

Seven decades of the United Nations



■ **October 24, 1945**
Victors of World War II – China, France, UK, USSR and U.S. – ratify United Nations' Charter, creating **UN Security Council**

■ **January 1946**
First **UN General Assembly** takes place in London, UK

UN member states in 1946 **51**
Member states in 2015 **193**



■ **February 1946**
Norwegian **Trygve Lie** elected as first Secretary-General of United Nations

Secretaries-General 1946-2015 **8**



■ **December 1948**
Under guidance of **Eleanor Roosevelt**, General Assembly adopts **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

UN's first Declaration becomes foundation for numerous international laws and treaties

UN Declarations 1948-2015 **90**

■ **October 1954**
UN High Commission for Refugees wins Nobel Peace Prize for its work with post-war refugees in Europe



UN Nobel Laureates **11**

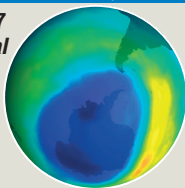
■ **Nov 1956 – Jun 67**
First UN peacekeeping force established to secure withdrawal of British, French and Israeli troops from Egypt following Suez Canal crisis

Current peacekeeping forces **16**

■ **November 1967**
Following Israel's Six-Day War against Egypt, Jordan and Syria, Security Council's **Resolution 242** calls for withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from occupied territories

UN resolutions to date **2,234**

■ **September 1987**
Signing of **Montreal Protocol** leads to start of recovery of Antarctic ozone hole – UN's most successful treaty



Signatories to Protocol **197**

■ **September 1996**
UN adopts **Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty**

Signatories to date **183**

■ **July 2002**
International Criminal Court is established following Rome Statute

Countries party to ICC **123**

■ **November 2012**
General Assembly accords non-Member Observer State status to State of Palestine