

MALAWI RESPONSE

What are the main challenges to maintaining and strengthening international peace and security at the global level for instance in relation to needed structural reforms of the UN Organs, global disarmament, the relaxation of the right to peace, accountability etc.

Time -it takes a long time for issues to be resolved by the UN and requires a lot of patience;

Climate change and environmental breakdown is affecting the world globally;

Political commitment for member states to allocate adequate capital resources to address food and energy shortages;

Terrorism, nuclear threats, unrestrained globalisation, collapse of international financial system;

Threats from poverty and diseases, conflicts between states and within states which results in violence and massive human rights violations within states, terrorism and organised crime;

Withholding of funds for the UN - rarely give importance to resolutions adopted by the UN; and

Perceived unrepresentative role of the UN Security Council - limited role and impact of the General Assembly.

Unequal treatment of States and response to crises by the UN, with developing countries getting little attention.

What solutions do you deem necessary to overcome these challenges?

UN should strive to create an equal playing field for all member states. The UN should not be selective in enforcement of human rights to particular member states whilst others are let loose without being monitored or held accountable.

UN should strive to settle conflicts between states amicably and within limited time to avoid mass displacement of ordinary citizens and should promote integration of refugees in receiving states.

Reform of the Security Council would remove the current perception that it belongs to the chosen few and not a true reflection of the UN itself.

Resolutions adopted by the Assembly should be implemented religiously, and should be monitored by the UN as Secretariat of the General Assembly.

Climate change and environmental breakdown should be a priority for the UN. It has massive impact on efforts to curb poverty, hunger and disease especially for the developing countries.

Withholding of funds for the UN meant to assist war torn countries or disaster affected countries should be discouraged at all costs.

What particular issue relevant to this topic would you like to bring to my attention?

Climate change and environmental breakdown, social protection and social security, universal health system should be prioritised especially for the developing countries so as to bring closer to developed countries.

Urgent reform of the UN to be more representative and which will further enhance multilateralism.

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