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## "The United Nations: (02)

### The Charter of United Nations:

The Charter of United Nations is the constitutive instrument of UN, setting out the rights and obligations of member states, and establishing its principal organs and procedures. An international treaty, the Charter codifies basic tenets of international relations - from the sovereignty equality of states to prohibition of the use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

### Preamble to the Charter:

The Preamble to the Charter expresses the shared ideals and common aims of all the peoples whose governments joined together to form United Nations.

### Purpose and Principles of United Nations:

As set forth in the Charter, the purposes of the United Nations are:

- to maintain international peace and security
- to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples.

- To cooperate in solving international economic, social, cultural, and humanitarian problems and in promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in attaining these common ends. In turn, the United Nations acts in accordance with the following principles:-
- It is based on the sovereign equality of all its members.
- All members are to fulfill in good faith their charter obligations.
- They are to settle their international disputes by peaceful means and without endangering international peace and security & justice.
- They are to refrain from the threat or use of force against any other State.

#### Amendments to the Charter:-

The Charter may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly and ratification by two thirds of the members of the United Nations, including the five permanent members of the Security Council.

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