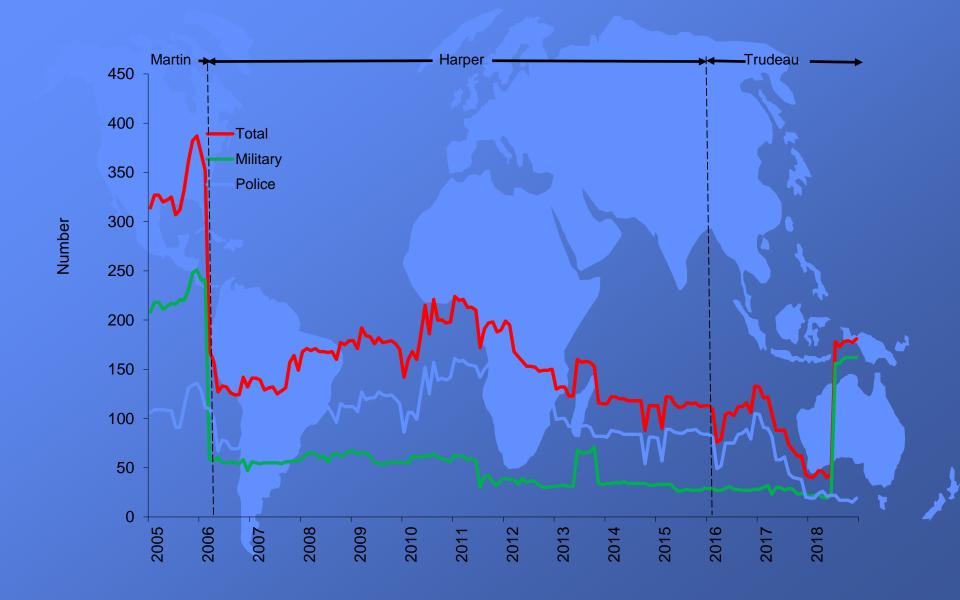


Harjit Minister Singh Sajjan at Security Council meeting on collective action to improve United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. 28 March 2018. UN Photo # 75588

Canadian Uniformed Personnel in UN Peacekeeping 1950-



Canadian Uniformed Personnel 2005-





Lt. General Roméo Dallaire (retired) (right), founder of the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, with Marc-André Blanchard, Permanent Rep of Canada to the UN. SC debate on children and armed conflict. 31 October 2017.

Current Campaign







Tensions and Dynamics

- SC vs General Assembly
- Permanent vs non-permanent members
- SC composition: Realist vs democratic
- SC and UN SG
- Legal vs political
- Sovereignty vs common interest
- West vs Russia & China
 - intervention
 - « Corridor diplomacy »

SC Reform

Critics call for SC to be more ...

- representative
- accountable
- legitimate
- democratic
- transparent
- effective
- fair

Great Power (through a Canadian lens)?

One Power framework (4 types):

- Hard Power (material in nature)
- Soft Power (ideological)
- Productive Power (creation of things together that could not be realised through individual pursuit – alliances, trade, diplomacy)
- Structural Power (shaping outcomes through the control of Regimes [Principles, Norms, Rules, and Decision-making Procedures])

Overview

- Origins
- UN Charter
- Structure and composition
- Selected events
- Canada
- Final thoughts



The End ...

of the Beginning







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Global Issues

- Aggression
- Arms proliferation
- Environment
- Epidemics
- Crime and terrorism
- Human rights
- Refugees
- Etc