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Failure of UN

Outlines

I. Introduction

Thesis Statement:

The United Nations was established to maintain peace and stability in the world. Its role is controversial according to some experts. It has failed to perform its duty in many cases.

II. History, structure and function of UN

III. Factors responsible for failure of the UN

(a) Undemocratic structure

(b) Financial dependence on great powers

(c) Inability to resolve long standing issues

(d) Formation of regional organizations

(e) International Court of Justice cannot impose its verdicts

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(f) Inability to change with the contemporary world

IV Consequences of the failure of UN

(a) Undemocratic ^{veto} power destroyed the concept of equality

(b) Financial donors dominate the decision of UN

(c) Countries have started to seek alternative of the UN

(d) Passive role of ICJ has given freehand to the states

(e) Secretary General of UN has become a mere puppet of western countries

(f) Role of General Assembly is overshadowed by Security Council.

V Way forward

(a) Veto power to be abolished or curtailed

(b) Reformation of the UN

(c) Every member state should contribute one percent

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of its CPP to UN
 (d) preference needs to be given
 to UN over regional ~~organised~~
 organization

(e) United Nation must change
 according to the contemporary
 world

(f) more emphasis may now
 be laid ~~down~~ on various
 agencies of the UN.

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Conclusion

United Nations Organization was established to maintain peace and security and stability in the world. The objective of the United Nations to develop friendly among the countries in the world. It is also the object of the United Nations to solve political, economic and social issues. Unfortunately, it has failed to meet the targets set by the world leaders but it has succeeded to end the

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Third World war. It has not play positive role to maintain human rights. It has also failed to control war between the countries. ~~the~~ Long standing disputes ^{among} still exist like Palestine and Kashmir.

Following the World War-I, the world leaders thought to creating an international organization to maintain peace and security and to maintain world order. Thus, League of Nations was formed to avoid wars and bring peace and stability. It could not play its positive role to maintain peace and security in the world.

Even two decade after 2nd World War faced by the world. It was the stark example of the failure of the League of the Nation. Following the 2nd World War United Nation was formed on 24 October, 1945. Initially, 53 members ratified the charter.

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of the United Nations. It has six organs: General Assembly, Security Council, International Court of Justice, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council and Secretariat. General Assembly has 193 members and two observer states, Palestine and Vatican City.

Its work is to discuss the matters political, economic and social. It also makes legislation. Security Council, the most important organ of the United Nations, has fifteen members, five permanent and 10 non-permanent members. The permanent members of the Security Council are United States, United Kingdom, Russia, China, and France. Permanent members have veto power. It has six official languages like Arabic, English, Chinese, Russian, French and Spanish. The Headquarter of the United Nations is in New York America. It

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all organs are in America but the International Court of Justice is in Netherland.

There are multiple factors responsible for the failure of the United Nation, like undemocratic veto powers to the permanent members of the security. Financial dependence on great powers. Formation of the regional organizations, poor role of ICJ to implement the verdict. Inability to resolve long standing dispute. Further, inability to change with the contemporary world.

As every problem has some cause, the structural flaw in the United Nations Charter, is the major responsible for its failure. The role of Security Council is undemocratic & dominates other organs of the UN. The United Nations has not reformed its Charter &

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Unable to play its due role in the world. Main power is vested in five permanent members of the Security Council. This concentration of power is against the principle of equality. It paves the way for an arbitrary use of power. Lord Acton said: "Authority corrupts, and absolute authority corrupts absolutely." This absolute veto power is outdated and not in accordance with the real structure of the United Nations. So, undemocratic veto power to five permanent member proves to be fiasco of the United Nations.

Similarly, lack of funds has been hampered United Nations' way to progress. A financial dependent organization cannot function independently. It has to get needed funds from

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resourceful countries at the cost of its freedom and decision making. Its financial dependence forces it to lose its impartiality. This financial reliance on great powers affects its ~~credibility~~ working credibility. The US is the largest contributor to the UN. That is why Uncle Sam tries to dictate the organization. It does so in order to protect its interests in the world. The US does not let the UN go against its allies as well. Economic reliance of the UN on great powers is its Achilles' heels. It is weakening the UN with every passing day. Therefore, economic dependence of the United Nations Organization on great powers led to partiality. The organization cannot take independent decisions until independence

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in financial matters.

Another challenge to the credibility of UN is that inability to resolve the long-standing disputes among the countries like Palestine - Israel conflict, Kashmir conflict between India and Pakistan. Further, conflicts in Syria, Yemen and South Africa.

