

Challenges facing the UN in the 21st century

Outline

1. Introduction:

Thesis statement: The United Nations which was formed to maintain peace is facing several challenges, which harm the effectiveness of the UN.

2. Challenges are being faced by the UN:

2.1 Nuclearization of the world

2.2 Climate change

2.3 Poverty and food insecurity

2.4 Weaponization of space

2.5 To bring reform in its structure
UNSC is a challenge

2.6 Conflicts worldwide: Ukraine war, middle East crisis etc

2.7 Risks of nuclear war

2.8 Pandemics: A case study of Covid 19

2.9 Usage of artificial intelligence in defence system and its wrong utilization against humans

2.10 Sustaining of world peace

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Consequences:

- 3.1 Threat to its effectiveness
- 3.2 mass killings of humans
Reuters report on Gaza
- 3.3 Chaos worldwide
- 3.4 Increase in casualties due to non-traditional security

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Way forwards:

- 4.1 Bringing reforms in one of its organs **UNSC** mainly
- 4.2 Contribution of nation states to respect UN charter
- 4.3 Veto powers should work to make the United Nations more democratic
- 4.4 Collective security is needed against non-traditional security threats

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Conclusion:

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The Essay

When the world war two ~~was~~ started like storm and vanished the beauty of the earth, the leaders of the world founded an organization. which is known as the UN and became hope for a peaceful and free world. Sadly, this hope is heading towards hardships. The United Nations is facing serious challenges. These challenges include nuclearization of the world, climate change, poverty and food insecurity. Besides, weaponization of space, reformation its one of the most prominent organs and wars worldwide push the UN in pensive situations. Also, risks of nuclear war, pandemics and usage of the artificial intelligence in defence and wars are the most dangerous challenges to the UN. Consequently, these challenges make massive threats to UN, increase mass killings of humans and erupt causalties. Additionally, bringing

Reforms in the United Nations Security Council, Contribution of nation states, promotion of democratic nature of the UN and collective security against non-traditional security can assist the UN to gain power. Therefore, the main aim of this Essay is to ascribe challenges, consequences and along with solutions.

To being with challenges, the foremost challenge is nuclearization of the world. Nation states like Iran, Israel and new aspirant nations have been trying to gain warheads. Also, the NPT states pose threat to the capacity of the United Nations. Currently, the withdrawal of Russia from CTBT nuclear control treaty is making the capability of the UN questionable and vulnerable to lessen the nuclearization of the world. According to International Atomic Energy Agency there are numerous states in the West Asia which have been developing nuclear bombs. Therefore, this is one of the serious challenges for the United Nations to counter.

Moreover, climate change is also posing threat and challenges to the existence of the UN. Climate change which is one of the most serious issues worldwide. The United Nations has been conducting treaties among the developing and developed countries to encounter the issue. The failure of Kyoto protocol and implementation of numerous objectives on the countries have been creating challenges for the UN. For instance, in COP 27

the emission of CO₂ and maintaining the global temperature below 1.5°C were not followed by the countries. Besides, loss and damage fund for the most effected nations of developing countries also ignored. Consequently, being international body of justice the UN currently is facing to deliver justice to the nations. Thus, the UN is suffering to overcome from the risk of climate change.