

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

UNIT – V

**United Nations Organisation
WTO • International Labour Organisation**

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Origin and Charter

The United Nations was established in 1945 by the UN Charter signed at San Francisco. It replaced the League of Nations and is the central universal organisation for peace and cooperation.

Purposes (Art.1)

Maintain peace and security; develop friendly relations; achieve cooperation; harmonise actions.

Principles (Art.2)

Sovereign equality; good faith; peaceful settlement; non-use of force; assistance; non-intervention.

Membership

Open to peace-loving States that accept obligations.

Amendment

Arts. 108–109 – difficult process.

Six Main Bodies

General Assembly

All Members; deliberate;
recommend; budget; elections;
Art. 10–17.

Security Council

Primary responsibility for peace;
15 members; P5 veto.

International Court of Justice

Principal judicial organ; Peace
Palace, The Hague.

Secretariat

SG + staff; administrative,
political, executive functions.

ECOSOC

Economic, social, cultural,
humanitarian coordination.

Trusteeship Council

Historical; work completed.

Composition and Powers

Composition

5 permanent (China, France, Russia, UK, US) + 10 non-permanent.

Voting

Procedural – 9 votes; Substantive – 9 including concurring P5 (veto).

Chapter VI

Pacific settlement of disputes – recommendations.

Chapter VII

Threats to peace; sanctions; use of force – binding decisions.

Veto

Political reality; often criticised; reform proposals ongoing.

Authorisation

Use of force by States or regional organisations under SC authority.

Judicial Organ

Composition

15 judges elected by GA and SC;
independent.

Contentious Jurisdiction

Only States; based on consent
(optional clause, special
agreement, treaty clauses).

Advisory Jurisdiction

GA, SC and authorised
organs/agencies may request.

Sources

Applies Art. 38 Statute sources.

Judgments

Binding between parties; no
formal appeal.

Enforcement

Art. 94 – SC may make
recommendations or decide
measures.

Main Features

The WTO was established in 1995, succeeding GATT 1947. It provides a common institutional framework for trade relations and a binding dispute settlement system.

Functions

Administer agreements; forum for negotiations; dispute settlement; monitor policies; technical assistance.

Principles

MFN, National Treatment, reciprocity, transparency, safety valves.

Structure

Ministerial Conference, General Council, DSB, Councils for goods/services/TRIPS.

Covered Agreements

GATT, GATS, TRIPS, DSU, plurilateral agreements.

Unique System

DSU

Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes.

Stages

Consultation → Panel →
Appellate Body →
Implementation.

Binding

Reports adopted unless reverse
consensus.

Retaliation

Authorised suspension of
concessions if non-compliance.

Current Challenge

Appellate Body crisis –
appointments blocked.

Significance

Most developed compulsory third-
party system in IL.

Social Justice

Origin

1919 – Treaty of Versailles; oldest specialised agency.

Tripartite

Unique – Governments + Employers + Workers.

Aims

Decent work; social justice; international labour standards.

Instruments

Conventions (binding on ratification) and Recommendations.

Core Conventions

Forced labour, freedom of association, child labour, equality, etc.

Supervision

Committee of Experts, Conference Committee, representations and complaints.

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01

UN Purposes

Peace, friendly relations, cooperation, harmonisation.

02

Security Council

Primary responsibility; P5 veto; Chapter VII binding powers.

03

ICJ

Consent-based; contentious + advisory; Art. 38 sources.

04

WTO

Rules-based trade; MFN & National Treatment; DSU.

05

ILO

Tripartite; conventions + recommendations; social justice.

06

Theme

Institutionalisation of international cooperation since 1945.

End of UNIT – V

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