

United Nations Knowledge Organiser

The United Nations: The **United Nations (UN)** is an organisation which was set up in 1945, after World War 2, to stop conflict (war) ever happening again. **193 countries** around the world have signed up to the UN and have to abide (obey) by all their rules.



The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC): This is an international document that states the basic rights of every child.

Millennium Development Goals: 8 goals agreed upon by all the member states.

The Security Council: the main UN body responsible for maintaining peace.

The UN aims to:

1. maintain international peace and security
2. protect human rights
3. provide humanitarian aid
4. promote sustainable development
5. uphold international law



The Universal Declaration of HUMAN RIGHTS

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948, the Universal Declaration states basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all human beings are entitled.

WE ARE ALL BORN FREE AND EQUAL
EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO THESE RIGHTS
 NO MATTER YOUR RACE, RELIGION OR NATIONALITY

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE FREEDOM AND SAFETY

No one has the right to hold you in slavery.
 You have the right to own property.

No one has the right to torture you.
 Everyone has the right to belong to a religion.

You have the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.
 Freedom of Expression: You have the right to free thought and to voice your opinions to others.

We are all equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law.
 Everyone has the right to gather as a peaceful assembly.

You have the right to seek legal help if your rights are violated.
 You have the right to help choose and to take part in governing your country, directly or through chosen representatives.

No one has the right to wrongly imprison you or force you to leave your country.
 You have the right to social security and are entitled to economic, social and cultural help from your government.

You have the right to a fair and public trial.
 Everyone is innocent until **PROVEN** guilty.

You have the right to privacy. No one can interfere with your reputation, family, home or correspondence.
Workers' rights: Every adult has the right to a job, a fair wage and to join a trade union.

You can travel wherever you want.
 You have the right to leisure and rest from work.

You have the right to seek asylum in another country if you are being persecuted in your own country.
 Everyone has the right to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their family.

Everyone has the right to a nationality.
 Everyone has the right to education.

All adults have the right to marriage and to raise a family.
 Your intellectual property as an artist or scientist should be protected.

You have the responsibility to respect the rights of others

NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY ANY OF YOUR RIGHTS

We are all entitled to social order so we can enjoy these rights.

Member States: a state that is a part of the organisation.

Secretary-General: the main administrator (person in charge) of an organisation. Antonio Guterres is the current Secretary-General of the UN.