

International Organization Summit

Government and citizen
participation in
international
organizations

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SS.7.C.4.2 Recognize
government and citizen
participation in
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organizations.

How would you define it?

International organization

Nongovernmental organization

Intergovernmental organization

International Organizations

- An international organization is an organization with an international membership, scope, or presence.
 - Made up of several countries

Non-governmental organizations

A not-for-profit group, principally independent from government, which is organized on a local, national or international level to address issues in support of the public good.

Intergovernmental organizations

A public or governmental organization created by treaty or agreement between states.

These can be domestic (in the United States) or international organizations

You will read about an organization and identify:

- Founding year
- Organization headquarters
- Purpose of the organization
- How governments and/or individuals can participate in your organization

Today you will become representatives of an international organization.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUMMIT

NAFTA

North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement

Intergovernmental Organization/Agreement

	Year Founded	Headquarters Location/ Countries involved	Purpose of the Organization Why is this organization important in the international community?	How do governments or individual citizens participate in this organization?
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)	1994	Agreement between United States, Canada, and Mexico	NAFTA created the world's largest free trade area, which now links 450 million people producing \$17 trillion worth of goods and services; all non-tariff barriers to agricultural trade between the United States and Mexico were eliminated; all tariffs affecting agricultural trade between the United States and Canada, with a few exceptions for items covered by tariff-rate quotas, were removed	Agreement between governments; fueled trade between the countries and created jobs for individual citizens



NATO

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

28 member countries

Intergovernmental Organization

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	April 4, 1949	Brussels, Belgium	NATO's essential purpose is to safeguard the freedom and security of its members through political and military means. Its core tasks are defined as collective defense, crisis-management and cooperative security.	Composed of 28 member countries (governments) from Europe and North America, NATO provides a unique link between these two continents for consultation and cooperation in the field of defense and security, and the conduct of multinational crisis-management operations.





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International Committee of the Red Cross

Non-governmental Organization

	Year Founded	Headquarters Location/ Countries involved	Purpose of the Organization Why is this organization important in the international community?	How do governments or individual citizens participate in this organization?
International Red Cross	1863	Geneva, Switzerland	Works worldwide to provide humanitarian help for people affected by conflict and armed violence and to promote the laws that protect victims of war.	Employs some 12,000 individual citizens in 80 countries; it is financed mainly by voluntary donations from governments and from National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

