



## **Introduction to diplomatic Sciences (handbook and glossary).**

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### **Abstract**

*This is a work between a very short introduction and handbook to understand what diplomacy is and to study it. The author introduces diplomacy to start from historical perspective and to provide significant examples to illustrate the art of diplomacy in action. Diplomacy has evolved greatly, coming to mean diverse things, to different persons, at several times, reaching from the sophisticated to inelegant and ordinary. This paper presents the first attempts to measure student learning quantitatively by administering a pre-test, post-test survey supplemented by a glossary of diplomatic terms.*

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## **1. Introduction to diplomacy**

The main question that one must ask is: why study diplomatic sciences and what is the importance of diplomacy?

Today, it is actually important to study diplomacy because it is essential in international relations since national interest cannot be defended without being diplomatic, and not at all can cooperation work with other countries when diplomacy lacks. This is the key significance of diplomacy. In international relations, it is sometimes defined as soft power, and it contrasts all out disorder, namely hard power: war. Etymologically, the term diplomacy most likely derives from the ancient Greek word “diploun” (for twofold or double) that was used in connection with diplomas, special documents carried by religious envoys that were supposed to ensure a safe journey (see Sascha Lohmann Understanding Diplomacy in the 21st Century, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, 2017)

We have a lot of definitions of diplomacy but according to the the Oxford Living Dictionaries, diplomacy is “the profession, activity, or skill of managing international relations, typically by a country's representatives abroad”, but also “the art of dealing with people in a sensitive and tactful way”.

Diplomacy can also be defined as being “the conduct by government officials of negotiations and other relations between nations” (dictionary .com).

States use diplomacy with the intention to solve disputes, form alliances, negotiate treaties, fortify economic relations, stimulate cultural and military exchanges, and for a variety of other aims. This activity is typically carried out by a country's

representative abroad. Diplomacy includes a broad arrangement of several rules, etiquettes, goals, procedures, and agreements too, so much so that diplomacy has become the governance of all international relations and is also closely related to the state and its government. As certain nations expanded their borders and spheres of influence, they enlarged their control over trade and industry and became more powerful under a military point of view. Other nations, fearful of the power of their neighbours, sought ways to expand their boundaries or zones of influence to balance those of their neighbours. As a result of the factors already mentioned along with others not mentioned, an international struggle developed among the nations for land, natural resources, and populations. As a natural consequence, the expansion of governmental units led to the maintenance of internal peace to a greater extent than when the regions were composed of many small governmental units. This was especially true when the government was suitable to a majority of the population, and when freedom of travel and trade were gained through said expansion. Thus, it may be said that two conditions are necessary for peace, namely, political unity and economic freedom. However, as the individual political units became larger and more powerful, the wars that were financed among the states became more destructive of life and property and involved the entire world instead of small parts of it. The need for establishing agencies and methods for preserving peaceful relationship between nations became progressively apparent. Methods to avoid wars and to regulate “International Relations Society” have attempted in various ways to maintain peaceful relations between the states. Some nations have attempted to become so powerful and so autonomous that no other country would dare to engage in wars against them. Some states have attempted to sustain peace through other means. One of the oldest and most extensively used methods of establishing and maintaining international cooperation has been through diplomacy. “Diplomacy” has played a central role in the way nations interact and relate with other nations of the world. Indeed, diplomacy is based on the premise that the Nation does exist, and to the latter national interest, that is the interest of its citizens, is ascribable. This is one of the reasons why now it is important to study international relations, not to be mistaken with political science, which is concerned with the domestic affairs of a state.

All modern states sustain official contacts with other states with which they are at peace through the exchange of representatives or agents. The agents which are sent to represent a state in another country are of two main classes: diplomatic and consular. Diplomatic representatives are political agents and maintain relations, as well as consult, with the governments; consular agents, on the other hand, are commercial representatives and take care of trade relations between the two countries, protect citizens traveling in foreign countries, and enforce customs and immigration laws. The seat of the diplomatic service is located in the capital of the country in which it is operating; the consular service, on the other hand, is located in large cities, especially port cities and/or cities that guarantee entrance into the countries. There is a structured rank of diplomatic and consular agents. In order to

avoid confusion and controversy between representatives of different states over questions of precedence and dignity, a definite system of ranking diplomatic agents was established at first by the Congresses of Vienna (1815) and then by Aix-la-Chapelle (1818) and has been followed since then. According to this plan, there are four classes of diplomatic agents now recognized in order of rank as follows: a) ambassadors; b) envoys and ministers; c) ministers' resident (a class occasionally used today); d) *chargés d'affaires*. As a general practice, ambassadors are received only from sovereign states.

In addition to the establishment of four classes of diplomatic representatives, above mentioned, two additional practices have been adopted by the United States and other nations. In case of representatives of equal rank, the one enjoying the longest period of service or seniority shall have precedence over others. Other classes of the diplomatic service likewise rank in accordance with tenure in office. The second practice which has been widely followed is that of sending a diplomatic representative, or one of the same rank as that of the country to which the representative is being sent. Usually the consular service in foreign countries is divided into five categories as follows: a) Consul generals at large, who travel through a particular region to inspect the consular posts; b) Consul generals, who are responsible for the consular activities of a particular area, usually an entire nation; c) Consuls, who handle the consular activities in the more important commercial centres; d) Vice-consuls, who serve as subordinate officers and assistants at the principal consulates or as head of consulates in smaller cities; e) Consular agents, who serve in consular posts that do not require the services of a full-time agent. The personnel, except that with policy-determining functions, of both the diplomatic and consular services are selected on the basis of competitive civil service examinations and are protected by civil service rating, with provisions for promotions and usually retire at the age of sixty-five years. The ambassadors, ministers, and consuls are appointed by the Government, as is the case in Italy. In the USA, however, they are appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate. Exchange of foreign service agents between nations is carried out only when countries are at peace with each other. One of the first acts of war is usually the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the countries involved, which means that the representatives in the respective countries are called back or sent home. Sometimes a government of a particular country is distasteful to another country to such an extent that the other country refuses to "recognise" that government. That may happen when a revolution has unseated the former rulers and established a new administration in power. When such conditions arise, there is no exchange of diplomatic or consular representatives. The individuals that a nation sends to another nation as its representatives must be accepted by the countries in which the agents are to serve. The reasons why an individual is not accepted need not be made public. It is sufficient to require an ambassador or representative of lower rank to be recalled to his homeland, or for him not to be accepted as a representative, if he

is officially declared to be persona non grata (meaning a not accepted person) to the country in which he is serving or is expected to serve.

### **1.1 Functions of the diplomatic representative**

The main function of a diplomatic agent in a country is to attempt in every possible way to advance the interests of his country in the area to which he is sent. Moreover, he tries to create good will towards his country; increase or develop international confidence in his state; encourage cooperation; bring to the forefront common interests between his state and the country in which he serves; allay fears; be alert to find out influences which weaken international solidarity of action to the disadvantage of his own country and ultimately remove or weaken those forces; and to maintain friendly relations with the press. The ambassador and diplomats of lesser rank are to look and listen to what is going on in the nation in which they are stationed and to report it fully and accurately to the proper officials at home. In turn, the homeland sends messages to the proper governmental officials of a foreign country through the diplomatic representatives within that country.

