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Membership:.

Membership in the United Nations is open to all peace-loving Nations that accept the obligations of the Charter and are willing and able to carry out these obligations. The General Assembly admits new member states on the recommendations of the Security Council.

In 1971 Communist China was admitted as the representative of all China. Red China thus became a permanent member of the Security Council. Taiwan lost its primary membership of the U.N. Vatican is the permanent observer.

Till date 193 Countries are the full time members of U.N.O.

Official Languages:-

The official languages of the United Nations are Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Arabic was added as an official language in 1973.

On the flag is the U.N. Emblem in white centered on a light blue ground.

Principal Organs of the U.N.

The Charter established six principal organs of the United Nations: the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice and the Secretariat.

The United Nations family however is much larger, comprising 15 specialised agencies and numerous programmes and funds as well as other entities.

General Assembly:

The Assembly consists of the representatives of all the member states. Each state has one vote, but may send 5 representatives. The General Assembly meets at least once in a year. It elects its own President and Vice President every year.

Security Council:

Security Council consists of 15 members each of which has one vote. There are five permanent and 10 non-permanent members elected for a 2 year term by a two third majority of the General Assembly. The permanent members have the power to veto any move. Retiring members are not eligible for immediate re-election.

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