

# United Nations

## Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations

*Off. the people of the United Nations*

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and  
to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice can be maintained, and  
to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Off. for this end*

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save as the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

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Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.