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Is Peace Possible In a World Full of Weapons?

OUTLINE :-

1 - Introduction

It is possible to achieve peace in a world full of weapons, through the implementation of international law, and rising civil societies. However, the threat of war is always present due to existence of extremism and terrorism. Despite these challenges, peace can be created through ^{the} unity among the nations.

2 - How peace is possible and impossible in a world full of weapons.

3 - Peace is achievable in a world full of weapons

- a) Nuclear weapons have helped to deter war
- b) International organizations can help to promote peace
- c) The spread of democracy and economic interdependence
- d) The threat of mutual annihilation created mutual interest
- e) Peace is a choice as a global community

4 - Peace is not achievable in a world full of weapons

- a) Nuclear weapons have created the risk of accidental war
- b) International organizations made unsuccessful attempts
- c) Democratic countries and economic interdependence can lead to conflict

- d) The threat of mutual annihilation created fear
- e) Different prices could be obstacles in achieving peace as a global community. as a choice.

5) World full of weapons have helped more to deter war as compare to destruction

a) Weapons have helped to deter war despite of the potential of destruction

b) International organization have played a role in resolving conflicts

c) It has become more difficult to countries to go to war due to democracy and economic interdependence

d) The threat of global destruction has created common interest in peace between major powers

e) The obstacles can be removed through unity and efforts. Peace can be a choice.

6) Conclusion

"Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means" (Ronald Reagan). This means that conflicts occur among the nations and cannot be avoided. But, in the world, the main thing is how to handle and overcome these issues and problems by mutual understanding. Therefore, it is possible to achieve peace in a world full of weapons through the implementation of international law and rising civil societies. However the threat of war is always present due to existence of extremism and terrorism. Despite these challenges, peace can be created through the unity among the nations. Furthermore, Nuclear weapons have helped to deter war between major powers for over 70 years. The international organizations like United Nation can help to promote peace through proper implementation of the international law. The spread of democracy and economic interdependence can also contribute to peace. The threat of global destruction has created mutual interest in peace. Peace should also be a choice that we can choose to live with. At the same time there are risk associated with the existence of weapons, and that peace is not guaranteed. However, peace is possible through mutual efforts to make it reality.

~~To promote peace, nuclear weapons have helped to prevent the war in the world.~~

The presence of weapons in the world has both positive and negative impacts on peace of the world. On one hand, peace has been promoting since the end of world war II. For instance, there

have been no major wars between nuclear-armed states and risk of nuclear war has declined significantly since the end of the cold war (Steven Pifer, "The Decline of Nuclear War", 2019). On the other hand, achieving peace in a world full of weapons is considered as an impossible thing. The presence of these weapons have created the risk of accidental war and proliferation. Another reason behind it is that international organizations may not be as much effective to handle these risks and they can be manipulated by powerful states (Michael J. Glennon, "The Limits of International Law", 2001).

To promote peace, nuclear weapons have supported to deter war between major powers for over 70 years. Since the end of world war II, the threat of nuclear war has decreased to avoid the massive destruction. Major nuclear powers do not use their weapons in war currently as their usage could lead towards mutually destruction. For example, the cubic missile crisis of 1962 was avoided because both United States and Soviet union knew that a nuclear war would be mutually destruction. Currently, Russia has the most confirmed nuclear weapons, with 5997 nuclear warheads. United States is on second number with 5428 nuclear warheads (ICAN, Which countries have nuclear weapons, 2023). Thus nuclear weapons have helped to avoid war.

Alongside of nuclear weapon to deter war, international organizations and institutions also played vital role

in promoting peace. The organizations and institutions are developed to maintain world order and its peace. United nation has been involved in mediating conflicts, providing humanitarian aid, and building trust between countries. For example Korean war, Vietnam war, and the Gulf war. United nation is the most important international organization for promoting peace and security at global level. The main purpose of united nation is to help nations work together with mutual trust. In this way, not only war can be avoided but also the hunger, illiteracy, rights, freedom, all issues could be overcome (Henry Kissinger, "Peace through strength", 1957). In this way, international organizations has been contributing for many years to promote peace.

Furthermore, the spread of democracy and economic interdependence has also contributed to peace.

Democracy provides methods for dealing with differences and conflicts. In a democracy, no one is permanent winner. Different people can live together in harmony and peace.

