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<title>Style Sheets: Is the United Nations Still Relevant?</title>
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<h1> <br> Is the United Nations Still Relevant? </h1></td></tr>
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        <br><i><b>Table of Contents </b></i><br>
    <ul >
    <li>The Children of the Middle East<br>
        <li>Machu Picchu and the Environment<br>
    <li>Darfur, Sudan Conflict<br>
        <li>Conclusion<br>
        </ul>
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<td width="75%" class="main" >
<p>The <a href="http://www.un.org/"target=_blank">United Nations</a> is unusual in
that it
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consists of 191 nations with 191
differing histories and 191 perspectives that are all bound by the terms of the same
Charter. How

can this work? According to John Negroponte the answer is, "Promoting policies that
support the

freedom and well-being of people in their own nation-state, not by pursuing the
illusions of world

government." The United Nation's mission statement states that its purpose is to
keep peace

throughout the world, to develop friendly relations between nations and to work
together to help

people live better lives by eliminating poverty, disease and to stop environmental
destruction. In

spite of these lofty goals, many people feel that the United Nations has not accomplished what

they set out to do. They point to the failure of the UN in dealing with the genocide in <a

href="http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/index.asp?id=646" target="_blank">Rwanda,

failure to deliver
food to starving people in <a
href="http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/index.asp?id=706"

target="_blank">Somalia, and the recent <a

href="http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/middle_east/july-dec04/oil-for-food_12-

3.html"target=_"blank"> Oil-for-Food scandal. In
spite of these problems, I feel that the United Nations is still a vital organization that gives

countries facing difficult situations a world stage to
deal with their problems. </p></p>
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