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Abstract:

International relations is one of the most important areas of political science, which has witnessed development in the emergence of new international actors. States are no longer the only international actors in international relations. International governmental and non-governmental organizations, international groups, and others have become an important role in international relations, and the research sheds light on the role Nations in strengthening international relations, especially in light of crises.

Key words

International organizations- international relations- the United Nations - realist theory - liberal theory.

الملخص باللغة العربية:

العلاقات الدولية هي واحدة من أهم مجالات العلوم السياسية والتي شهدت تطور في ظهور فواعل دولية جديدة، فلم تعد الدول هي الفاعل الدولي الوحيد في العلاقات الدولية، فلقد أصبحت المنظمات الدولية الحكومية والغير حكومية والجماعات الدولية وغيرها لها دورًا هامًا في العلاقات الدولية، ويقوم البحث بتسليط الضوء على دور الأمم في تعزيز العلاقات الدولية لاسيما في ظل الأزمات.

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The rule of international organization in international relation Case study: United nation and its impact of international relation

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Introduction

International relations or IR is one of the specific fields of study that primarily focuses on a different set of interactions among nationstates and several other international systems. It primarily examines the dynamics of how a specific country and a non-state actor relate with each other within a specific global stage. There are several key concepts of IR that can be found such as; sovereignty, balance of power, International institutes, Realism, and constructivism (Mingst, McKibben & Arreguin-Toft, (2018). In this discussion an organisation has been selected (United Nations) which have significant influence regarding IR on a global stage. There are different sets of theories and models available regarding IR that can be applied for a better understanding of the concept, such as; Realism, Liberal Institutionalism, Idea of constructivism, Democratic peace theory and Security dilemma.

International relations are the study of the relationship between two nation-states and different non-governmental organizations to enhance mutual politics, economy, and security. The main study of international relations helps to make identification of the political relationship among the nations. International Relation helps to facilitate stable and sufficient interaction between different international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Organization of Islamic Council (OIC), and the United Nations (UN). This report helps to assess the ways international organizations influence international relations. The international organization that is selected for the analysis is United Nations, whose main role is to find solutions to international problems.

Introduction to the organisational background

The United nation can be identified as an inter-governmental organisation that is established in the year 1945. The primary objective

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of the organization is to maintain international peace and security and also promote cooperation among different nations. It provides a forum for member governments to discuss and coordinate policy, settle disputes, and participate in international humanitarian operations.

International relation is defined as the interaction of nation states & non-governmental organizations regarding the topic of politics (United Nations, 2022). The main role of international relation is to see through the complex relation existing among soverign states in different part of the world.

One of the main stakeholder in international relation are International Organization, where members from more than one nation are operating together. International organization is defined as the association of the union or nations established or recognized with the purpose of realizing the common end. International organization generally consists of people from more than one nation as they comes together with the purpose of a common goal.

While considering International relations, the main principles are supporting a nation's safety and financial security, ensuring economic development, enhancing economic stability, and enhancing human rights and equality. The main role of International Organization in terms of the international relation is to strive a balance between weaker and stronger sections. There is also role for the international organizations to support the global heritage fund to operate as an international scale to provide them financial support. Different models of international organizations that are operating intending to meet such goals are hubs-and-satellites organizations, global-virtual organizations, large-hub organizations, and Distributed Organizations (Tippmann et al. 2021).

The international organization that is considered for the analysis is United Nations, which is an international organization established in year 1945 with the help of around 51 nations. The reason for making to establish peace among nations is to develop a mutual platform that promotes peace and promote a rule based law (United Nations, 2022).

The United Nations have evolved over the world in a rapidly changing world to keep pace to engage with the political and economic cooperation among their member.

The purpose of United Nations is to end poverty and build democratic governance to promote an inclusive and rule-based law. The main role of the United Nations is to maintain International Peace and Security, protect human rights and ensure delivery of humaneterian aid. Considering the model of the United Nations, the international organization falls under a large hubs organization, where different organization workers are under one umbrella.

The main role of the United Nations is stated to be making sure that there is protection of the human rights, and delivery of humaneterian aid. Different institutes of United Nations include International Monetary Fund, and the International Court of Justice, whose min role is to deliver humanitarian aid and promote sustainable development.

