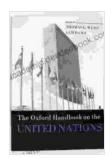
## The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations: A Comprehensive Guide to the World's Most Important International Organization



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The United Nations is the world's most important international organization. It was founded in 1945 after the end of World War II to prevent another such conflict. The UN has since played a vital role in promoting peace and security, human rights, and economic and social development around the world.

The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations is a comprehensive guide to this important organization. It provides a detailed overview of the UN's history, structure, and functions, as well as its role in global affairs. The handbook is written by a team of leading experts on the UN, and it offers a unique perspective on the organization's past, present, and future.

#### **History of the United Nations**

The United Nations was founded on October 24, 1945, after the end of World War II. The organization's charter was signed by 51 countries, and it has since grown to include 193 member states.

The UN was created to prevent another world war. Its founders believed that the best way to do this was to create an international organization that would promote cooperation and dialogue among nations.

The UN has played a vital role in preventing conflict and promoting peace around the world. It has helped to resolve conflicts in places like the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. It has also played a key role in promoting human rights and economic and social development.

#### **Structure of the United Nations**

The UN is a complex organization with a wide range of responsibilities. It is divided into six principal organs:

- The General Assembly is the main deliberative organ of the UN. It is composed of all 193 member states, and it meets once a year to discuss and vote on a wide range of issues.
- The Security Council is responsible for maintaining international peace and security. It is composed of 15 members, including five permanent members (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, and China) and 10 non-permanent members.
- The Economic and Social Council is responsible for promoting economic and social development around the world. It is composed of

54 members, and it meets once a year to discuss and vote on a wide range of issues.

- The Trusteeship Council was responsible for overseeing the administration of trust territories. It was dissolved in 1994, after all of the trust territories had become independent.
- The International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the UN. It is composed of 15 judges, and it hears cases involving disputes between states.
- The Secretariat is the administrative body of the UN. It is headed by the Secretary-General, who is the chief administrative officer of the organization.

#### **Functions of the United Nations**

The UN has a wide range of functions, which include:

- Maintaining international peace and security
- Promoting human rights
- Promoting economic and social development
- Providing humanitarian assistance
- Promoting sustainable development

#### **Role of the United Nations in Global Affairs**

The UN plays a vital role in global affairs. It is a forum for dialogue and cooperation among nations, and it helps to resolve conflicts and promote peace and security.

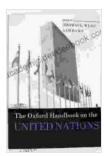
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