A method of attempting to maintain peace, which is about as old as the state itself, is the application of the principle of Balance of Power. The principle simply means that while all nations are competing for power, there is widespread effort to prevent any one nation or any combination of nations from becoming so powerful that it or they can individually or collectively endanger the other powers. Through the operation of balance of power, no state has been able, in modern times, to conquer the world.

Every community, every association of individuals imposes rules on its members (MacIver, post-war problems, 1945). The above statement is true whether it refers to a family, village, city, nation, or the world. Where there are no rules to guide and control human behaviour, a condition of anarchy and chaos is to be found. To control or to guide the relationships between states, an elaborate system of international laws has been developed.

### **1.2 Origin of international law**

The development of international trade that followed the Crusades, the discovery of new continents, and the settlement and exploitation of the riches in new territories, led to a great deal of economic competition and conflict among nations. Today the tendency in the academic world is to adequately describe the vast body of international laws and practices.

### **1.3 Character of international law**

International law is different from the laws of a state in several respects. No legislative bodies, such as congresses or parliaments, pass international laws. Instead,

international laws arise as agreements accepted by parties — states — of equal status. State laws are designed primarily to regulate the behaviour of individuals, groups, or organizations of individuals living within the country; international laws deal with the actions of states in their relationship with other states. International law is concerned with such matters as what qualities a state must possess to be entitled to membership in the community of states (states are admitted to status in the community of states when diplomatic recognition is extended to them by other states); what constitutes sovereignty of the state; ceremonial matters connected with the heads of states and diplomatic agents; jurisdiction of states in certain matters (territorial waters, on the high seas, over foreign ships in port, over aliens); relations between states in time of war.

State laws are administered and interpreted by the executive branch of the government with the assistance and advice of various courts. International laws are interpreted by the foreign offices of the various states concerned. For example, the State Department of the United States with its various branches at home and abroad interprets international laws in so far as they affect the United States. In rare cases, when two states cannot agree as to the meaning and intent of international law as it affects them, the question may be referred to an arbitration tribunal or to the Permanent Court of International Justice, in French "*la Cour internationale de justice*", commonly referred to as the World Court, ICJ or The Hague. It is the primary judicial branch of the United Nations (UN). Seated in the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, the court settles legal disputes submitted to it by states and provides advisory opinions on legal questions submitted to it by duly authorized international branches, agencies, and the UN General Assembly. It is to be noted, however, that, before the case can go to either type of court for decision, the nations involved must give their assent to the procedure.

Another difference between state and international laws concerns the practice of enforcement. The state has its police force coupled with its systems of courts and penal institutions to enforce its statutes. International law has no enforcement agencies. Each state determines for itself whether it will or will not abide by the regulations and practices that have been established. There is no force, except the fear of war, to compel observance of international law by a state.

#### **1.4 Sources of international law**

There are four basic sources of international law. The most important source, in the sense that it has produced more laws than any other, is custom. Through common and accepted practice, custom comes to have the force of law and in time it is accepted as a law. A second source of international law is reason, which means that when a situation arises for which there are no established rules, then deductions shall be made from established principles or from some similar situations for which rules have been formulated. The third source is authority. Decisions and verdicts which have been made by legally constituted tribunals, such as courts or boards of

arbitration, and the opinions of recognized authorities in the field of international law, are sources of international law.

The fourth source is by agreement between or among states, that comes as a result of negotiations and usually in the form of written communiques. A treaty may set up certain practices, conditions, or principles which are accepted by the signatories. These treaty agreements provide a very important source of international law, since they spell out the actions and responsibilities of each side regarding mutual interest. Where a number of states agree to rules of conduct under certain conditions, the treaty agreements are accepted as part of the international regulations.

On the other hand, where two states make a treaty for a particular period of time or on a special subject, such an agreement cannot be regarded as constituting international law. In some cases, treaties are made in order to avoid or to set aside international rules so far as particular provisions apply to the specific countries.

The practice of treaty-making between states is of great antiquity, but the use of treaties has increased greatly within the past hundred years.

### **1.5 Other forms of international agreement**

In addition to the formal types of agreements between states there are other less formal forms such as: conventions, protocols, declarations, armistices, cartels, compromises, and executive agreements. Conventions are less formal agreements than treaties, which usually relate to more specific and technical matters. It is often left to the discretion of the negotiators as to whether the agreement will be in the form of a treaty or of a convention.

Protocol is a term applied to an agreement less formal than either a treaty or a convention. The term sometimes applies to preliminary drafts of agreements signed in anticipation of the preparation of more formal documents later. Declarations are statements of two or more states setting forth a common conception of certain principles of international law. The term may also refer to the statement of a policy to be followed by a particular government. In the latter case it does not constitute an international agreement. Armistice is an agreement between combatant forces to suspend hostilities at a certain time.

Cartels are agreements entered into force between belligerent states for such purposes as the exchange of prisoners of war. Compromise is an agreement between states to submit a dispute to arbitration. Executive agreements are made by the executives of two or more countries with the understanding that the agreement is simply between the executives and does not bind the state in case a new executive takes office.

## **1.6 Procedure in treaty-making**

The making of treaties has been formalized through usage and involves adherence to a well-established order of procedures which must be followed if the agreements are to be valid.

The negotiators who represent their respective countries meet and establish their right to serve as representatives of their states through the credentials they bear. The negotiators may be members of the established embassy or may be special diplomatic representatives.

The negotiations are transacted and the agreement is signed by the agents. It is then transmitted to the respective countries for ratification by the proper authorities — in the United States all treaties must have the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Senate present.

Ratification of the agreement may be withheld or reservations and amendments may be attached by the ratifying authorities. Such reservations and amendments must be accepted, if they are to be binding, by the other power or powers. The negotiating parties then exchange ratifications in a formal ceremony and pledge to one another that each will faithfully execute the terms of the agreement. The final step in the procedure is the formal promulgation of the treaty and its actual execution.

## **1.7 Enforcement of treaties**

The enforcement of treaties among nations is similar to the enforcement of international law. The word or guarantee of a state is all that the other states have to ensure fulfilment of treaty obligations. There is no police or other force to require a state to fulfil its responsibilities under the terms of any form of international agreement. In most cases the states do abide by the terms of treaties and execute them faithfully.

It is inevitable that people and states carrying on businesses and other forms of interaction together incur into disagreements. These may be brought to a satisfactory solution through various forms of negotiation. Many international disputes have been thus solved. Negotiation may be carried out through regular diplomatic channels established between the disputants, or it may be conducted by special agents appointed to meet somewhere accepted by both parties to the dispute. If agreement is reached, the decisions may be incorporated into a treaty or some other less formal international engagement. However, if agreement is not reached, help may be brought about through mediation or arbitration.