One of the global international issue that United Nations is following is mitigation of political and economic challenges. One of the major successes of the United Nations is preventing the possible nuclear confrontation over the Cuban Missile Crisis, which is one of the major examples of preventive diplomacy. Such forms of peacekeeping methods have enhanced the diplomatic relationship between the United States and Tajikistan. Tajikistan has become a stronger partner of the United States in their international effort to keep peace and stability in the Central Asian region. The diplomatic collaboration between the two nations has also helped in ensuring economic growth for overall regional stability in the workplace. Other than that, the use of IMF (International Monetary Fund) is also being used at different times to help nations like Pakistan, which has been a geopolitical partner for the United States of America (IMF, 2023). Some of the major assistance that is being provided by the IMF is a financial loan that helps the country to stabilize its economy (Brown, 2020). Economic help from IMF is an important factor that helps to keep the diplomatic relation between the United States of America and Pakistan intact. However, the use of the United Nations

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through diplomacy has also failed significantly to mitigate different international challenges. For example, the failure of dealing with the Russia and Ukraine war and mitigate conflict between India and Pakistan is one of the major failures. The main reason behind the failure is dealing with domestic politics, where the local population influence the international relation. While around 75% of Ukrainians consider Russia as a Security threat, more than 85% of the citizens in India and Pakistan consider each other as their number 1 threat (Langbein, 2020). Hence, in such a scenario, finding out the middle ground through diplomacy has become challenging for people.

On the other hand, there is also the use of the realism theory of international relations have stated that nation-states and human beings are generally self-centered and competitive. Nations like United States often use their power in the international organizations like United Nations to advance their national interest (United Nations, 2022). The sanction of the United Nations on Iran has been one of the major examples of realism theory in international relations (Administrator, 2022). The sanction of the United Nations on Iran has implied that there is no transfer of weapons, dual-use items, and technology for the workplace. Along with this, around 54 members of the U. N's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) have also signed a US-initiated resolution to scrap Iran from the membership of Commission from Status of Women for the year 2022 to the year 2026 (Hejazi & Emangholipour, 2022). Despite call from the United Nations council to lift the Sanction on Iran to reduce impact on their economy, there have been no success. Along with this, the domestic mindset of all the nations has played an influential role in advancing relations. For example, around 57% of people consider Iran's nuclear program a threat and 79% consider putting tougher sanctions on such material (Pleines, 2021). Around 62% of the people in the USA have stated that North Korea has a serious threat to the workplace.

Influence and impact of the international relations

The United Nations wields a significant influence in shaping international relations through different means. Some of the significant influences and impacts upon the international relations of the United Nations are addressed below:

- a. Conflicts resolution and peacekeeping: The UN Security Council can be found playing a crucial role in resolving conflict situations and authorizing operations across different volatile regions (Agreement, 2015). These specific efforts can assist in stabilizing and rebuilding the nation that might have been affected by the armed forces and managed to facilitate peaceful coexistence and diplomatic dialogues.
- b. Promotion of health rights: The UN advocates the defence and advancement of human rights all around the world. It works to hold countries accountable for human rights transgressions and promote conformity to international standards through its numerous bodies, including the Human Rights Council and treaties like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- c. Diplomacy and multi-literalism: It can be found that the UN serves as a specific platform for diplomatic engagements and multi-lateral negotiations. Not just that it also assists in fostering dialogues and corporations in addressing and dealing with some complex global scale issues.

Challenges and opportunities faced by United Nations

It can be found that apart from the success factors being encompassed by the United Nation different challenges has been faced by the organisation for enhancing International relations. Some of the issues that the UN faces are addressed below:

a. Geopolitical tensions

Geopolitical conflicts and divergent national interests may make it difficult for the UN to make decisions or act collectively (Agreement, 2015).

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b. Constraints of the resources

The availability of funds and member nations' commitment determine how quickly and effectively the UN can respond to disasters.

c. Threats to security

Due to the constantly evolving nature of security threats in the international arena related to cyber threats and digital warfare both state and non-state actors requires to adopt the UN's approaches and strengthen the international association (Agreement, 2015).

Theoretical underpinning

In order to have a better understanding of international relations, IR regarding the United Nations, some theoretical understanding can be used:

Realism

The idea of realism is one of the highly essential aspects regarding the establishment of state-centric behaviours and also the pursuit of national interests across international relations. In regard to the case of the United Nations, it can be observed that elements of realism regarding how a member state prioritizes their own interests and often stays engaged with power politics within the organization (Dunne, Hansen & Wight, 2013). The Security Council for instance reflects the power dynamics among the permanent members that have the authority of giving votes. The authorized states often act by complying with their national interest which leads to a gridlock and challenges the consensus upon certain issues.

