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**The official purpose and goal of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security.**

### Quick Facts . . .

The United Nations was established in 1945.

The principles of the United Nations Charter call for the peaceful settlements of disputes.

Nations who are members of the United Nations advance their own interests.

As an ambassador I must – and my nation must – vote on resolutions as my nation would vote.

Resolutions passed by the UN General Assembly have only the backing of world opinion.

All UN member nations are members of the



General Assembly.

The United Nations seeks consensus.

The United Nations pays its bills by collecting dues from its members.

The United Nations cannot pass laws that nations must obey.

The permanent members of the Security Council are China, France, Russia, United Kingdom, USA.

Each member nation of the United Nations has one vote.



### Represent your nation

- Know your nation.
- Make it interesting!
- Show everyone where it is on a world map.
- Speak & vote as your nation would.
- Every nation is unique - present your culture, your world interests, who are you as a people, what are you as a nation.

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### For a successful UN experience:

- Be prepared, Know your nation
- Know the position of the nation you represent on all Resolutions and assert your nation's interests – vote as your nation would vote!
- Nations work as a team!
- Know who your nation's allies are on each Resolution and work with your allies
- Forget your school, represent your nation
- Speak up – everyone participate in Council and General Assembly – Speak as your nation, not "I."

### Share your personality – be you

- Meet others
- Be friendly
- Go beyond your school group and make friends from other schools
- Help others
- Be polite and friendly to hotel staff
- Help keep your room & meeting rooms clean
- Represent your nation – speak up in Councils and General Assembly – be serious in Councils and General Assembly – outside those enjoy friends and all the new friends you're making!