## **1.8 Mediation**

In many instances, the agents of the disputing states are unable to reach an agreement and relations between them become "strained." A third state, which is in good terms with the disputants, may then make a "tender of good offices" in order

to help them reach a peaceful settlement of their difficulties. Such an offer is merely a polite inquiry by the outside party as to whether it can be of service to the disputing parties in reaching an agreement to their dispute. If the disputants accept the offer of the neutral state, it may attempt to find grounds for settlement of the differences upon which the disputants can agree.

### **1.9 Arbitration**

Sometimes when two states cannot reach a peaceful solution regarding their disagreements, they agree to submit the matter to an arbitrator. The latter may be an individual, like the Pope or the head of some friendly state, or it may be a committee made up of a specific number of representatives of friendly neutral states. Article 37 of "The Hague Convention" for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes defines arbitration as follows: "International arbitration has for its object the settlement of disputes between states by judges of their own choice, and on the basis of respect for law. Recourse to arbitration implies an engagement to submit in good faith to the award."

This definition identifies four elements which are characteristic of arbitration as follows: (1) the settlement of disputes between states is by their own voluntary action; (2) by judges which they themselves choose; (3) on the basis of respect for law (which implies that the arbitrators may go beyond the strict letter of international law in their deliberations and may consider extra-legal facts which they regard as relevant to the controversy); (4) the disputants obligate themselves in advance to abide by the decision of the judges. Arbitration has an advantage over mediation in that the disputants agree in advance to submit to the decision of the arbitrators; a peaceful settlement of the problem is thus assured. Serious difficulties stand in the way of large scale and successful use of arbitration as a means of avoiding war.

States are seldom willing to allow a third party a free hand in the settlement of their disputes; this is especially true if the matters are regarded as serious or if the "national honour" is involved. Another difficulty inherent in the use of arbitration as it has been employed, is the matter of securing well-qualified arbitrators to handle the problems skilfully. In order to meet this difficulty, "The Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration" was established in 1899. In a strict sense this was not a court in which the jurists were in regular or continuous session. Instead, it was a list or panel of names of persons designated by different countries as well-qualified and willing-to-serve arbitrators.

When individuals disagree, an amicable solution can be achieved by getting the disputants, or their personal representatives, to meet, rather than take their troubles to court.

The same process, known as conference or congress when applied at a state level, has been successfully utilized in international affairs. Whenever the representatives of two or more states meet to settle an international dispute through the process of



discussion and mutual agreement, without the use of arbitration or other judicial process, such a meeting may be called a conference.

Until fairly recent times, international conferences were held only by nations at war with one another with the purpose of reaching peaceful arrangements.

In more recent times, conferences have been utilized by nations at peace with the purpose of gaining mutual understanding on a great variety of subjects and reaching agreements on future policies and actions in the fields considered.

## **2. Why study diplomacy**

1. Cohabitation of separate political units requires a certain degree of contact among them.
2. Communication between the governments to guarantee regular and standard international process.
3. Instruments of foreign policy.
4. Use of soft power as an alternative to disorder.
5. Diplomacy has become the governance of all international relations.

The foreign policy of a state consists of self-interest strategies, adopted by the state to protect the national interest, and the achievement of its goals within the international system, so as to have full interaction among states.

The old bipolar world has given way to an international environment characterized by new instabilities and new uncertainties. As a result, diplomacy too is changing, and it is no longer sufficient to maintain traditional bilateral cooperation between states. All states need to optimize the benefits of multilateral international relations. Diplomacy is the central problem in international relations because without diplomacy national interest cannot be protected and neither can cooperation with other states take place. This is the core significance of diplomacy.

### *Determinants of foreign policy*

- Geography and geopolitics
- History and culture
- Economic development
- National interest
- National character
- National ethics
- Political system
- Social system and Welfare
- Ideology
- Public opinion and media

- Power and soft power

## 2.1 The term diplomacy

As previously mentioned, etymologically, the term diplomacy most likely derives from the ancient Greek word *diploun* (for twofold or double) that was used in connection with *diplomas* (special documents carried by religious envoys that were supposed to ensure a safe journey, see Sasha Lohmann, *Understanding Diplomacy in the 21st Century*, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, 2017).

Diplomacy is the art of conducting negotiations and other relations between representatives of states.

This activity is typically carried out by countries' representatives abroad.

The ability to practice diplomacy is one of the major components of a state. Diplomacy has been practiced since the creation of the first states, therefore in Roman times and even before.

At that time, a state could either manage to obtain what it wanted through negotiations or armed conflict.

However, to conduct negotiations, states would employ temporary envoys usually protected by their status. Later, the envoys became local standing Embassies, with staff in charge of day to day affairs.

The beginning of this evolution can be identified with the fifteenth century in Europe, the Renaissance, characterized by the establishment of innovative structures, despite the formal continuity with the past.

In that period, diplomacy started to adopt new structures that were not only in relation with the sovereignty of the state, but also with other organisms.

Indeed, originally diplomats were sent only for detailed negotiations, and would return directly after their mission was concluded. Diplomats could enjoy more prestige and consensus especially when they belonged to dominant families.

In conclusion, diplomacy is the management of international relations by negotiation, based on reciprocal knowledge and compromise.

## 3. The history of diplomacy from an Italian perspective

Conflicts most likely exist since the first organized groups of men were formed. The world felt the need to send, since that time, emissaries to propose ceasefires to the fighters. It is indisputable that the diplomatic activity was carried out in ancient time, in the Greek polis and in Rome, from Byzantium to the Imperial China. In fact, without taking into consideration the diplomatic interchanges taking place in the rest of the world (as for example the relations between Great Empires such as the Chinese, the Indian, and the Ottoman one.), we can study the relationship between the Pope and the Byzantine Emperor and later the sovereign Heads of different States. In that time Papal agents, permanently resident in Constantinople, used diplomacy to solve problems and later, in the 8th century, to solve the conflicts

between the Pope and the Emperor. Diplomacy was born in parallel with the creation of the Political Science Major and doctrine, and it was enhanced by the posthumous publication of the book of Niccolò Machiavelli “Il Principe” in 1532, five years after his death.

According to the Italian perspective Machiavelli must thus be considered one of the most important precursors of the study and analysis of modern diplomacy.

Later, the Italian city-state Milan played a leading role in the development of the art of diplomacy, especially under Francesco Sforza who established permanent Embassies in other city-states of Northern Italy with the introduction of an Ambassador’s credentials to the head of state, and even to the king of France in 1455.

At one point, all the most important European powers were exchanging representatives and in 1487 the Spanish King was the first to send a permanent representative (an Ambassador) to the Court of England.

By the late 16th century, permanent missions in Europe became the standard. Many of the conventions of modern diplomacy were established during this period and the Ambassador was the top rank representative, with powers of the Head of State certified in letters of “accreditation”.