Similarly, a dependent state should avoid war to get all trading benefits and boost their economies. A study by the Research

Peace Institute Oslo found that democracies have fought only 20% of all wars since 1945.

The current example of economic interdependence is the current relationship between the governments of USA and China. Their trading relationship ensures a system of interdependence. Hence, it is clear that how democracy and

Economic interdependence contributes to peace in the world.

Just like economic interdependence, the threat of mutual destruction has created mutual interest between the major powers. Because every nation has realized this fact that war would be destruction for its own country. The knowledge that nuclear war would be mutually destructive has created a strong reason for countries to avoid conflict. In this regard the concept of Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) is very important to understand. It is military strategy and it is used in wars when if one side makes an attack, the destruction of both sides is ensured. A study by the center for strategic and international studies found that MAD doctrine has been a major factor in deterring nuclear war (Jeffrey Lewis, "The MAD Doctrine: Detering Nuclear War", 2017). In a nutshell the threat of mutual destruction resists countries to engage in war.

Peace is possible and it is always a choice. We can choose to live in a world of peace even if there are weapons around us. Therefore, we must make this choice as a global community. In this time of chaos and competition, no nation can afford the nuclear war. We make peace for better living.

Every nation wants a peaceful environment where it can enjoy its freedom and can make it secure as well. Due to advancement in technology, every nation

wants to get the ^{at} benefits and get a stable position in the world. For this purpose all nations, particularly the superpowers should avoid conflicts and issues and make this essential choice of peace to sustain their positions in the world. (Kofi Annan, "The Future of Peace", 2005). In short, peace is a choice that we must make as a global society.

But at the same time nuclear weapons have created the risk of accidental war. Because unsolved issues could lead toward the occurrence of war at any time. It is not easy to maintain peace when every one is in race to get power. This presence of weapons are sources for most of the extremist and terrorist groups to destroy the peace at global level. Most of these weapons are falling into the groups like TTP and BLA. According to World Terror Index 2023, BLA is now the world's fastest growing terror group. These groups are directly targeted at Pakistan and terrorist activities are increasing day by day. Thus, presence of nuclear weapons ~~are~~ is the source of wars in the world.

Similarly, the international organizations made unsuccessful attempts to promote peace. The main reason of this failure is the influence of the world powers and lack of accountability.

There are some peacekeeping operations have failed due to inactive and weak political and financial institutions. There are many international issues on which international organizations lack their interest and attention due to their

personal preferences (Jeffrey Lewis, "The Danger of Accidental Nuclear War", 2021). Beside this United nation has failed in maintaining the cooperation between the states. In fact, a failure of UN is normally better understood as a failure of international co-operation (Dr Jonathan Symons, "Successes and Failures of the UN", 2020). In this way, International institutions do not make successful efforts all time.

Furthermore, democratic countries and economic interdependence can lead to conflict. It is also observed that democratic states have gone to war with each other and economic interdependence among the nations has caused the conflict between them. Leaders of democratic nations have stronger reasons to start conflict with other countries than the autocratic nation. Conflicts can occur when democratic countries try to promote their values in non-democratic countries. For example, United States has been criticized for its intervention in other countries in the name of promoting democracy. Similarly when countries are economically interdependent, it can be difficult for them to resolve their conflict peacefully. It is because they are afraid of economic consequences of sanctions or war. For example, U.S and China have been unable to resolve their trade dispute peacefully and this dispute caused significant economic damage to both countries (Yulong Huang, "The U.S-China Trade war has become a cold war", 2021). It means that democracies and economic interdependence has negatively affected the peace of world.

At the same time, the threat of mutual annihilation created fear and mistrust among the nations. Because mutual destruction has caused the feelings of panic and fight among the nations. Nuclear weapons are severely destructive. A single nuclear bomb can kill thousands of people and destroy entire cities. Nuclear weapons are irreversible. Once a nuclear bomb is launched, there is no way to stop it. This means that a nuclear war could start by accident with unpredictable and severe consequences. That's why the threat of mutual destruction has negative impact on the international relations. It makes difficult for nations to cooperate on most basic and important issues, such as climate change and terrorism. Such conditions may lead towards conflicts among nations (Robert Jervis, "The psychology of nuclear deterrence", 1989). Consequently, the threat of mutual destruction generated the fear among the nations.

