

ABSTRACT

The United Nations and Peacekeeping
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Over the years, the United Nations has developed and promoted the expression of common interests of the Member States. There are purposes and principles which not only guide, but serve the best interest of the Member States. Most certainly, the major purpose is the commitment to the goals of peace and security by the members. The desire of these members is to have a free, secure and peaceful world. With this in mind, it is the resolution of peoples and states to make order out of disorder and prescribe peaceful measures for progressive social change. Peacekeeping is one such measure initiated by the United Nations in an attempt to achieve world peace.

In facing the challenges, the United Nations peacekeeping has become more complex, varied and intricate in its mission. With each case, the concept of peacekeeping is being enhanced and widened.

In this thesis, the effectiveness of the United Nations in the peacekeeping process has been examined with the use of past and present cases.

In order to arrive at a conclusion, this study examined and assessed the nature and extent of the United Nations' contribution to world peace through peacekeeping. In order to validate the arguments presented, reference is made to specific cases. In this way, it is possible to make certain conclusions on the United Nations performance. Further reference is made to the treaties, resolutions and mandates.

It is concluded that given the changing determinants in world affairs, the United Nations needs to formulate its means for the maintenance of peace and security. The means are no longer applicable with the new tasks and challenges that the United Nations now confronts.