



The United Nations

Main Aims:

Tolerance and friendship among all
nation, racial or religious groups.

Maintenance of peace

When did it begin?

- The United Nations is made up of 192 countries from around the world. It is often called the UN.
- It was set up in 1945, after the Second World War, as a way of bringing people together and to avoid further wars.
- It started with 51 countries. The United Kingdom is one of the original members. Germany did not join until 1973.

What does the UN do?

- The UN aims to ensure that people don't suffer from hunger and homelessness.
- It has a special section called Unicef that tries to help children.
- The UN has a convention on children's rights. They would like it to be followed by all countries, as a set of rules about the treatment of children.



Why is it important to have an organisation that is bigger than any one country?

- *Stops governments mistreating people*
- *Helps stop wars between countries*
- *Looks after all the world's young people*



Why might the UN have problems getting all countries to treat children fairly?

- *Some countries use children in their armies*
- *Many children work in factories*
- *Poor countries can't afford to provide schools*