As there is fear among the nations of nuclear weapons, then peace cannot be a choice of any nation. The reason behind this is the powerful forces which could be obstacles in achieving peace at global level. These obstacles could be fear, greed and misunderstanding. According to Mahatma Gandhi, "Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice". But when nations get greedy and do not trust each other, so it is not easy to get justice and stable the peace in the world.

But at the same time weapons have helped to

deter war despite of the potential of destruction. This is due to the "Mutual assured destruction" (MAD) doctrine. MAD doctrine states that if one country attacks another with nuclear weapons, the other country will retaliate with its own nuclear weapons, resulting in the destruction of both nations. Countries with nuclear weapons can take a number of risk reduction measures to reduce the chances of accident or launch. Nations can remove nuclear weapons from their launch status and store them in a safe and secure manner. Similarly nations can exchange information about the nuclear doctrine and procedure, as well as conduct joint exercises and training. For example, the United States and Russia have a number of confidence building measures such as Nuclear Risk Reduction centers (NRRCs). The NRRCs are staffed by experts from both countries who are responsible for exchanging information and preventing misunderstanding.

Furthermore, International organizations and institutions have played a vital role in preventing and resolving conflicts among the nations. If in some cases these organizations have failed in getting success but on the other hand these institutions have gotten success in many operations to maintain peace in the world. International organizations play a broader role in promoting peace by providing a forum for dialogue and negotiations. For example, the

UN has played a key role in developing the international law of armed conflict, which helps to limit the harm caused by war.

Besides the U.N, there are other organizations which have done successful operation to make peace in the world. For example, the African Union helped to intervene in Darfur conflicts in Sudan in 2004, which helped to reduce violence and improve the humanitarian situation. In this way, these organization have made a significant contribution to reducing violence and promoting peace around the world.

Now it is very difficult for the countries to go to war due to democracy and economic interdependence. Because the dependent states have fear of bad consequences from the powerful states on their economies, in the form of sanctions and war. The features of democracies includes free press & strong rule of law and culture of civic engagement, are useful in promoting peace and accountability among the countries. Economic interdependence can help to build trust and cooperation between countries because war would hurt both countries (Michael Doyle, "Why Democracies Excel", 2008).

Thus, democracies and economic interdependences can improve the peace in the world.

Similarly to avoid war, the threat of global destruction has produced the common interest in peace between the countries. Because nations know that weapons and war can cause

of destruction for all of us. The threat of global destruction can lead to cooperation between countries. Countries may come together to try to prevent a war from happening. This cooperation can lead to improved relations between countries and a more peaceful world. The threat of nuclear war helped to deter the cold war from becoming a hot war. The threat of ~~nuclear~~ ~~war~~ climate change has led to increased cooperation between the countries to address the problem.

Similarly the threat of terrorism has made people aware of the importance of security and stability. For example, threat of nuclear war ~~is~~ ~~is~~ deter many countries from developing their own nuclear weapons (Richard Clarke, "The age of terror: America and the world after 9/11", 2004)

To support peace, threat of mutual destruction between the countries has generated common interest in peace.

The possibility of peace can be achieved by making it most important choice. Because peace is crucial to live a better life.

There are several way to make a peace as a choice. Peace can be chosen as a goal. This means building relationships, resolving conflicts peacefully and promoting understanding between different groups of people. Peace can be chosen as a strategy through using diplomacy, negotiation

Of course choosing peace is not always easy but not impossible. It is important to remember that peace is always the better choice. War is destructive and costly, both in terms of human life and economic resources. On the other hand, peace is the foundation for the better future for all (Kofi Annan, "The Future of Peace", 2005). It means peace can be chosen to avoid war and to promote the stability in the world.

In summation, it is cleared that peace is not impossible thing to the world. It can be created at national and international level. Although conflicts occur between the nations and cannot be avoided. But there are several peaceful methods, through which these conflicts and issues can be resolved by mutual understanding between the nations. Therefore, it is possible to achieve peace in a world full of weapons. It is cleared now that presence of threats of war is unavoidable because of several factors such as extremism and terrorism. But at the same time, these factor can be handled by international organizations, institutions, diplomacy and negotiation. The threat of global destruction is an other way to create the common interest between the nations regarding peace. As countries know

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that war would be the source of destruction for themselves too. However, it is not an easy task to maintain peace at global level, but by mutual cooperation and understanding, peace can be achieved everywhere and any time to live a happy life on the earth. As Albert Einstein stated that - "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding".

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