At that time, Ambassadors were recruited especially from the aristocratic families who had often previous relations with aristocratic and powerful families of the receiving states and knew the language of that state. At the same time, permanent foreign Ministries were established in almost all European states to coordinate Embassies and their staffs.

According to certain authors beginning in the sixteenth century, the term “diplomatic” came to refer to the science of codifying handwriting that was needed to authenticate the validity of *diplomas* issued by religious authorities (see Halvar Leira, *A Conceptual History of Diplomacy*, The Sage Handbook of Diplomacy, 2016).

According to others, the origin of the word diplomacy starts from the late 18th century: from French “diplomatie”, from diplomatic (diplomatique), on the pattern of aristocracy (aristocratie).

In the early eighteenth century, some model of modern diplomacy gradually spread to Eastern Europe and in particular to Russia.

The entire system was greatly upset by the French Revolution and the subsequent years of conflict, rendering the already established Institutions less recognized. In fact, Napoleon refused to accept the diplomatic immunity, and accused several British diplomats on conspiracy against France and has imprisoned them. Napoleon indeed preferred direct military action over diplomacy.

After Napoleon was defeated, the Congress of Vienna of 1815 established an international system of diplomatic ranking. Important development of different forms of diplomacy are related also with the previous Peace of Westphalia in 1648. From November 1814 to June 1815, five months after Napoleon’s first abdication, the Congress of Vienna, marking the triumph of diplomacy.



Figure 1: Boundary of the German Confederation, 1815, Elaborated by author from Wikipedia

The ambassadors of European states met to negotiate peace based on the principle of legitimacy, with the aim of restoring sovereign families overruled by Napoleon and guarantee political balance through the division of Europe into spheres of influence: from the borders of France, to the enlargement of Prussia, and the recognition of the Kingdom of Sardinia.

The Congress of Vienna contributed simultaneously to limit the expansion of the Russian Empire on one hand, and that of the Austrian Empire, which chaired the Congress with Klemens von Metternich, on the other.

The real winner of the Congress of Vienna, however, was the French Talleyrand, who, appealing to the principle of the restoration of legitimacy, saved the extension of France's original Kingdom.



Figure 2: Picture of Klemens Von Metternich, from Wikipedia

After the British parliamentarian Edward Burke replaced what had been previously called “negotiation by diplomacy” at the end of the 18th century, the subsequent understanding of diplomacy would significantly depart from the original meaning of the term (see Geoff Berridge, *Diplomacy: theory and practice, function of diplomacy*, NY, Palgrave, 2005).

Of great relevance has also been the Paris Peace Conference, also known as the Versailles Peace Conference, held in 1919 where the Allied victors met, following the end of World War I, to set the peace terms for the defeated Central Powers with the participation of diplomats from more than 32 Countries and nationalities.

The appointment of appropriate diplomatic ranks often became subject of disputes regarding the importance between nations, and these disputes continued for over a century up to the end of the Second World War; the rank of Ambassador was clearly defined starting from the moment in which a transparent and shared presentation of letters of accreditation occurred.

The next Vienna Convention on Diplomatic relations was adopted in April 1961.



Figure 3: Vienna convention. Elaborated by author from Wikipedia

The parties taking part to the meeting elaborated an international treaty that defined a framework for diplomatic relations among independent Countries and peoples, so there are more than 180 parties to the Convention.

Recalling that all nations have recognized the status of diplomatic agents, much of this convention reproduces existing customary international law and reflects the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the sovereign equality of States, the maintenance of international peace and security, and the promotion of friendly relations among nations.

In conclusion, the most important international works to regulate the wide field of diplomatic relations and immunities were brought about by the Vienna convention of 1961, then followed by that of 1963 on consular relations; these defined the rules of the game.

## 4. International legal personality

### 4.1 The State

A nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government.

The state shall comprise the requirements of 1. Effectiveness; 2. Independence.

The legal effectiveness of a state is in relation with the integration of international law within its state law, through the process by which international agreements become part of a sovereign state. In this case the state includes a treaty by passing domestic legislation that gives effect to the treaty in the national legal system.

A state is considered to be independent and sovereign when its legal force is undermined by its own constitution and not because of the legal order of another state (“superiorem non recognoscens”, even absolute and indivisible).

The international legal personality gives the power to conclude agreements. The international subject (state) is uniquely understood and has the power to conclude agreements and express a foreign policy.

The International legal personality is an important aspect of international law, developed through history as a means of international representation for the achievement of a personality.

With personality come privileges as well as responsibilities. Personality has been given to states, corporations, NGOs, international organizations, and individuals.

Rules made by states for states are the foundation of international law that governs states and their relationships. Historically it was considered that states were the only players in international arena and therefore other entities were just under the responsibility of international law.

*Diplomacy today involves greater psychological skills* and perception than it did in the past.

This requires negotiations to approach their tasks from the point of resorting issues of the common interest rather than gain advantage over the other side.

*Real world diplomatic negotiations* are very different from intellectual debates in a university, where an issue is decided on the basis of the arguments, and negotiators make a deal by splitting the difference.

Though real world diplomacy has traditionally been profoundly influenced by *hard power*, *diplomatic agreements* can be occasionally reached among liberal democratic nations due to the interest in higher principles.

The interaction of forces and diplomacy can be explained through a comparison of labour negotiations. If a labour union is not available to strike, then the union is not achieving much because management has unequivocally no incentive to agree to union demands. Likewise, if management is not open to take a strike, then the company will be overridden by the labour union, and management will be forced to agree to any demand the union makes. It is possible to apply the same rule to diplomatic negotiations.

Even though diplomacy supports rational decision-making processes, it often has to be conducted through irrational acts in order to overcome hostilities amongst parties. However, the advantage gained through diplomatic action could be less than what expected if the latter becomes the cause of an increased hostility from third parties. In modern diplomacy numerous situations are similarly rule-based. When for instance two World Trade Organisation members have trade disputes, it is in the interest of both to limit the damage from affecting other areas by following some agreed-upon rules: in this case the importance of diplomacy is clear.

## 4.2 Diplomatic recognition

Diplomatic recognition in international law is a unilateral political act with domestic and international legal consequences whereby a state acknowledges an act or status of another state or government in control of a state. Only after recognition the new state becomes a holder of rights and international obligations.

We have two typologies of recognition: *de facto* or *de jure*. Recognition can be a declaration to that effect by the identifying government, or an act of recognition such as entering into a treaty with the other state.

A vote by a country in the United Nations in support of the membership of another country is an implicit recognition of that country by the voting country, as only states may be members of the UN.

The non-recognition of particular acts of a state does not usually affect the recognition of the state itself. For example, the international rejection of the occupation of a particular territory by a recognised state does not imply non-recognition of the state itself, nor a rejection of a change of government by illegal means.

Political recognition is an act that expresses the will of a state to entertain friendly relationships with another state, and to start a more or less intense cooperation with it.

