

Question: 'Supra national actors' seem to be playing decisive role in global politics and IR. Comment on the statement while clearly explaining the concept and types of the term.

A. INTRODUCTION

Supra national actors are the institutions or non-governmental organizations that have authority over sovereign nation. They seem to play decisive role in global politics today. The multilateral organizations like UN, WB and IMF are dominated by US which utilizes them for maintaining its hegemony. This shapes the global world order. NATO's involvement in the Russia - Ukraine conflict is increasing the conflict. The dependency of Global South over Global North is due to western dominated economic institutions IMF and WB. However, the dominance of West is declining due to rising multipolar world order.

B. TYPES OF SUPRA NATIONAL ACTORS

Definition:

"Supra National Actors are organizations (IGOs, NGOs) that have authority over other sovereign nations."

Inter-governmental organizations

1. United Nations

An international organization founded in 1945 for promotion of peace and cooperation among states.

2. European Union

The union of European countries to foster economic cooperation, trade and political integration at global scale.

3. ~~World Bank~~

3. NATO

North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a military alliance committed to mutual defense of nations.

International financial institutions

4. World Bank

It provides loans and grants for development projects to countries.

5. International Monetary Fund.

It provides loans to countries to prevent bankruptcy and stabilise them during economic crisis.

C. ROLE OF SUPRA NATIONAL ACTORS IN GLOBAL POLITICS AND IR

1) NATO's indirect involvement in Russia-Ukraine war escalating conflict.

NATO is increasing its support for Ukraine in the war igniting the dispute. 'Realism' explains the nature of states to maximise power in the international anarchic system which is evident through Western states expansion towards Russia through NATO. This poses security threats for Russia and its territory. So, Russia is utilizing military power to

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deter security threat by preventing NATO's expansion towards Russia's border.

2) UNSC's inaction over Israel-Palestine

conflict increasing war crimes

'Realist perspective' illustrates the inaction of UN Security Council over Israel-Palestine issue is due to the interests of its veto-members. US support for Israel is increasing war crimes and violation of human rights in Gaza. The UN is silent and the resolutions passed in the UN are denied by US. Realism explains the self-interest of US to support ^{which} Israel is causing UN to remain silent leading to escalation of crisis in Middle East.

3- Dependency Syndrome increasing Global North and South divide by IMF

The dominance of West in economic

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institutions like World Bank and IMF is causing Global North and Global South divide. 'Dependency theory' of International Relations explains the idea of dependence of developing economies on the developed countries through exploitation. IMF provides loans ~~and~~ with its conditionalities which starts the vicious cycle of debt and those countries are unable to pay off debt, hence, they remain dependent on these Western dominated institutions and further increasing Global South and North divide.

4. IMF, WB dominance declining : increasing threat by BRICS

The Global South is frustrated with West led economic order. The rise of BRICS and the threat of dedollarization is posing challenge for hegemony of IMF and WB. West is exploiting Global South through 'hegemonic internationalism'. So,

to counter this, they are doing currency swap agreements and there is possibility of development of BRICS currency which will decrease the influence of west.

This is shaping the world political and moving towards multipolar world.

5. EU's sanctions on Russia causing Russia-China alliance to grow

After the Russia-Ukraine war, EU imposed sanctions on Russia's hydrocarbons. Russia was the largest exporter of oil to Europe and due to sanctions, its economy started declining. China started to increase import from Russia which improved its economic growth.

'Balance of Power' focuses on the formation of strategic alliances to maximise power and ensure stability.

China and Russia alliance is growing stronger to maintain balance of power to counter the influence of US.

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6. UNFCCC promoting cooperation among states through environmental protection.

The environmental protection agreements through the platform of United Nations is increasing cooperation among states.

This is illustrated by the liberal institutionalism theory of International Relations which promotes cooperation among states through multilateral institutions. The role of UN in this aspect seems to be positive by increasing collaboration and peace among nations to counter global challenges.

D. CONCLUSION

The role of supra national actors in global politics and IR seems to be evident through their influence in current war dynamics. These international institutions are dominated by western powers and thus their role is also in favor to maintain hegemony of

West. However, the emerging powers try to counter their hegemony with increasing their sphere of influence and shifting towards multipolar world.