

# Charter of the United Nations

## - OVERVIEW -

- Preamble:** - the more idealistic than informative part as an introduction  
- presenting generalized purposes and principles of the United Nation
- Chapter I:** - consisting of articles 1-2  
- detailed information about the purposes and principles of the organization
- ⇒ art.1: purposes
    - maintaining or/and re-establishment of peace and security
    - developing friendly relationships
    - working together internationally
  - ⇒ art.2: principles
    - sovereign equality of all members
    - obligation to fulfil the Charter's contents
    - no war, no force, no threat against other countries
    - prohibition of intervention in an inner conflict
- Chapter II:** - articles 3-6  
- concerns membership (from how to get in to how to be expelled)
- Chapter III:** - articles 7-8  
- lists the organs; confesses equality between men and women within the organization
- Chapter IV:** - articles 9-22  
- describing the General Assembly (composition, function, powers, voting, procedure)
- Chapter V:** - articles 23-32  
- about the Security Council (composition, function, powers, voting, procedure)
- Chapter VI:** - articles 33-38  
- concerns the pacific settlement of disputes (obligates members to handle critical situations peacefully and to negotiate with the use of recommendations from the Security Council)
- Chapter VII:** - articles 39-51  
- principles of what to do against threats to peace (Security Council decides whether military force or/and economical measures to stop aggressions are necessary or not)
- Chapter VIII:** - articles 52-54  
- regional arrangements to solve problems faster (Security Council allowed to build up agencies around the world if necessary)
- Chapter IX:** - articles 55-60  
- delivers information about the international economic and social co-operation (including the human and fundamental rights issue)
- Chapter X:** - articles 61-72  
- describing the Economic and Social Council (composition, function, powers, voting, procedure)
- Chapter XI:** - articles 73-74  
- purposes and principles for the regions without own government (duty to report the General Secretary about the development)
- Chapter XII:** - articles 75-85  
- information about the international trusteeship system
- Chapter XIII:** - articles 86-91  
- describing the Trusteeship Council (composition, function, powers, voting, procedure)
- Chapter XIV:** - articles 92-96  
- describing the role of the International Supreme Court
- Chapter XV:** - articles 97-101  
- describing the Secretariat (function of the Secretary-General and his staff)
- Chapter XVI:** - articles 102-106  
- different things (e.g. the obligations from the UN-Charter are more important than those from other treaties)
- Chapter XVII:** - articles 106-107  
- security issues
- Chapter XVIII:** - article 108-109  
- discusses amendments to the Charter
- Chapter XIX:** - articles 110-111  
- closing the Charter with the ratification and the signature (Charter able to come into force)