- Brussels Declaration of 16 December 1991 of the European Community On “Guidelines on the Recognition of New States in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union”
- Brussels Declaration of 16 December 1991 of the European Community on Yugoslavia

We have a lot of case studies, among which we can find examples such as that of Crimea, Kosovo, Trans-Dniester (in Moldova, the “Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic” in Russian Language), Abkhazia, South Ossetia, etc.

### 4.3 Diplomatic protection

Today states tend to offer their citizens abroad diplomatic and consular protection, depending on whether they act upon their own name or on behalf of a compatriot. Consular protection is far more accessible than diplomatic protection since the conditions necessary to guarantee the latter are much more rigid.

The institution's characteristics:

- the state invokes its own right;
- the state is lost in the person of its citizens, natural or legal person (criterion of nationality);
- the exercise of diplomatic protection presupposes that a State has violated a rule of international law;
- the State can only be activated if its citizens have completed the internal rights of appeal procedural condition.

The detailing rule to pursuing the exercise of diplomatic protection:

- the traditional admitting the use of force (for example the peaceful naval block);
- in 1907 the Second Convention of The Hague Drago-Porter Convention on the Limitation of the Force to Recover Contracts was approved;
- in 2002 the IDC (International Diplomatic Corp) excluded the use of force (for example interventions in favour of its own citizens abroad) was included among the resources for the use of diplomatic protection, constituting an exception to the prohibition of the use of force.

### 4.4 Non-interference in domestic affairs

In international law, the principle of non-interference (or principle of non-intervention) in the domestic affairs of another sovereign state includes, among other prohibitions, that of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

The principle of non-interference in domestic affairs of States also means that a State should not intervene in a dictatorial way in the internal affairs of other States, as clearly stated in the conventions.

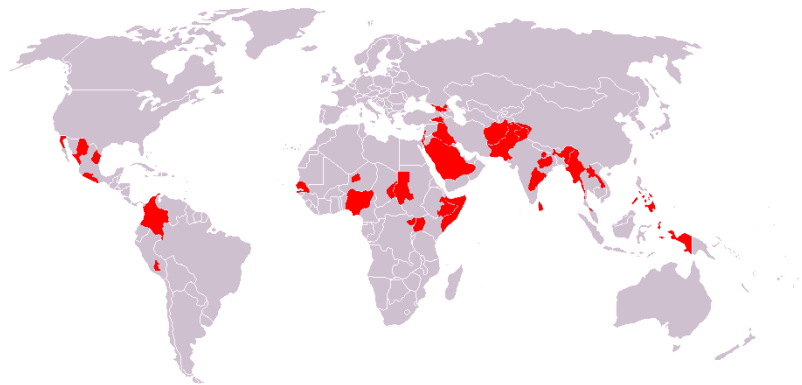
Armed intervention and all other forms of interference or threat, directed against the personality of a state or against its political, economic and cultural structures are against international law.

Intervention, in this case even military, with consent appropriately given by the Government of a State is not precluded.



The principle is interpreted in the Resolution UN 2625, 25 October 1970, but also in the final act of the conference carried out in Helsinki by OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) on August 1, 1975 and it was signed by 35 States at the Helsinki Summit - stage III of the Helsinki negotiations.

- non-intervention in internal affairs;
- sovereign equality, respect for the rights inherent in sovereignty;
- refraining from the threat or use of force;
- inviolability of frontiers;
- territorial integrity of States;
- peaceful settlement of disputes;
- respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms (including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief);
- equal rights and self-determination of peoples;
- co-operation among States, and fulfilment in good faith of obligations under international law.



Finally, we must specify that all States must also abstain from organizing,

supporting, fostering, financing, encouraging or tolerating armed subversive activities or terrorist threats to change through violence the government of the other state, as well as from intervening in the internal struggles of another state.

## **5. European union and diplomacy**

Currently, “Ambassadors of the European Union” who are working to third countries and international organizations are known as delegation heads or envoys. Previous to the Lisbon Treaty, the EU was represented abroad by the Ambassador of the country holding the biannual EU presidency, and the European Commission was represented by a “Head of Delegation of the European Commission”, member of the diplomatic corps.

Since 2010, the Ambassadors of the European Union are accredited as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors and are appointed by the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission, following a proposal by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

They are chosen among candidates coming from the European Union External Action Service (EEAS), the European Commission, the European Council and, today, the 27 Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the European Union.

### **5.1 Foreign Policy of EU - Strategy**

The Lisbon Treaty included the role of the EU foreign policy high representative and established the European External Action Service.

The implementation of those reforms has delivered some improvements in the way the EU runs its foreign policy.

The treaty ended the system under which the chair of EU foreign ministers’ meetings and many of the working groups rotated among member states every six months. The EU’s foreign policy needs more continuity.

Where the EU has relationships, EU political functions used to be supported by embassies of the member state holding the rotating presidency. The Lisbon Treaty transferred that responsibility to EU delegations, and the shift has been a success. Thanks to this, the EU has more visibility and a stronger voice around the world.

### **5.2 High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

In terms of substantive politics, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy cannot be stronger than the Common Foreign and

Security Policy itself, which means that all still depends on achieving settlement among the EU's 27-member states.

The high representative's central position beyond the Lisbon Treaty foreign policy structures makes this promotion a significant indicator of the EU's level of motivation and ambition.

It will be important to reorganize the commission in a way that allows for better coordination between external policies and allow the Common Foreign and Security Policy to develop the EU's ability to pull all its assets together and act in a coherent and comprehensive fashion.

In any case it is clear how also in the European Union there is foreign policy and diplomacy.

Diplomacy is the effort of maintaining good relations between the governments of different countries, a skill that requires the ability to deal with others without producing immoral feelings. It is also an ethical issue.

The main goals of the European Union Foreign Policy are:

1. defend the EU and its citizens;
2. support human rights, democracy and principles of freedom globally;
3. support the EU's economic growth.

The European Foreign Policy uses a Foreign Aid system, to establish friendly relations abroad by using different means such as economic aids (EU funding) or advice (such as how to install democratic conditions).

Treaties are formal agreements (alliances) between countries that, just like laws, must be followed.

A European Union Association Agreement (Association Agreement) is a treaty between the European Union, its Member States and a non-EU country that creates a framework for co-operation between them.

Areas frequently covered by such agreements include the development of political, trade, social, cultural and security links.

The legal base for the conclusion of the association agreements is provided by art. 217 TFEU (former art. 310 and art. 238 TEC).

