

# THE ROLE OF THE UN FOR GLOBAL PEACE

## 1- Introduction

- (i) Brief introduction to the United Nations established after World War II.
- (ii) Thesis statement: The UN plays a critical role in maintaining global peace through conflict prevention, diplomacy, and promoting international cooperation, but it also faces some challenges that limit the scope of its effectiveness.

## 2- A Historical Context of UN's Role in Global Peace

## 3- Key Mechanisms to Maintain Global Peace.

- (i) Conflict Prevention through Diplomacy. (UNSC and UNGA as a platform for negotiations.)
- (ii) Peacekeeping Operations in Conflict Zones. (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.)

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(iii) Providing Humanitarian Assistance to War-torn Regions. (Refugee support through UNHCR and food aid through WFP.)

(iv) Promoting International Law for Dispute Resolution. (International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court.)

(v) Promoting SDGs to address the root causes of conflict. (poverty, inequality, and lack of education)

#### 4- Achievements of The UN in Promoting Global Peace.

(i) Successful Peace keeping Missions. (Cambodia, Mozambique, Namibia)

(ii) Preventing Nuclear Proliferation by Upholding NPT. (Overviewed by United Nations office of Disarmament Affairs)

(iii) Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy through UDHR.

(iv) Facilitating Global Cooperation on Critical Issues like Climate Change. (Paris agreement under UNFCCC and the subsequent COPs)

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## 5- Challenges And Limitations Of UN In Maintaining Global Peace

(i) The Authority of Veto in UNSC  
Leading to Political Deadlocks.  
(Failed to bring a halt to war war  
in Ukraine and Gaza)

(ii) The Issue of Sovereignty prohibiting  
Humanitarian Intervention.  
(The Controversy of R2P doctrine applied on  
Libya)

(iii) Limited Funding and Manpower  
For Peacekeeping Missions.  
(Trump paused funding UNFPA and  
UNRWA.)

(iv) Criticism of Peacekeeping  
Failures. (Genocide in Rwanda  
and Srebrenica)

## 6- Reforms Needed For A More Effective Role of the UN

(i) Democratization of decision  
making Process by expanding the  
Veto Power in UNSC. (suggestions  
from Kofi Annan and the coffee club)

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(ii) Increased Funding and a smooth resource hub.

(iii) Strengthening Partnerships with regional Organisations like the African Union.

(iv) Implementation of SDGs as a long term strategy.

7- Conclusion.