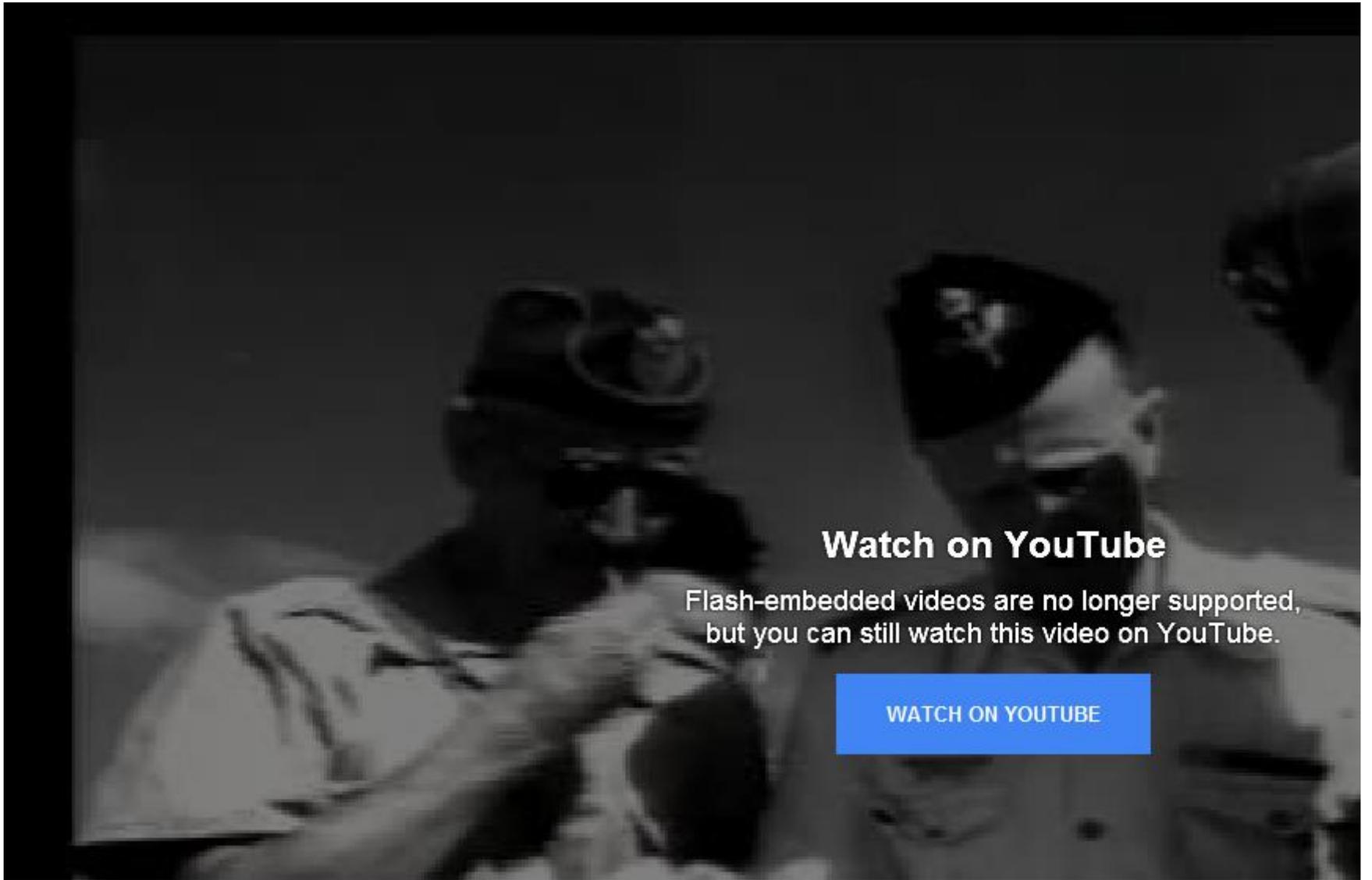


United Nations

Intergovernmental Organization

	Year Founded	Headquarters Location	Purpose of the Organization Why is this organization important in the international community?	How do governments or individual citizens participate in this organization?
United Nations (UN)	1945	New York City, USA 193 member states	The purpose of the UN is to keep peace throughout the world; to develop friendly relations among nations; to help nations work together to improve the lives of poor people, to conquer hunger, disease and illiteracy, and to encourage respect for each other's rights and freedoms; to be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations to achieve these goals.	Provides a forum for its 193 Member States (countries) to express their views and discuss issues spanning a broad range of topics including sustainable development, environment and refugees protection, disaster relief, counter terrorism, human rights, gender equality, governance, economic and social development, clearing landmines, expanding food production





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UNICEF

United Nations Children's Emergency Fund

Intergovernmental Organization

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United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	1946	New York City, USA 193 member states	UNICEF advocates for the protection of children's rights and provides services to help meet their basic needs. Additionally, UNICEF fights for the survival, protection, and development of children.	Individuals can support the mission on UNICEF through volunteer work, advocacy (contacting elected officials), making donations, and creating clubs to educate, advocate, and fundraise in communities.



IN OVER
190
COUNTRIES

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World Court

Intergovernmental Organization

	Year Founded	Headquarters Location	Purpose of the Organization Why is this organization important in the international community?	How do governments or individual citizens participate in this organization?
World Court	June 1945	The Hague (Netherlands)	The Court's role is to settle, in accordance with international law, legal disputes submitted to it by States and to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies.	Resolves disputes between countries



World Trade Organization

Intergovernmental Organization

	Year Founded	Headquarters Location	Purpose of the Organization Why is this organization important in the international community?	How do governments or individual citizens participate in this organization?
World Trade Organization	1995	Geneva, Switzerland	The main functions of the WTO are to administer WTO trade agreements, serve as a forum for trade negotiations, to monitor national trade policy, and to handle trade disputes.	WTO agreements require governments to make their trade policies transparent by notifying the WTO about laws in force and measures adopted.



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

Check for Understanding

The U.S. government is a member of which organization?

- A. United Nations
- B. European Union
- C. World Wildlife Fund
- D. International Red Cross