### **5.3 EU Association Agreements in force**

- African Caribbean and Pacific Group States (2003);
- Albania (2009) Stabilization and Association Agreement;
- Algeria (2005) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (2015) Chile (2005) Agreement Establishing an Association/Association Agreement;
- Egypt (2004) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Georgia (2016) Agreement Establishing an Association/Association Agreement;

- Iceland (1994) European Economic Area;
- Israel (2000) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Jordan (2002) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Kosovo (2016) Stabilization and Association Agreement;
- Lebanon (2006) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Liechtenstein (1995) European Economic Area;
- Macedonia (2004) Stabilization and Association Agreement;
- Moldova (2016) Agreement Establishing an Association/Association Agreement;
- Montenegro (2010) Stabilization and Association Agreement;
- Morocco (2000) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Norway (1994) European Economic Area;
- Serbia (2013) Stabilization and Association Agreement;
- South Africa (2004);
- Syria (1978) cooperation programs suspended in 2011;
- Tunisia (1998) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- Turkey (1964) the framework for a Custom Union (1995) Agreement Establishing an Association/Association Agreement;
- Ukraine (2017) Agreement Establishing an Association/Association Agreement;

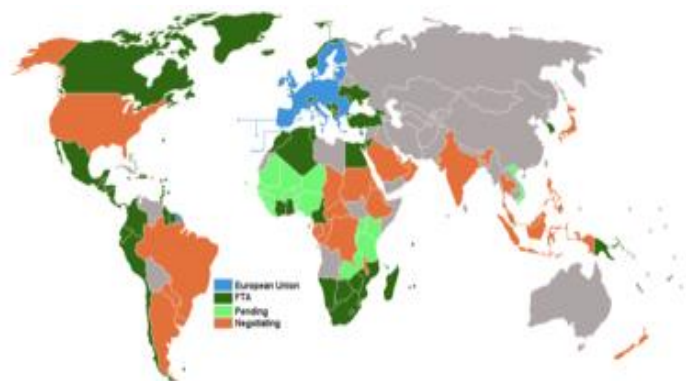


Figure 5: EU Association Agreements in force. Elaborated by author from Wikipedia

## 6. European union free-trade agreements

In force

- Andorra (1991) Customs Union;
- Faroe Islands (autonomous constituent country of the Kingdom of Denmark) (1997) Free Trade Agreement;

- Mexico (2000) Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement;
- Monaco (1958) Customs Union;
- Palestinian Authority interim (1997) Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association;
- San Marino (2002) Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union;
- South Korea (2015) Free Trade Agreement;
- Switzerland (1973) Free Trade Agreement;

A *free-trade area* is the region encompassing a trade bloc where the European Union and other countries have signed a *free-trade agreement (FTA)*.

Such agreements involve cooperation between countries to reduce trade barriers - import quotas and tariffs - and to increase trade of goods and services with each other.

*Diplomacy* is essentially a term that is usually important for International relations between various nations. Diplomacy is the art of negotiations between various countries, but in international relations it forms also the *basis of trade*.

### **6.1 Globalised Diplomacy**

Globalisation is an ongoing process that involves interconnected changes in the economic, cultural, social, and political spheres of society.

Politically, it refers to the development of forms of governance that operate at the global scale, the policies and rules of which are expected to be abided by cooperative nations.

What is new about globalisation and what is relevant to diplomacy depends on our perspective, in fact, since globalisation as a term came to prominence in the 1980s. Although many consider this process a relatively new phenomenon, globalisation has been happening for millennia as changes conditioned by space and time and that contributed to mould global politics.

A consequence of globalisation is that people feel that their lives are shaped by external events and go beyond their control.

Today, a lot of changes are occurring and the international arena is often involved in often involved in permanent crises.

Some large and economically successful countries are seen as today's "emerging powers", joining the high table of the world's major and near major powers:

- IBSA, that is, India, Brazil and South Africa;
- BRICS, consisting of Brazil, Russia, India, China and now South Africa; two of the five are permanent members of the UN Security Council, but only one is a member of G-8;
- Behind these small clusters are other states, such as Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, and Nigeria that aspire to recognition as emerging powers.

These are all products of the persistent complexity of globalisation.

Can diplomacy be considered globalised? Given how the effects of globalisation can be observed acting on the complex system of diplomacy, it certainly can be considered globalised.

Indeed, according to some scholars, globalisation emerged at the end of the Cold War with the breaking down of borders and the opening up of systems to greater interdependence, fuelled by the twin forces of technology and economic liberalisation (see NIALL FERGUSON, *Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power*, NY, Basic Books, 2003).

We are currently facing the same changes brought by globalisation that the complex world of diplomacy is facing, which, in an interconnected world, becomes ever more relevant. Diplomacy is a system of regional communication and issue determination in permanent dialogue.

Traditional diplomacy based on traditional borders often disappears to make room for states that, thanks to technology, adopt new forms of diplomacy while trying to maintain a certain coherence with the principles of mutual respect (for more details refer to the “Matrix of Globalised Diplomacy” below (see Kishan Rana, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Diplomacy*. A practitioner’s Guide, London, Continuum Books, 2011).

## **7. The global diplomacy case**

Over the past few years, the world seems to have suddenly developed an interest in all conflicts and states want to use diplomacy as a tool to have influence in the resolution of said conflicts.

We have a lot of examples of the influence of diplomacy in the global system, such as the case of Iran under Ahmadinejad. But while Americans and Europeans discuss the sanctions to be imposed on Tehran, Israel is growing increasingly worried by the intensification of political and economic relations between the Islamic Republic and several South American countries.

In fact, Iran’s strategy would be to develop alternative trade routes in order to balance, at least partially, the restrictions imposed by the West. And this would greatly reduce the impact of the same sanctions on the Ayatollah regime (see Alessandro Figus, *La politica estera dell’Iran tra occidente e crisi nucleare*, Eurilink, 2013).

However, this phenomenon would not be ascribable to the actual removal of power of these nations - including Brazil, Venezuela, but especially Argentina - by Israel. Rather, the reasons would be in the will to conduct policies opposed to US interests in the world.

Most of the countries in Latin America are accusing all the last US administrations - both democratic and republican – of not being sufficiently interested in their fate.

Therefore, a “third-generation” approach would seem to be the ideal solution to the problem: given the indifference of world economic powers, it is best to opt for mutual solidarity among the weaker nations.

Faced with the approaches between these countries and Iran, the Israeli diplomatic machine immediately set in motion. Given the very idyllic relations, however, in the

case of Brazil and Venezuela the ascendant from Israel is still extremely weak. But, as far as Argentina is concerned, the issue is different. Relations with Buenos Aires are better than other Latin American countries.

In this sense, Israel could propose to build a bridge to foster the rapprochement between Argentina and the United States. This is the main role of global diplomacy.

At this point, everything depends only on one variable: the will of the government led by Cristina Kirchner. Approaching the world superpower by alienating the South American allies, or continuing on the Third World Way by colliding with Washington? This is a non-indifferent strategic dilemma. The consequences of which will be felt, in one way or another, even in the “far” Middle East.

Many of the ongoing issues, even for the actors involved around the world, focus on another example of globalised diplomacy, and that is the issue of the Russian influence in the U.S. Presidential elections.

In fact, the matter revolves around President Donald Trump’s eldest son admission that he recently met with a Kremlin-linked lawyer last year after being promised she had “very high-level and sensitive information” that would “incriminate” Hillary Clinton.

