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The UN must disappear

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As far back as September 25, 2011, I wrote an article entitled "The UN is dead." Among other things, it stated that: "The events of recent years, marked by a closed unipolarity [...] they give an account of an inoperative UN that bends to the will of rogue states. The unanimous resolution condemning Iran for the alleged intention to build atomic weapons

contrasts the existence of such weapons in countries such as Israel, India and Pakistan, which have the common characteristic of being among the largest buyers of weapons from manufacturers who are basically the permanent members of the Security Council."

He went on to say: "The unanimous approval of the powers to authorize - through resolution 1973 - what led to the indiscriminate bombing of Libyan cities and the murder of thousands of citizens, shows an organization that is no longer a guarantor of peace but a promoter of war. The same thing happened during the recent events in Côte d'Ivoire, where the UN Secretary-General himself gave orders to the Blue Helmets to get involved militarily under orders from the French armed forces that invaded the African country."

Twelve years later, the diagnosis is the same, but the crisis is even deeper. The Covid 19 pandemic showed the world the inability of the organization to manage the fight against the virus that became the common enemy of humanity.



World Health Organization

In this battle, the World Health Organization (WHO) failed miserably. In October 2021, 20 months after the pandemic began, only 57% of the world's population had been vaccinated. The pandemic could never be brought under control through the distribution of vaccines. Rich countries established a clear distance from poorer ones. In January 2022, the WHO published guidance to prioritize the global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines fairly, but it was too late and the plan was flawed. The logic of the market, profit and profit prevailed over the logic of the protection of human beings, their health and their

lives. This is because the WHO depends mainly on the goodwill of rich countries and corporations.

Similar circumstances occurred in the WHO's action during influenza A (H1N1 subtype) that struck the world in 2009. Another example of the WHO's repeated error was its action in 2014 during the Ebola crisis. Your disability is recurrent. In the first case, governments that followed his recommendations hoarded unnecessary amounts of anti-flu drugs only for the benefit of pharmaceutical companies. And in the second, acting with extreme passivity in the face of the seriousness of the spread of Ebola, underestimating the problem. It was only when the epidemic was already out of control in West Africa that the Director-General declared a global emergency.

It must be said, this "goodwill" mentioned is directly related to the decision of companies to act when they observe that contagion can affect their profits and those of rich countries. This is in violation of Article 1, Chapter 1, Paragraph 3 of the Charter of the United Nations, which establishes the purposes and principles of the United Nations and states that the organization must: "To carry out international cooperation in the solution of international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in the development and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all; without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

Likewise, the UN's abysmal job in handling the pandemic flagrantly violates Article 3 of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." The UN has shown that it is not capable of guaranteeing that right or even fulfilling the purposes assigned to it by the Charter.

In this context, Russia's military operation in Ukraine and the recent conflict in Palestine brought to the fore the ineffectiveness of the UN. In both cases, the organization was unable to prevent genocides from being planned and carried out on the peoples of Donbass and Palestine respectively. In Ukraine they turned a "blind eye" for 8 years while with extreme cruelty fascist Nazi hordes exterminated the Russian-speaking population.

The Palestinian issue is much worse because the UN is the direct cause of it by illegally creating the State of Israel when it is not its power - according to the Charter - to create countries, but even after having decided on such a legal grotesque, it has not been able to enforce General Assembly resolution 181, of November 29, 1947, which established the partition of Palestine into a Jewish state. an Arab State and an area under a special international regime. In this case, perhaps more than in any other, the use of the UN as an

instrument of U.S. foreign policy has become apparent. The UN has failed in its primary responsibility to promote and consolidate peace on the planet.

In another area, one might wonder what is the point of the existence of the World Trade Organization (WTO), another UN agency, if as of August 2023, 26,162 unilateral coercive measures (wrongly called sanctions) had been applied by the United States, the European Union, Canada, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and other countries, affecting 30 states around the world. Thus, 28% of the world's population is prevented from developing their lives normally.



United Nations (UN)

In this case, the UN General Assembly, at its 78th session, approved with 128 votes in favor and 54 against a resolution on the promotion and protection of human rights against unilateral coercive measures.

However, it is all in vain. International relations are not about law but about power. The UN is a structure based on the atomic power of 5 countries that impose that condition on the world. The institution of the veto is an anti-democratic practice that establishes that the world has to live under the dictatorship of 5 countries for the sole reason that they have the capacity to destroy the planet. Thus, it is this capacity that establishes and sustains the international system and its structure. The planet lives under the permanent contradiction between the democratic character of the General Assembly and the dictatorial character of the Security Council.

At present, there are several cases that expose the retrograde character of the UN in addition to those already known in Ukraine and Palestine. In this regard, the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has opined that the UN Command, responsible for monitoring compliance with the armistice after the Korean War of the 1950s, it should be dissolved to "prevent the start of a new war and defend peace and security on the Korean peninsula.

