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ASSIGNMENT #01

Q:- Critically Analyse the successes and Failures of United Nations.

INTRODUCTION:-

As League of Nations was failed to maintain peace and security and WWII started. After WWII, there was need of an organization who could maintain peace and security in the world. So United Nations came into being in 1945 whose core purpose was to keep international peace. Throughout the history of the United nations, it had been passed through many successes and failures and we will look the reasons for both.

SUCCESSES

1. PEACE KEEPING:-

The first and foremost it has prevented the occurrence of any

world war like WWI & WWII. Since 1945, UN has been credited with negotiating **172** peace settlements that have ended regional conflicts. For example, **Cuban Missile Crisis 1962,** When USA and USSR were very closed to start a new world war. **SALT1** and **SALT2** treaties were signed between the two under UN and more than **10,000** nuclear weapons were disposed of by USA and USSR.

2- DISARMAMENT:-

There is a significant role of UN in disarming the world and stopping the growth of nuclear weapons. There have been treaties like "Partial Test Ban Treaty-1963" "Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty- 1968" and "Comprehensive Test Ban treaty-1996" signed under United Nations by member states. According to these treaties, states can use nuclear technology only for the peaceful purposes and trade.

3- ENDING APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA-

United Nations was a major factor in bringing about the downfall of apartheid

system in South Africa. On 6 November, 1962, The United Nations General Assembly passed **Resolution 1761**, a non-binding resolution establishing United Nations Special Committee against apartheid and calling for imposing economic and other sanctions on South Africa. United Nations also encouraged organizations (NGOs), media, writers, artists, athletes, etc. to assist the freedom movement in 1960. Finally in 1994, elections in which all South Africans were allowed to participate on an equal basis led to the establishment of multiracial Government.

4. INTERNATIONAL LAW:-

United Nations has been succeeded in maintaining International Law such as:

• The United Nations made special tribunals for the prosecution of international criminals who involved in violation of international law. For example, special Criminal Tribunal Liberia, where a dictator charles Taylor killed **100,000** people in Liberia and he was prosecuted by UN and sentenced to 50 years of imprisonment.

• It has also worked for the stability and order of the world's ocean. The 1982 UN Convention on Law of Sea, provides the legal framework for all activities in the oceans and seas.

5. FAMINE AND POVERTY:-

The World Food Program is known as one of the most successful programs UN has ever ratified because of its enormous impacts on global community. Every year, the UN feeds 104 million people in 80 poor countries with famine and draught situation. UN through its agencies, provide good to people in war zones, to refugees, to people hit by natural disasters such as flood, earthquake, IDPs etc.

6- HEALTH:-

UN is considered a successful organization in health achieving goals. Thanks to a 10-year WHO-spread global effort that involved thousands of health workers around the world to administer a half billion vaccinations to stamp out smallpox in 1980. It also responeded to

COVID-19 as it launched a **$2 Billion** coordinated global Humanitarian Response Plan to fight the impact of COVID in some of the most vulnerable countries.

7- CLIMATE CHANGE:-

For over 50 years, UNEP has worked with governments, civil society, and the private UN entities to address humanity's most pressing environmental challenges - from restoring the ozone layer to protect the world's seas. The UN Framework Convention on Climate change **(UNFCCC)** sets out COP summits every year in which steps are decided to reduce carbon emissions as there is already increase in temperature. Kyoto Protocol and Vienna Convention Climate change to protect environment.

FAILURES

1. RWANDA GENOCIDE 1994:-

Rwanda Genocide is considered one of the biggest failures in the history of UN. United Nations

observed the threat of genocide already between Houthis and Tutsis and sent its peace-keeping forces to stop the genocide. But even in the presence of peace-keeping forces, genocide took place and more than **800,000** were killed. This was the failure of UN that its peace-keeping forces that they could not stop genocide to take place

2- CONGO CRISIS 2005:-

There were civil wars, women trafficking, sex trafficking, child abuse, money laundering, corruption and many other crimes in Congo. United Nations sent its peace-keeping forces in Congo to understand and stop the whole class. Peace keeping forces solved the issue after a long time and investigations started. After the investigation, it was known the peace-keeping forces were themselves in the crisis and human trafficking. So it was a failure of United Nations.

3. PALESTINE AND KASHMIR ISSUE:-

These two issues are as old as UN itself but it is failed to resolve the issues. It is failed to resolve the Palestine issue due to the misuse of VETO power by USA. Whenever UN wanted to pass resolution against Israel, USA vetoed that resolution. Also there are 11 resolutions passed on Kashmir issue. The failure of the security council efforts of mediation owed to the fact that the council regarded the issue as a purely political.

4. FAILED TO STOP MANY DISPUTES:-

Although United Nations played role for not entering the world into WWIII, but it has failed to stop many disputes around the globe in history and currently. For example UN was nowhere in the cold war. Korean War, USA attack on Iraq, US military interventions in Afghanistan and in current situation, UN failed to resolve the Russian-Ukraine War, It is also failed to control the horizontal expansion and proliferation of weapons and arms.

5- HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION:-

There are a lot of cases of Human rights violations but UN failed to protect their rights. One of the reasons is that as of September 2020, member states only paid **60%** of their contributions to UN general's budget. As a result, some UN-appointed human rights experts who work under the Human Rights Council were unable to carry out their mandate to monitor and address human rights abuses.

CONCLUSION:-

Although there are several failure of United Nations, but it is an overall successful organization whose importance cannot be. In a short way, we can conclude that United Nations has been very successful in developing socio-economic conditions but there are more concerns about peace and security issues.

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