Donald Trump Jr. was told in an email by British publicist Rob Goldstone, an intermediary he knew from his father’s Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, that the proposal was “part of Russia and its government’s support” for his father. U.S. intelligence agencies said that “Putin’s goal was to get Trump in the White House.”

Trump campaign’s digital operation - overseen by Jared Kushner - helped guide Russia’s sophisticated voter targeting and fake news attacks on Hillary Clinton.

Everything revolves around communication (email) and technology; it is yet another example of globalised diplomacy.

Globalisation gives the chance to shape the world, which is becoming smaller and smaller, as a world of peace and solidarity. In this case the question is what is the role of diplomacy in a globalized, information-technology led, and telematics age, “the age of communication”, where distances have been cancelled by new media in continuous development.

There has been a revolution in communication since 1995. Since then, computers with Internet access and mobile phones became a regular part of the landscape and transformed our lives.

Internet’s popularity and the consequent progress of globalisation developed in parallel with diplomatic actions and international relations leading diplomacy to think out of the box, and to adapt to new regulations in globalised times.

The big keyword, especially in European Union is “integration” often processed in the words “standardisation” or “homologation”.



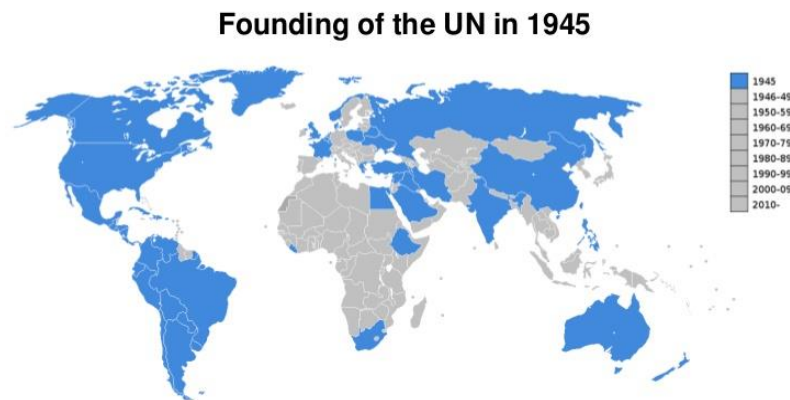
Figure 5: EU integration, elaborated by author from <http://www.euro-centre.eu/european-integration/>

Diplomacy shall comply with all society changes, that is why we can now speak about “globalised diplomacy”, a time where the role of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs loses relevance with respect to the traditional standard that has accompanied the idea of diplomacy for centuries.

It is a time of change of foreign relations, because the phenomenon of globalisation is growing and there are new emerging countries and also new actors and new competitors from the world economy, such as large tech companies like Apple, Facebook, etc.

They are stronger than some states. At the same time new competitors are coming from China and Japan, and they are making a grand entrance on the international economic stage, compelling the world market to confront the challenge of fresh competition based on innovation. It is necessary, thus, for diplomacy to evolve.





United Nations was founded by 51 states in 1945.

Figure 6: UN members in 1945, elaborated by author from UN website

Following the nineteenth century conception, there are the sovereign states, that are “*superiorem non recognoscens*”.

A sovereign state cannot accept orders from anyone.

According to the classical view of international law, the sovereign state, in order to accept the imposition of a new order, must be defeated in war. Nowadays, sovereign states are still fundamental but not exclusive.

There are other non-sovereign subjects that certainly do foreign policy, such as “*international organizations*” (governmental and non-governmental organizations), large industrial groups, religious confessions (not through theocratic states but through religious leaders), even large criminal groups.

## 8. The conflicts map by UCDP: an example

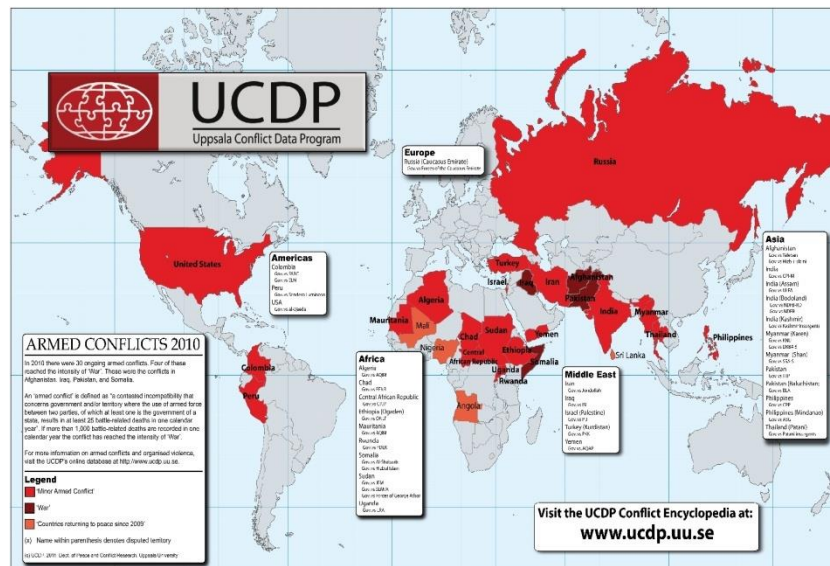


Figure 7: World conflicts map, elaborated by author from UCDP website

We aim to foster an understanding of two central concerns of International Relations - the recurrence of conflict and the role of diplomacy in relations between international political actors.

The study of crucial case studies in contemporary conflict and diplomacy is extremely important. It is crucial today in Diplomatic Sciences to analyse the actors, structures and processes that shape foreign and security policy-making, and at the same time to explore the changing character of modern conflict, the role of conflict resolution processes and the nature of diplomatic relations between major powers.

An example is the conflict between the UK and Argentina in the 1980s. The dispute between Argentina and Great Britain over the Falkland/Malvinas Islands led, in fact, to the only major war between two Western countries since World War II. It is an interesting case for the study of preventive diplomacy and conflict management, as it involves a cross-section of international relations, it was an example of conflict as well as a failure of diplomacy.

The conflict involved:

1. a major power, Great Britain;
2. the active participation of the US, first as a mediator and then as an ally to one of the parties;
3. a subcontinental power, albeit a "minor" player in a broader context, Argentina;
4. a global intergovernmental organization, the United Nations;

5. a regional intergovernmental organization, the Organization of American States (OAS).

For deeper insight into this case, please refer to:

Sinagra Augusto, *Controversie territoriali tra Stati e decolonizzazione. Il contenzioso anglo-argentino per le isole Falkland-Malvinas*, (Collana Univ. Studi Genova, Fac. Scienze Politiche), Giuffrè, Milano, 1983, pp. XII-168.

