

Has UN become a toothless body?

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Thesis Statement: UN

has remained fail to achieve its goals. Hence, it has become a ~~feetless~~ ^{toothless} body.

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i) Wars are still ongoing

. Israel-Hamas war. Russia-Ukraine war

ii) Human rights violations are occurring

AL Jazeera: Israel is killing Palestinian children and women

iii) Civil wars are increasing

Syrian civil war Yemen civil war

iv) Conflicts between nations have not been resolved

Kashmir conflict between India and Pakistan

v) Diplomatic enmity between nations is rising

• China and India
diplomatic troubles

• Russia and USA
diplomatic tussle

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vi) Hegemony of P5 countries is prevalent

veto power of P5 countries

vii) Representation of west is more than East

Africa does not hold veto power

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i) Peace keeping missions are sent
peace keeping missions in Africa
and Asia

ii) Sanctions are imposed on countries

Russia was sanctioned

iii) Weapons of mass destruction are discouraged

Iran faces sanctions

iv) International Criminal Court of Justice was established by UN

ICJ issued arrest warrant for Putin

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i) Peace keeping missions are accused of human rights violation

Example of Sudan peace keeping mission

ii) Wars remain continue despite sanctions

example of Russia-Ukraine war

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iii) Countries are testing nuclear weapons

North Korea is testing nuclear weapons

iv) International Criminal Court of Justice remained fail to achieve its objective

- Despite ICJ ruling, Israel did not stop war against Palestine

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The Essay

The Second world war created a havoc on a massive level. It had engulfed millions of precious human lives. This bloodshed events had awakened the consciousness of human beings for restricting the occurrence of this type of events. Resultantly, they established an organisation for keeping check and balances on the factors that could incite blood thirsty events again. This organisation is known as United Nations.

Sadly, It remained fail to achieve its objectives. Currently, UN has remained fail to achieve its goals. Hence, it has become a toothless body. There are various grounds that depict the failure of this international body. The continuation of traditional wars, civil wars, and human rights violations indicate the helplessness

of UN. Furthermore, conflicts and diplomatic enmity between nations apparently shows the ineffectiveness of this international organisation. The representation of west and the hegemony of P5 countries in UN also fall under this category. While many ~~str~~ disagree with this opinion and endorse that UN is still an active body for maintaining peace. According to them, it sends peace keeping missions, imposes sanctions on the countries, and discourages weapons of mass destruction. Another active body of UN that establishes peace is International Criminal Court of Justice. However, their arguments are not valid. Despite ~~imp~~ sending peace keeping missions, imposing sanctions, and discouraging nuclear weapons, peace has not been established in world.

All of these initiatives of United Nation have some underlying drawbacks. In this way, UN has become a failed.

Organisation.

The institution of United Nations was established after the occurrence of second world war. On 24 October, 1945, it was formally inaugurated. Its main objectives were to maintain universal peace, foster good relations between states, and encourage mutual cooperation among countries. Unfortunately, it remained unable to completely achieve its objectives.

The first ground that reflects the ineffectiveness of international organisation is the continuation of wars among states. UN was aimed at preventing the wars among countries but it remained powerless to do so. Currently, many many states are engaged in war with each other. The worth-citing example is of Israel and Palestine war. Similarly, Russia - Ukraine war is another example. Therefore, UN has become a helpless

body because of not restricting wars.

Building on the previous idea, another concern of failure of this body is violation of human rights in wars. The safety of human rights is the duty of UN that is not being fulfilled. The violation of human rights are occurring in many wars.

Firstly, Israel is killing the children and women of the people of Palestine as reported by AL Jazeera.

Similarly, Russia is accused of violating human rights in Ukraine. In this way, the helplessness of UN becomes apparent.

Similar to the occurrence of traditional wars among countries, the civil wars within the countries also undermine the reputation of United Nations. Various countries are engaged in civil wars due to different reasons. The civil war in Syria and Yemen are pertinent examples. Although, it is the objective of UN to prevent wars, it has not fulfilled. Hence, the failure

this body also becomes visible here.

The next objective that has not been resolved by UN is resolving the conflicts between countries.

This institution is responsible for finding a middle path for states in order to resolve their conflicts.

Some conflicts are very old, and ^{these} have not been resolved yet. A prominent conflict is Kashmir conflict between India and Pakistan. It has been 77 years that this conflict still finds no solution. Consequently, the inability of UN to resolve conflicts demonstrates its failure.

