

GS-II (IR)

1) The United Nations, apex body to resolve conflicts among nations has been ~~ing~~ ineffective in bringing in a ceasefire in the Russia-Ukraine crisis and the Israel-Hamas conflict? Enumerate the reasons for its ineffectiveness and provide solutions (250 words)

United Nations, is an international body of 195 member countries, which aims to resolve all conflicts in the world.

United Nations:

* Established in 1946 after the end of IInd - world war.

* Established by US and its allies who are the winner of 2nd world war.

* Its main objective is to resolve the conflicts between major powers and thereby reduce the possibilities of another world war.

* Having 195 countries at its members.

Russia - Ukraine war:

- * In Feb, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine territories and announced war against Ukraine
- * After that, major western powers supported Ukraine & helped Ukraine by giving financial assistance
- * They also provided huge ammunitions to Ukraine.
- * More than one and half years, the war has been continuing without truce.
- * UN, its aim to resolve conflict, failed to stop ~~the~~ the war
- * Its resolution in the UN security council had not succeeded.

Israel - Hamas war:

- * Hamas, a political wing in southern Israel, attacked Israel on Oct 7 2023.
- * Israel, in its retaliatory measures, bombarded Gaza and attacked more civilians.
- * UNGA resolution to end the conflict failed as major western powers voted against the resolution.

Reasons:

- * UNSC is the sub-committee on UN.
- * It is the only deciding committee in the resolutions of UN.
- * UNSC has 15 members - 10 Non permanent and 5 permanent.
- * That 5 permanent members have veto powers in voting in UN.
- * They are, US, UK, Russia, China & France.
- * Any resolution would be successful only if the above 5 permanent countries have voted in favour of.
- * ~~Despite~~

Solutions:

- * Reforms in UN charter is the need of the hour.
- * Making UN more democratic is the only way to end the conflict.
- * Upholding one country - one vote - one value in voting system make UN more inclusive.
- * Including many permanent members in UNSC make a decision fruitful.