

# International Organizations



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## Vocabulary

1. *non-governmental* – неправительственный
2. *non-profit* - некоммерческий
3. *impartiality* – беспристрастность
4. *neutrality* – нейтралитет
5. *independence* – независимость
6. *voluntary service* – добровольность
7. *unity* - единство
8. *universality* - универсальность
9. *crescent* – полумесяц
10. *alleviate* – облегчить

11. *commonwealth* — содружество
12. *to consist* — состоять из (of)
13. *former* — бывший
14. *to discontinue* — прекращать, приостанавливать (какую-л. деятельность)
15. *permanent* — постоянный, неизменный; долговременный;
16. *membership* — членство; звание члена
17. *associate member* — ассоциированный член
18. *defense* — оборона
19. *to headquarter* — устраивать штаб, штаб-квартиру где-л.

## International Organizations



International organizations are divided into international intergovernmental or interstate (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (non-governmental, public) organizations (INGOs).



**International intergovernmental (interstate) organizations** - unions of states or state institutions that are based on the international agreement between States or their authorized institutions.



**International NGOs (non-governmental, community) organizations** - unions, whose members (on the basis of joint action to protect the common interests and achieve the statutory goals of civil, political, cultural, social and economic spheres) are the subjects of the various countries.

These include international non-profit organizations and worldwide companies such as the World Organization of the Scout Move



International Committee of the Red Cross.



Médecins Sans Frontières



and



## ***THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT***

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the largest humanitarian network in the world. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is dedicated to preventing and alleviating human suffering in warfare and in emergencies such as epidemics, floods and earthquakes. It is present in every country and supported by millions of volunteers.

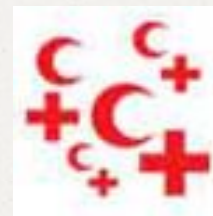
It is composed of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the 189 individual National Societies.

They are all united by seven Fundamental Principles.

These principles are humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality.



ICRC



The Movement's 13 million active volunteers do an outstanding job every day of the year. These volunteers are the power of humanity. They make the world a better place.

### ***ICRC humanitarian activities during latest Gaza conflict***

The ICRC is working with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and the Magen David Adom Society (MDA) to bring assistance and relief to those in need of medical care, to people who were displaced and to those without access to water and electricity.



### ***Port-au-Prince, Haiti.***

People left homeless by the earthquake queue at the ICRC office to collect relief supplies.





# GREENPEACE

**Greenpeace** is a non-governmental environmental organization with offices in over forty countries. Its headquarter in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. A group of Canadian environmentalists founded “Greenpeace” in 1969. They focus their campaigning on world wide problems such as climate change, deforestation, overfishing, commercial whaling, genetic engineering. They block the way to the ships that try to dump waste, and work hard to create a nuclear-free world. The global organization does not accept funding from governments, corporations, or political parties, relying on 2.9 million individual supporters and foundation grants.

Greenpeace is known as the most visible environmental organization in the world. They always act fast and bravely.

Sometimes Greenpeace activity can be quite dangerous. For example, on July 10, 1985, the Greenpeace ship “Rainbow Warrior”, that was on its way to French Polynesia to protest against nuclear tests, was destroyed by French agents. It created serious international accident.





United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

- o *The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization* ( UNESCO; /ju:'nɛskɒʊ/) is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN).
- o Its purpose is to contribute to peace and security by promoting international collaboration through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, the rule of law, and human rights.
- o UNESCO has 195 member states and nine associate members.
- o Projects sponsored by UNESCO include literacy, technical, and teacher-training programmes; international science programmes; the promotion of independent media and freedom of the press; regional and cultural history projects; the promotion of cultural diversity; translations of world literature; international cooperation agreements to secure the world cultural and natural heritage (World Heritage Sites) and to preserve human rights, and attempts to bridge the worldwide digital divide.



***Commonwealth of Independent States*** (CIS) is a confederation, or alliance, created by Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia.

Up to 2005 it consisted of 11 former Soviet Republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Turkmenistan discontinued permanent membership as of August 26, 2005 and is now an associate member.

Since its formation, the member-states of CIS have signed a large number of documents concerning integration and cooperation on matters of economics, defense and foreign policy. The CIS is headquartered in Minsk, Belarus.



***The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)*** is the world's largest security-oriented intergovernmental organization. Its mandate includes issues such as arms control and the promotion of human rights, freedom of the press and fair elections. It has 550 staff at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria, and 2,300 field staff. It has its origins in the 1975 Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) held in Helsinki, Finland.

The OSCE is concerned with early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict rehabilitation. Its 57 participating states are located in Europe, Asia and North America and cover most of the land area of the Northern Hemisphere.

The six official languages of the OSCE are English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

## Questions:

1. What kinds of international organizations do you know?
1. What is the CIS?
2. What countries were the founders of the CIS?
3. What countries are in the CIS at the moment?
4. When did Turkmenistan discontinue its permanent membership in the CIS?
5. What are the six official languages of the OSCE ?
6. How many fundamental principles are the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the 189 individual National Societies all united by?
7. What problems do the Greenpeace members focus their activity on?
8. What is the purpose of UNESCO?
9. Which organization promote human rights and freedom of the press?

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