The conflict got complicated due to non solution ~~at~~ timely.

Even after lapse of decades, it could not solve the issues among the countries. The Kashmir conflict between India and Pakistan is more than 45 years old and the same case ~~is~~ is in Palestine - Israel conflict.

Both the conflicts still prevalent even after lapse of more than seven decades. In this regard a number of resolutions in this regard have been passed but it could not implement

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these resolution to solve the matter. Further, 7 month on, recent conflict between Israel and Palestine claimed the lives of more 35000 of Palestinians including women and children. In addition to that, harsh bombardment has been made on Gazans and aid has blocked from the Rafah border. People are dying dying with starvation particularly women and children. The more bleak picture of the conflict is that health centers are being targeted and aid centers as well. So, Palestine Israel conflict is a stark example of the failure of the UN.

Likewise, another major factor responsible for the failure of the United Nation is that formation of regional organizations to maintain peace and security of the member states. In this

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regard several organization had been formed to deal with the matter like political, economic and social. Further to develop cooperation between the countries. SCO, Shanghai Cooperation Organization was formed to developed friendly relation among the member states. Further, it has also function political, economic and social issues of the member states. In addition to, it also deal with the security challenges of the members states. Other organization are ~~are~~ available in the world like ASEAN, OIC, ECO. The United has lost its credibility in the world and it has paved the way for the creation of regional organization. ~~So~~ So, the formation of regional organization is the result of the failure of the United Nations, in the world. So, it has failed to perform its

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duty.

Further, the ~~restored~~ role of International Court Justice is also responsible for the ~~frasco~~ of the United Nations. Powerful countries snatch the rights of poor countries, but the International Court of Justice is unable to provide justice to these suffering nations. It depends upon the rich countries which whether to accept its jurisdiction or not because its jurisdiction is not mandatory at all. For example International Court of Justice issued arrest warrant and order of Russian president Putin but it could not get implemented. It permits world to launch ~~and~~ adventure and ruin lives of poor countries. They innocent civilians and violates human rights. In war going on in Palestine more 25000 Palestinians killed

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including women and children. This is the stark violation of human rights. It cannot hold accountable great powers for their excesses in war torn countries like Syria.

The United Nations is not able to change with changing of the world. It became obsolete and outdated according to modern world. Many countries have become nuclear power and the role of security council, and its veto powers become irrelevant. The United Nation has not reformed according to the new needs of the world. This lack of transformation has caused its downfall. It cannot move ahead with the same outdated and obsolete way of dealing with problems of the world. It is quite ironic that no country on the whole African continent and Muslim world has veto power.

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There are many successes achieved by the United Nations. These include, one of the most successful successes has been its role in ~~peacekeeping~~ peacekeeping missions around the world. The UN has deployed peacekeeping forces in ~~the~~ various conflict-ridden regions such as Balkans, Africa and Middle East but the war was started in Middle East due to Hamas extremism. And Israel claims that it has started war against ~~the~~ extremist organisations. These missions have helped to maintain peace and stability in these regions and have saved countless lives. For example, UN peacekeeping mission in Sierra Leone helped to end the country's brutal civil war, which had claimed the lives of thousand people.

Another success of the UN has been its efforts to promote human rights and the rule of

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law. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the UN in 1948, continues to be a crucial instrument in promoting human rights around the world. The UN has also established several human rights bodies, including the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, which monitors and investigates human rights violations around the world. Additionally, the UN has played a critical role in establishing and enforcing international laws and norms, such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Geneva Conventions.

The UN has also been successful in promoting development in the 21st century. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which were adopted by the UN in 2000, set out a framework for eradicating poverty, promoting

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education and improving health and gender equality around the world. Although progress towards achieving the MDGs was uneven, the UN's efforts have contributed to significant improvement in several areas. For example, the number of people living in extreme poverty has declined, and more children are attending school. On issues, development, the United Nations continue to pursue sustainable development through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in 2015.

There are multifaceted global challenges to the United Nations. These include hunger, global disease, environment, nuclear disarmament and so on. This demands an effective role from the United Nations in these critical areas. The first challenge is come up from the SDGs requirement. It is maintained that as several UN

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reports and various experts have also talked about the lack of commitment of troop contributing countries. It becomes a usual subject of discussion but fails to contribute from the side of member countries.

The second important challenge is the upgrade of old system of United Nations decision making monopolized by five countries in the United Nations Security Council.

