

**THE STRATEGIC EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:
GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND LEGAL DOCTRINES**

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ABSTRACT: This article examines the multifaceted role of international organizations within the framework of modern international law. By analyzing the transition from ancient associations to the complex institutional structures of the 21st century, the research identifies the socio-political drivers of international integration. The study focuses specifically on the United Nations (UN) as a primary actor, evaluating competing legal doctrines—directing, constitutional, and integrationist—to clarify the boundaries of organizational authority versus state sovereignty.

INTRODUCTION

The landscape of modern international relations is marked by the rapid expansion of international organizations. This trend, which gained momentum after the Second World War, reflects a fundamental change in how global society tackles systemic issues. By the early 21st century, there were over 4,000 international organizations worldwide, of which about 300 were intergovernmental entities [1]. The growth of these institutions is deliberate; it is the structural result of human society's natural move toward integration. Several key factors drive this organized cooperation.

1. **Collective Problem Solving:** Modern challenges are increasingly transboundary, rendering unilateral state action ineffective.

2. **Resource Scarcity:** Limited regional resources require coordinated management beyond the capacity of individual nations.

3. **Security Imperatives:** In an interconnected world, armed conflicts can rapidly destabilize vast territories unless managed through collective security frameworks.

4. **Social Progress:** International cooperation facilitates positive shifts in economic equity and social justice [2].

As noted by the first President of Uzbekistan, I.A. Karimov, the United Nations (UN) represents the pinnacle of this development—a "unique organization" designed to harmonize the interests of the entire world community [8].

METHODS

This research employs a qualitative, multi-method approach to investigate the institutional nature of international organizations. The primary methods used include:

- **Historical-Analytical Method:** Tracing the lineage of international associations from Ancient Greek poleis (6th century BC) to the 19th-century Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine [3].

- **Systematic Classification:** Categorizing organizations based on membership (intergovernmental vs. non-governmental), duration (temporary vs. permanent), and jurisdictional scope (universal vs. regional).
- **Legal Documentary Analysis:** Conducting a primary analysis of the UN Charter, specifically examining Articles 1 and 2 (goals and principles) and Article 104 (legal capacity) [9].
- **Doctrinal Synthesis:** Evaluating the three dominant theories of international legal status—directing, constitutional, and integrationist doctrines—to determine their alignment with existing international law [12].

RESULTS

The study identifies that international organizations are distinct associations established by international treaties, possessing an independent will and derivative rights necessary to fulfill specific political, economic, or scientific mandates [4].

1. Institutional Classification

The research distinguishes between two primary organizational types:

- **Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs):** Defined by state-based membership, constituent treaties, permanent administrative organs, and a strict adherence to state sovereignty [6].
- **Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs):** Associations of individuals or legal entities. Interestingly, while financial power often resides with transnational corporations, INGOs increasingly serve as the repositories for global intellectual and information capital [7].

2. The United Nations as a Model Actor

The 1945 San Francisco Conference established the UN as the primary vehicle for maintaining peace and developing friendly relations between nations. The research confirms that the UN maintains six principal organs (General Assembly, Security Council, ECOSOC, Trusteeship Council, International Court of Justice, and the Secretariat).

A critical result of the analysis of Article 104 of the UN Charter is the confirmation of the UN's "derivative legal capacity." This allows the organization to function legally within the territory of each member state to the extent required to achieve its objectives.

DISCUSSION

The legal status of the UN within international law remains a subject of intense doctrinal debate. This article evaluates three specific schools of thought:

A. The Directing (Directing) Doctrine

This theory posits that the UN acts as a coordinating center that directs sovereign and equal states toward shared goals. It maintains the absolute priority of state sovereignty.

B. The Constitutional Doctrine

Advanced by scholars like G. Clark and L. Sohn, this doctrine views the UN as a nascent "world government" [12]. It suggests that for international peace to be absolute, states must become subordinate to the UN in both internal and external policies, thereby ceding a portion of their sovereignty to a centralized global authority.

C. The Integrationist Doctrine

This perspective seeks to evolve the UN into a global trans-state political system, aiming to fully integrate the political processes of all international participants into a single global framework.

However, the textual evidence within the UN Charter contradicts the "World Government" model. Article 1, Paragraph 4 defines the UN specifically as a "**center for harmonizing the actions of nations.**" Furthermore, Article 2, Paragraph 7 provides a vital safeguard: the organization is strictly prohibited from intervening in matters that fall within the **domestic jurisdiction** of any state. This indicates that while the UN is an independent subject of international law, it does not possess sovereign authority over its member states.

CONCLUSION

The evolution of international organizations is a testament to the increasing complexity and interdependence of human civilization. From the early alliances of Ancient Greece to the multi-layered systems of today, these institutions have become indispensable for global stability. The research concludes that while the "world government" theory (Constitutional Doctrine) remains a significant point of academic interest, the current legal reality—supported by the UN Charter—is one of **harmonized cooperation**. The UN exists not to replace the state, but to facilitate a balance between state sovereignty and collective global interests. In the modern era, the rise of INGOs suggests that the control of information and intellectual capital is becoming as influential as traditional political power in shaping international policy.

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