According to the statement issued by the North Korean government, the command represents "nothing more than an instrument of confrontation of the United States because it has nothing to do with the UN." According to Pyongyang, the command "once again reveals its aggressive nature, seeking to prepare a statement of confrontation simulating the Second Korean War." As early as 1975, the UN General Assembly passed two resolutions stipulating the dissolution of the command and the withdrawal of US troops from the region and even two former UN secretaries-general, Boutros Boutros Ghali and Kofi Annan, stated that "the body is not under the control of the United Nations, but of Washington". Now, according to the DPRK's complaint, the Command "is being reactivated as an instrument of plurinational warfare, led by the United States. These are serious developments that threaten security in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Korean peninsula." It seems evident that the UN is allowing itself to be used by the United States to generate another scenario of conflict on the planet.

It couldn't be any other way when the UN secretary general is a man from a NATO country. It should be remembered that when he was Prime Minister of Portugal, he accompanied all the outrages of this warmongering grouping, including the war in the Balkans and the invasion of Afghanistan. It is difficult for a person of this lineage to have the equanimity and neutrality necessary to deal with the matters that concern the organization. A just world should never have a warmonger as its ultimate leader.

In the past, Europe has given us examples of the leadership that represents it. Between 1972 and 1981, Kurt Waldheim, a far-right Austrian politician was appointed secretary general of the UN. It didn't matter that Waldheim had been a member of the League of German National Socialist Students, a structure of his country's Nazi party that led him to even join the SA, the Nazi party's shock troops that under Hitler's direct orders sowed terror in the occupied countries. Nothing less than a Nazi was sent by Europe to be secretary general of the UN.

The actions with respect to Venezuela are not alien to his imprint. The UN has violated the Geneva Agreement that establishes an amicable and satisfactory solution for both parties to the Essequibo conflict. The gigantic oil reserves discovered in 2015 in that territory under claim mobilized the United States government, which, exerting pressure on the UN,

managed to have the case illegally sent to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), a UN body that has decided to act without having jurisdiction over the case.

Already, the former UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, a puppet of Washington, had unilaterally and illegally decided to put an end to the figure of the good officiant. Giving continuity to this legal aberration, Antonio Guterres - almost from the very moment of his appointment - accepted the lawsuit that the United States had initiated against his predecessor, unilaterally favoring Guyana's decision, which is in fact the decision of the ExxonMobil company, which intends to illegally and unilaterally exploit the resources of the Essequibo. Guterres is complicit in this attempt at dispossession, as is the ICJ which, by placing itself outside the law, seeks to endorse Guyana's claim.



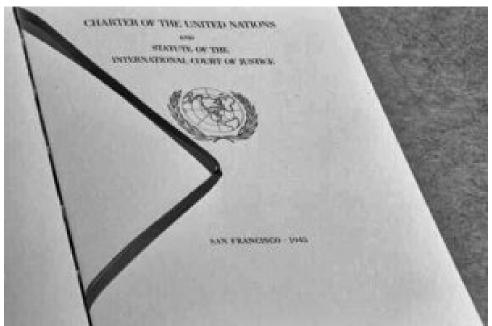
Antonio Guterres

Guterres should have consulted Venezuela to obtain its agreement regarding the jurisdiction of the ICJ, as established by the Geneva Agreement. It is worth adding that Venezuela is not a signatory to the protocol on compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ, so it is not obliged to abide by the decision made by this body. It is not Venezuela that has placed itself outside the law. It has been the United Nations organization, once again.

Perhaps no one has put it so precisely as the president of Brazil: "The UN of 1945 is no longer worth anything in 2023." He said this in horror at the organization's inability to stop the Israeli genocide in Palestine. As usual, the anachronistic dictatorship of the veto exercised by the United States has even prevented the cessation of armed actions in Gaza. In this regard, Lula said: "Only one country had the right to veto and vetoed it [the

proposal], and that was the United States. This is incomprehensible, it is not acceptable. That's why we fight to change the UN," adding, "That's why we want to change the number of [members] and how it works and end the right of veto."

In this context, it was the Israeli government itself that placed itself outside international law by publicly acknowledging that it possesses nuclear weapons, which is prohibited to it by the UN Charter. However, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), another entity belonging to the UN, so active in wanting to audit and control Russia in the conflict in Ukraine, has turned its head to avoid giving an opinion on this other situation that... Once again, it calls into question the UN's neutrality and its adherence to international law, all of which deteriorate global security, placing at serious risk the international arms control regime that the UN is supposed to uphold, defend and enforce.



Washington has placed itself above the UN, endorsing all the excesses committed by Israel, a country that by the way has not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Its 300 thermonuclear bombs are a real danger not only to the Palestinian people but to the entire planet, when it is known that they are in the hands of these new Nazis of the 21st century, overflowing with hatred, eager to kill and lacking any sense of humanity.

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