There is need to reform the Security Council.

Chinese assertion in the South China Sea possesses an important challenge in front of the UN and its mechanism under the UNCLOS. Also shortages of funds present a key challenge to the UN. Given the history of UN funding by the member states it is recounted that "we face a major management problem within the UN system, the system

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experiences a constant shortage of funds and frequently we settle for poor results."

Preventing human rights violations in African, Asian and Latin American countries is a serious challenge for the UN in order to establish international peace and security. The UN is criticised for its late response in the world's serious conflicts such as genocide in Rwanda and Palestine. Reportedly, 800,000 Tutsis and sympathetic Hutus were slaughtered. On the other hand in local conflicts UN showed an inactive role as seen " in some conflicts such as Yugoslavia, the UN was slow to respond in others such as Vietnam and Iraq, it was sidelined.

Besides, it was believed that " the UN Fail to affect lasting

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positive change in Somalia through humanitarian relief, even the celebrated UN victory in Desert Storm, the battle to oust Iraq and other problems that persist in that region.

There are multiple steps that can make effective the role of UN including veto power to be abolished, reformation in the charter of the UN.

In addition to, every member state must contribute to the UN and changes must be made in the modern way. The agencies should be directed strict implementation at laws and resolutions of the UN organs.

First and foremost step should be taken by the UN to abolish the UN veto power or it must be curtailed. Curtailing of the veto power can revive the democratic

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system in the UN functioning. Only five countries enjoy veto power that have dominated the General Assembly. The effects of the unbridled veto power are evident in recent Palestine Israel war. The war took the lives of more than 35000 people of Palestine. The US has vetoed the ceasefire four in the last seven months. However, the veto power to be curtailed so as to UN to be independent.

The UN has failed to solve the prolonged disputes like Kashmir and Palestine. Both the conflicts as old as their inception. There is need to reform in the United Nations so that it could be made fully democratic and independent. The United Nations can urge the countries to resolve their disputes according to its resolutions.

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It can also ~~the~~ play the role of mediator between conflicting countries. It need need to stop blatant violations of human rights in Kashmir and Palestine. The UN ought not turn a blind eye to the deplorable plight of Kashmiris and Palestinians. It can hold ^{Israel and India} ~~be~~ answerable to the world for its killing of innocent Palestinians and Kashmiris. If the United Nations succeeds in resolving the issues like Kashmir, Palestine and Syria, it will enhance its prestige and honour in the world. It will take the world everlasting peace and harmony.

In addition, every country should contribute one percent of the GDP to the United Nations. It will eliminate the dependence of the UN on great powers for financial assistance.

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Dependence on great powers loses its credibility and freedom. It leads the United Nations ^{of being} ~~to~~ dominated to the great powers. Independent organization can work effectively and take independent decisions. Such a financial system can save UN from idleness. It will help power countries have say in decision-making of this ever evolving and changing world. Moreover, member states can be persuaded to prefer the United Nations over other regional organizations. They must not take frivolous associations to divide the world into various regional blocs. They must think about collective good and humanity. These countries can take into confidence that United Nations can sincerely solve their problems. It can work for their betterment and unity. It can bring peace

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and prosperity in the world. The United Nations can win the, lost of its confidence of some member states by taking concrete steps for the welfare of humanity. This is the only way to revitalize and reinvigorate the UN. It will not be wrong to say that the future of the world is attached with the success of the United Nations.

~~It~~ Last but not least the United Nations should change according to the changes in the world. It should discard veto power or add one member from each region but with the consensus with of all states of that region. Every country has become powerful, and the concept of veto power is not going to work anymore. It can curtail the role of the Security Council, or

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It can give the membership of the Security Council to more countries. It should give role to its other agencies like UNESCO and UNHCR. These UN agencies can play a ~~put~~ pivotal role in the betterment of human beings. Efficient working of these agencies can bring peace and harmony in the world. Such positive and constructive role of agencies of the UN can save it from proceeding on the path of WWII.

To conclude, it can be said that United Nations has not attained its main objectives. Its major goal was to bring happiness, peace and harmony in the world, but it has been unsuccessful in the accomplishment of the objectives. It ended the world war but could not put an end to

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Small wars and conflicts among different countries. Some people are of the view that it has adopted the path of World War III. There are some serious faults in its charter which need reformation. It has not changed according to the requirement of the global world. The UN should take some concrete steps to save itself from decline. If it does not take steps for its improvement, there will be no use of crying over the spilt milk.