

Unit 4 Political Geography – Supranational Organizations

Directions: Follow the instructions below for each section.

United Nations (<http://www.un.org/en/>)

General Assembly

1. What is the main function of the United Nations General Assembly?
2. How many members are there?
3. List five powers it has (there are more than five).
4. How many votes does each member state receive?
5. What are the six main committees?
6. Who is the President of the General Assembly and where is he from?
7. Where is the United Nations located?

The Security Council

1. What is the main responsibility of the Security Council?
2. How is the President of the Council selected?
3. Who are the permanent members of the Council?
4. How many votes does each Council member receive?
5. How many votes are needed on substantive matters?
6. List five other responsibilities of this Council (there are more than five).
7. Which country currently is President of the Council?
8. Where does the Council meet?

Economic and Social Council

1. What is the main responsibility of this Council?
2. How many members are on this Council?
3. How are seats allotted?
4. Where does the Council meet?

International Court of Justice

1. What is the role of the Court?
2. How many judges sit on the Court and how are they selected?
3. What two types of cases does the Court hear?
4. Explain one pending case.
5. Where does the Court meet?

NATO (<http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/index.htm>)

1. What is NATO the acronym for?
2. What is the function of NATO?
3. How many members are there? List five.

NAFTA (<http://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/north-american-free-trade-agreement-nafta>)

1. What is NAFTA the acronym for?
2. What is the function of NAFTA?
3. Who are the members?

OPEC (<http://www.opec.org/opec%5Fweb/en/>)

1. What is OPEC the acronym for?
2. What is the function of OPEC?
3. Who were the original members of OPEC?
4. What other countries have joined the organization?

European Union (http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

1. What is the purpose of the EU?
2. How many countries currently make up the EU? What are they?
3. What countries have applied for membership?
4. What is the EU's language policy?