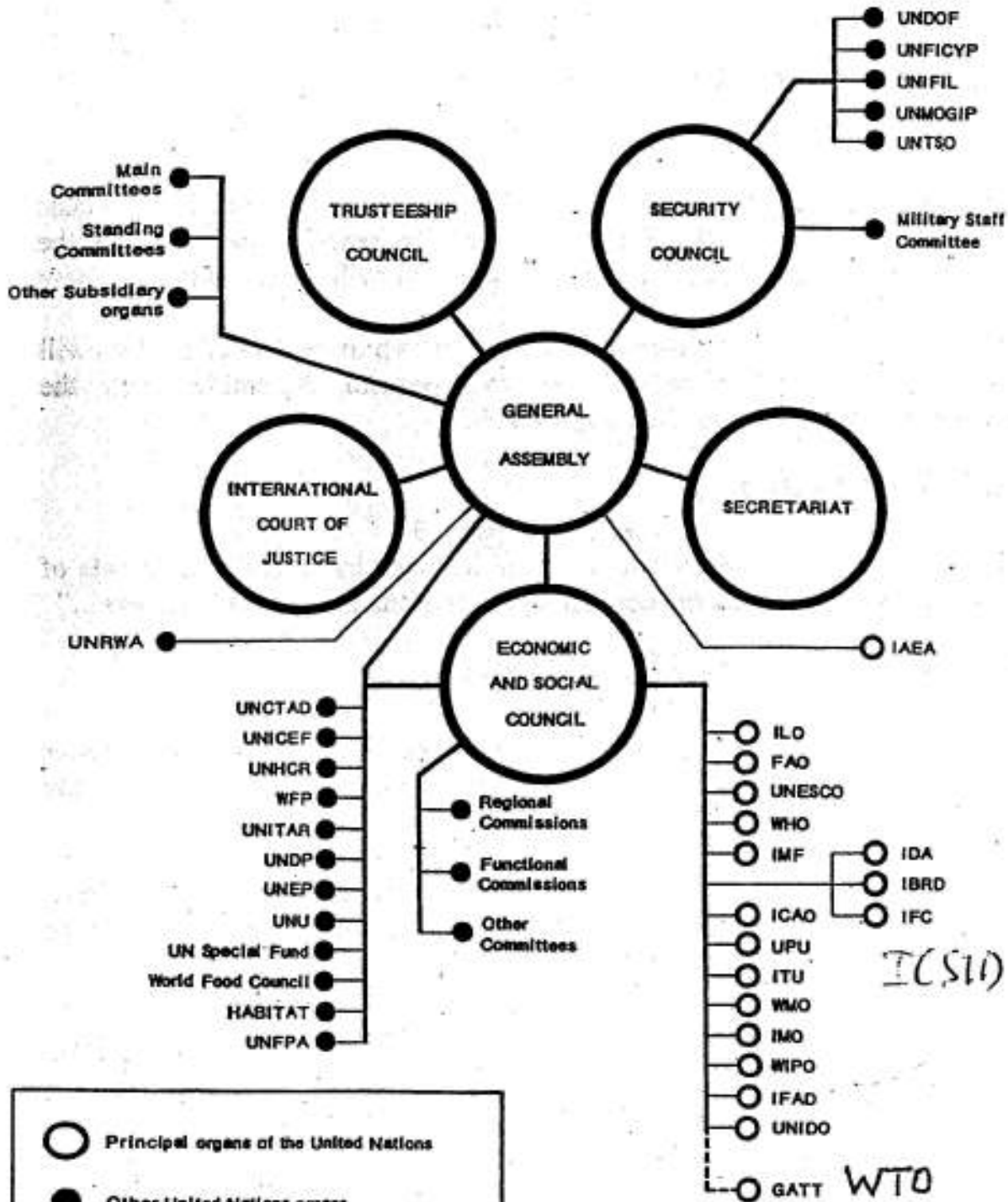




THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM



- Principal organs of the United Nations
- Other United Nations organs
- Specialised agencies and other autonomous organisations within the system.

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I. General Part: Definition and Categories

A. Background: cooperation across national boundaries

B. A Wide Definition: In the widest sense an International Organization is a union or association of States, of enterprises and of other national entities across national boundaries.

C. Categorization of International Organizations : First of all one has to distinguish between non-governmental organizations (NGO'S) and inter-governmental organizations (IGO's).

1. NGO's

a) Definition: "any international organization which is not established by inter-governmental agreement including an organization which accepts members designated by government authorities, provided that such membership does not interfere with the free expression of views of the organization".

b) Prominent Examples: Interpol, AI and Greenpeace International

c) NGO's as models for IGO's. Hanseatic League, Thurn/Taxis, ..Association to Protect Workers

d) Subdivisions of NGO's

- (1) Non-profit making and
- (2) Profit-making Organizations
- (3) NGO's without international legal personality
- (4) NGO's endowed with international legal personality

2. IGO's

a) Definition

"Association of States established by and based upon a treaty, which pursues common aims and which has its own special organs to fulfil particular functions within the organizations".

b) Elements of that Definition

- (1) Association of States
- (2) Treaty
- (3) Common aims
- (4) Own special organs: their structure

c) Categories:

- (1) Universal-regional
- (2) Peace keeping-technical
- (3) traditional-supranational
- (4) general-special

d) Membership

e) International personality: the Bernadotte Case

II. Special Part: The United Nations

A. Structure: General Assembly, Security Council, Secretariat, ECOSOC, International Court of Justice

B. Principles: Prohibition of the use of force: Article 2/4, Exceptions: self-defence and SC Resolutions

C. Peaceful settlement of disputes: negotiations, enquiry, good offices, mediation, conciliation, arbitration and judicial settlement