The pending conflicts among states are not only a concerning aspect of UN. The diplomatic enmity between countries are reflect the weakness of international body. It has showed its poor performance regarding solving the diplomatic rivalry of states. In this regard, the example of Russia and USA is of great

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importance. Both countries used to exchange heated arguments with each other. For instance, foreign minister of Russia has threatened to use nuclear weapon against USA. Similarly, India and China are also preferred their diplomatic rivalry. Resultantly, UN fails to establish peace between states.

Apart from this, UN is losing its importance because of excessive hegemony of P5 countries in decision making process. The P5 countries such as Russia, China, America, France and Britain exert their influence on any decision. These countries hold veto power. During Israel-palestine conflict, USA vetoed the ceasefire resolution. In this way, the power of P5 countries is leading this body to destruction.

In the same manner, it represents west more than East. The western countries are more in number and influence in UN. The four out of five veto-power countries are western

Countries. Due to this, Africa does not hold veto power. This shows the inclination of UN towards west.

To sum up, the inclination of UN towards west is bringing its downfall.

The above paragraphs have proved that UN has become a toothless body. The following paragraphs will describe the opinion of opponents.

The opponent believe that UN is still an active organisation because it sends peace keeping missions to various crisis-ridden countries. These missions are aimed at establishing peace in these countries. Since the inception of United Nations, many countries have received peace keeping missions. For instance, many African countries such as Ethiopia have benefited from these missions. Similarly, these missions are also sent to many Asian countries for stabilising their situation. Therefore, peace keeping missions ensure the activeness of UN.

The second important feature that ensures the existence of UN is the policy of sanctioning the countries. The countries that initiate wars are sanctioned by this body.

Recently, Russia is one of the ^{such} countries, facing sanctions. In this way, the activeness of this organisation comes into action by sanctioning countries.

Another point where UN is actively engaged for ensuring peace is ~~the~~ discouraging weapons of mass destruction. The countries that pursue nuclear weapons face sanctions from UN. Many countries are still facing sanctions. The worth-citing example is of Iran, facing sanctions. Hence, UN is ^{actively} discouraging nuclear weapons for promoting peace.

Many believe that United Nations has established International Criminal Court of Justice (ICC) for ensuring peace. The ICC plays a vital

role in maintaining the peace of world. Its rulings are of paramount importance. Recently, it has issued arrest warrant for Russian President Putin for initiating war in Ukraine. This shows that UN is not a toothless body.

The above paragraphs have summarised the opinion of opponents. The following paragraphs will provide a rebuttal to ^{the} arguments of opponents for proving thesis.

The evidence of peace keeping missions for activeness of UN does not seem valid because these missions are accused of violation of human rights. These missions do not fulfill the objective of UN. In many places, these missions have violated the basic right of people for instance, the peace keeping mission in Sudan was a total failure. UN has admitted that this mission was involved in killing and raping incidents. Therefore,

UN still remains a toothless body. Coming towards the argument of sanctions, wars remain continue despite imposing sanctions on countries. Here, the basic objective of UN is not fulfilled. There are many wars that are still ongoing despite sanctions. One of them is Russia-Ukraine war. Hence, UN is not in a position to fulfill its objectives.

As far as the check on nuclear weapons is concerned, the countries are still testing nuclear weapons. Many the countries ignore the instructions of UN and pursue their interest. For example, North Korea is testing nuclear weapons without any hesitation. Consequently, the ineffectiveness of UN is revealed to the world.

The rebuttal to the last argument of opponents is that the International Criminal Court of Justice has also remained unable to maintain peace in the world.

The rulings of ICJ are not taken seriously. Recen for example Israel has ignored ICJ ruling and remain engaged in bombing Gaza. Therefore, ~~the~~ UN has become a ~~to~~ dormant body.

In Conclusion, it becomes abundantly clear that United Nations has become a dead organisation because of not pursuing its objectives. Its ineffectiveness has become apparent at many places. Shockingly, it has failed to complete its purposes that were written in its charter. On the other hand, some argue that it is still an active body, and playing its role in maintaining peace in the world. In fact, their arguments are chequered and lack substantial evidence. Therefore, it becomes crystal clear that UN has become a dormant organisation. To ~~see~~ strengthen the active role of United Nations, certain reforms are direly needed. Only reforms could convert

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UN into an active body. These reforms include expanding veto power, initiating binding decisions and representing ~~of~~ global South. If these reforms are implemented, it the organisation could regain its lost reputation. The day is not far enough when UN will become an active body.
