



## United Nations Security Council



### **“Keeping peace, securing nations.”**

#### **Context of the United Nations Security Council**

The Security Council held its first session on 17 January 1946 at Church House, London. Since then, it has taken permanent residency in New York City. Its primary responsibility is to maintain peace and security and, when they are threatened, to intervene given the possibilities. Other responsibilities are to develop friendly relations between nations, to cooperate in solving international problems and promote respect for human rights and to harmonize the actions of nations.

When a complaint concerning the threat to peace and security is brought before the SC, its priority is to try to reach an agreement by peaceful means. However, if the discussion leads to hostilities, it should end them as soon as possible. Beyond this, the Council can opt for enforcement measures, which should be condemned by the international community.

#### **Context of the Central Theme**

The war in Ukraine has resulted in an energetic and migration crisis, impacting the economy, climate change and the food and water security as well.

The energetic crisis emerges as a great threat to world peace. As an international resource, it is often wielded as a very powerful tool to exert pressure on sovereign states, reaching implications that threaten not only the economic stability, but the balance of international relations and the climate. The implementation of a boycott on Russia's seaborne crude oil is an example of this type of situation. The Security Council's challenge begins at addressing these disruptions and formulating strategies that promote sustainable and resilient energy solutions while maintaining international cooperation and mitigating the weaponizing of energy.

The war in Ukraine has also triggered a massive migration crisis, straining regional resources and elevating tensions. The Security Council grapples with the complex task of managing displaced populations. Balancing humanitarian imperatives with security concerns, the Council must collaborate with relevant agencies to provide aid, protect refugee rights, and work towards a diplomatic resolution to avert a broader humanitarian catastrophe.

The conflict's broader security implications demand the Security Council's attention as regional tensions escalate as conflict-induced hunger intertwines with the effects of climate change and economic shocks, arising a global food insecurity crisis. Furthermore, the World Food Day theme, "Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind," draws attention to the often-underestimated role of water in global food systems. The SC must not only consider the immediate humanitarian needs but also the long-term sustainability of global food systems that can be solved with collaborative efforts. Given the current rise of insecurity, the urgency to act grows with each passing day.

## **Research Questions**

### TOPIC A: Ensuring the peace on the Gaza Strip

1. What are the immediate and long-term consequences of the significant displacement of Gaza's population?
2. How effective have the negotiations and border crossings been in addressing the humanitarian crisis in Gaza?
3. What was the response of your country and how did it influence the course of the conflict? How does this align with the reactions and decisions of other international actors, especially within the SC?

### TOPIC B: The Energy Crisis as a threat to World Peace

1. How effective are the Security Council's diplomatic efforts in addressing the security ramifications of the energetic crisis? Regarding tensions and resolution of conflicts.
2. How have global energy dynamics shifted in the aftermath of Europe's boycott on Russian seaborne crude oil, and what are the consequences that have impacted your country?
3. How is your country shaping and responding to the evolving energy markets? What are the implications?

### TOPIC C: Maintenance of international peace and security: Famine and conflict-induced global food insecurity

1. How do conflict-induced hunger, climate change, and economic shocks collectively contribute to global food insecurity? And in your country?
2. To what extent does the silent role of water impact global food systems? What has been the impact in your own nation?

3. What innovative approaches are being explored to address the diverse and dynamic challenges faced by affected populations?

### **Discussion questions**

1. Which countries have the same perspective as yours? Which don't?
2. How does your proposal divert from those countries that don't share your perspective? Can you find a middle ground?
3. What are the weak points in your proposal and how can you strengthen them?
4. What solutions do you propose to other country's problems? Would that help create alliances?

### **Recommended resources**

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/>

<https://apnews.com/hub/gaza-strip>

[https://www.economist.com/ukraine-crisis?utm\\_medium=cpc.adword.pd&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=a.io&utm\\_content=ukraine-](https://www.economist.com/ukraine-crisis?utm_medium=cpc.adword.pd&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=a.io&utm_content=ukraine-)

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<https://www.worldbank.org/en/home>

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/rethinking-food->

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