

UN under Fire

The UN is turning 80, and today it is under attack from all sides, also from within:

- Putin and Xi openly want a new world order without those pesky fundamental rights.
- Trump refuses to be constrained and is withdrawing funding from the UN.
- Jew-haters within the UN are delegitimizing it by [instrumentalizing](#) the UN and agitating constantly against Israel.
- Netanyahu's government is ignoring its decisions.
- Terrorists are infiltrating its organizations.
- And hardly anyone mentions how many more wars there were **before** the founding of the UN.

But the UN Charter is an achievement worth preserving. Its [preamble](#) is the heart of international policy for a better world:

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED

- to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and
- to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and
- to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and
- to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS

- to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and
- to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and
- to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and
- to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS.

It's been 80 years now. I hope it will prevail against the attacks from inside and outside so my children or their children will have a chance to live in the better world the UN Charter was built to create.