Reality and Anarchy

The foundation of realisticism is anarchy, or the absence of a single superpower. Realists argue that the international system's anarchic nature stimulates ongoing competition among nations for domination and security. States act in their own self-interest by attempting to optimize the strength of their relative position in order to survive and



protect their national goals. Realistic thinking emphasizes how important national security and military strength are in influencing state behavior.

Critics contend that realistic assumptions could simplify too much the role of other elements, such as interdependence in the economy and diplomacy, in influencing state behaviour, despite the fact that they provide insightful explanations of state motivations and the significance of power in international relations.

Liberal Institutionalism

Liberalism emphasises the potential for "international institutions" to facilitate state cooperation. A liberal institution that promotes discussion, cooperation, and group problem-solving is the United Nations. States collaborate on topics including public health, reducing poverty, and sustainable development through a number of UN organisations, including the "World Health Organisation" (WHO) and the "United Nations Development Programme" (UNDP).

Idea of constructivism

"constructivism" mainly highlights the role of ideas, identities and norms in shaping international relations. In such cases, especially in the case of the United Nations, it can be found that "constructivism" can be observed as a way through which shared values can be managed. It also elaborates on the way of implementing shared values and promoting peace around every corner of the community as it has been one of the major and integral aims of the UN's mission (Dunne, Hansen & Wight, 2013). The "Universal Declaration of human rights" has been adopted by the "UN General Assembly" in the year 1948, which exemplifies the impact of normative frameworks for shaping state behaviours for shaping the state behaviour and establishment of international cooperation.

Democratic peace theory

According to the Democratic Peace Theory, democracies are less inclined to wage war against fellow democracies. The tenets of this philosophy are supported by the UN, which places a strong focus on

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advancing democracy, human rights, and democratic governance (Agreement, 2015). The UN frequently promotes democratic procedures for resolving disputes and undertaking post-conflict rehabilitation.

Security dilemma

It can be found that this specific ideation mainly arises when states' efforts for enhancing security features are perceived as one of the highly threatening aspects which are associated with the United Nations. For instance, when some states develop their military might be seen as a possible danger by others, causing concerns and countermeasures. The Security Council's decisions on topics like arms embargos and disarmament initiatives indicate efforts to handle this conundrum.

Cooperation and Liberalism

In contrast to realism, liberalism emphasizes the potential for cooperation and collective action among states. Liberal theorists highlight the role of institutions, norms, and international law in promoting peace and resolving conflicts. The democratic peace theory, a subset of liberalism, suggests that democracies are less likely to go to war with each other. This notion has influenced policies promoting democracy as a means to enhance international peace.

Security and Power Balance Problem

According to the principle of the balance of power, states try to keep things stable by preventing any one state or group of states from gaining an excessive amount of power. This frequently entails putting together coalitions of opposition or allies. While the security conundrum, a similar concept, emphasizes the contradiction where attempts by governments to improve their security may unintentionally harm others, leading to rising tensions and proliferation of weapons, balance of power concerns have traditionally affected state relations and coalitions.

Internationalization and Dependence

The globe is now a highly integrated and reliant system as a result of globalization. Beyond national boundaries, the fast movement of information, commodities, and services has been made possible by economic, political, and technical globalization. The idea of complex interconnectedness emphasizes how governments are now connected by economic, cultural, and social links rather than being only dependent on military might. Non-state players including transnational advocacy networks, non-governmental organizations, and international companies have become more influential as a result of this reality. As a result, global collaboration and coordinated actions are needed to address problems like terrorism, emergencies, and climate change.

Conclusion

Finally, in the conclusion it can be found that the IR is one of the vital aspects for addressing the relationship between nation-states and international systems. The United Nations, as a well-known institution, has a substantial influence on how international relations are shaped through diplomatic engagements, the promotion of human rights, and the resolution of conflicts. However, the UN has difficulties, such as resource limitations and geopolitical disputes. Realism, Liberal Institutionalism, Constructivism, Democratic Peace Theory, and the Security Dilemma are just a few of the theoretical frameworks that offer helpful insights into comprehending the dynamics of the UN and how it affects international relations.

Based on the above analysis, the main conclusion is that influential international organizations like United Nations have the power to shape international relations. With the help of diplomacy, the organization has succeeded to bring peace among different groups of people to advance benefits. Considering the application, there is a need for advancing the benefit of the work.

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