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The United Nations



The first meeting of the U.N. General Assembly on 19 November 1946.

Dumbarton Oaks, 1944





Bretton Woods, 1944



Manchuria, 1931



Vienna, 1938





The Great Depression



Parliament of Man (UK)

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Article 27

- 1. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.
- 2. Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members.
- 3. Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VI, and under paragraph 3 of Article 52, a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting.



Article 2, Section 7

"Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter; but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII."

Rwanda, 1994



Srebrenica, 1995





Sierra Leone



Article 108

Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force for all Members of the United Nations when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the **Security Council.**



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