The Falklands/Malvinas territory, situated about 500 miles northeast of Cape Horn and 300 miles east of the Argentine coastline, comprehends two large islands, East and West Falkland (Soledad and Gran Malvina, according to the Argentine denomination) and also includes around 776 smaller islands. The main islands are about 300 miles (483 kilometres) east of South America's southern Patagonian coast, at a latitude of about 52 S. The archipelago, with an area of 4,700 square miles (12,000 square kilometres), comprises East Falkland and West Falkland as a British overseas territory. The Islands have internal self-governance, and the United Kingdom takes responsibility for their defence and foreign affairs.

The population of the Malvinas is today around 3.000 people, Argentina formally brought the dispute over sovereignty to the attention of the UN, in the context of decolonization, in 1965.

The conflict was a major episode in the protracted confrontation over the territories' sovereignty. Argentina asserted (and maintains) that the islands are Argentinian territory, and the Argentinian government thus characterised its military action as the reclamation of its own territory. The British government regarded the action as an invasion of a territory that had been a Crown colony since 1841.



Figure 8: Island Malvinas war, elaborated by author from Britannica.com website

Falkland Islanders (Malvinas), who have inhabited the islands since the early 19th century, are predominantly descendants of British settlers and favour British sovereignty.

Neither State officially declared war, but both governments declared the Islands a war zone and officially accepted that a state of war existed between them and hostilities were almost exclusively limited to the territories under dispute in that specific area.

The conflict has had a strong effect in both countries. Nationalistic sentiment ran high in Argentina, as well as large protests against the ruling military government,

that was overthrown. In the UK, the Conservative government of Margaret Thatcher, reinforced by the successful outcome, was re-elected the following year. The cultural and political effects of the conflict have affected Britain less than Argentina, where today the conflict still remains a common theme for discussion. Diplomatic relations between the United Kingdom and Argentina were restored in 1989, when a joint statement was issued by the government. In 1994, Argentina's claim to the territories was added to its constitution.

## 9. List of important international organisations and their headquarters

	International organisation	Acronym	Head office / Location
1	Africa Finance Corporation	AFC	Lagos
2	African Development Bank	AfDB	Abidjan
3	African Development Bank Group	AfDB	Abidjan
4	African Development Fund	AfDF	Abidjan
5	African Export-Import Bank	Afeximbank	Cairo
6	African Union	AU	Addis Ababa
7	Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators	ACER	Ljubljana
8	Andean Development Corporation	CAF	Caracas
9	Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa	BADEA	Khartoum
10	Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	AFESD	Kuwait
11	Arab Monetary Fund	AMF	Abu Dhabi
12	Asian Clearing Union	ACU	Tehran
13	Asian Development Bank	ADB	Manila
14	Asian Development Fund	AsDF	Manila

15	Association of Southeast Asian Nations	ASEAN	Jakarta
16	Bank for International Settlements	BIS	Basel
17	Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale	BEAC	Yaoundé (Cameroon)
18	Black Sea Trade and Development Bank	BSTDB	Thessaloniki
19	Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications	BEREC	Riga
20	Caribbean Community and Common Market	CARICOM	Georgetown (Guyana)
21	Caribbean Development Bank	CDB	St Michael (Barbados)
22	Central African States Development Bank	CASDB	Brazzaville
23	Central American Bank for Economic Integration	CABEI	Tegucigalpa
24	Central American Common Market	CACM	Guatemala City
25	Colombo Plan	-	Colombo
26	Committee of Regions	CoR	Brussels
27	Community Plant Variety Office	CPVO	Angers
28	Computer Emergency Response Team	CERT	Brussels
29	Council of Europe	CE	Strasbourg
30	Council of Europe Development Bank	CEB	Paris
31	Council of the European Union	CEU	Brussels
32	Court of Justice of the European Union	CJEU	Luxembourg
33	East African Development Bank	EADB	Kampala
34	Eastern Caribbean Central Bank	ECCB	St.Kitts (West Indies)

35	Economic and Social Committee	ESC	Brussels
36	Economic Community of West African States	ECOWAS	Abuja
37	ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development	EBID	Lomé (Togo)
38	EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund	EU-AITF	Luxembourg
39	Eurasian Development Bank	EDB	Almaty (Kazakhstan)
40	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	EU-OSHA	Bilbao
41	European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders	FRONTEX	Warsaw
42	European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice	EU-LISA	Tallinn
43	European Asylum Support Office	EASO	Valletta
44	European Atomic Energy Community	Euratom	Brussels
45	European Aviation Safety Agency	EASA	Cologne
46	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	EBRD	London
47	European Banking Authority	EBA	London
48	European Broadcasting Union	EBU	Geneva
49	European Central Bank	ECB	Frankfurt
50	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	ECDC	Solna

51	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts	ECMWF	Reading (UK)
52	European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	CEDEFOP	Thessaloniki
53	European Chemicals Agency	ECHA	Helsinki
54	European Commission	EC	Brussels
55	European Community of Steel and Coal	ECSC	Luxembourg
56	European Company for the Financing of Railroad Rolling Stock	EUROFIMA	Basel
57	European Council	Council	Brussels
58	European Court of Auditors	ECA	Luxembourg
59	European Data Protection Supervisor	EDPS	Brussels
60	European Defence Agency	EDA	Brussels
61	European Development Fund	EDF	Brussels
62	European Environment Agency	EEA	Copenhagen
63	European External Action Service	EEAS	Brussels
64	European Fisheries Control Agency	EFCA	Vigo
65	European Food Safety Authority	EFSA	Parma
66	European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	EUROFOUND	Dublin
67	European Free Trade Association	EFTA	Geneva
68	European GNSS Agency	GSA	Prague



69	European Institute for Gender Equality	EIGE	Vilnius
70	European Institute of Innovation and Technology	EIT	Budapest
71	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority	EIOPA	Frankfurt
72	European Investment Bank	EIB	Luxembourg
73	European Investment Fund	EIF	Luxembourg
74	European Maritime Safety Agency	EMSA	Lisbon
75	European Medicines Agency	EMA	London
76	European Molecular Biology Laboratory	EMBL	Grenoble
77	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction	EMCDDA	Lisbon
78	European Network and Information Security Agency	ENISA	Heraklion
79	European Ombudsman	Ombudsman	Strasbourg
80	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites	EUMETSAT	Darmstadt (Germany)
81	European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation	EUROCONTROL	Brussels
82	European Organization for Nuclear Research	CERN	Geneva
83	European Parliament	EP	Brussels/Strasbourg
84	European Patent Office	EPO	Munich
85	European Personnel Selection Office	EPSO	Brussels

86	European Police College	CEPOL	Budapest
87	European Police Office	EUROPOL	The Hague
88	European Public Prosecutor's Office	EPPO	To be established
89	European Railway Agency	ERA	Valenciennes
90	European School of Administration	EUSA	Brussels
91	European Securities and Markets Authority	ESMA	Paris
92	European Southern Observatory	ESO	Munich
93	European Space Agency	ESA	Paris
94	European Stability Mechanism	ESM	Luxembourg
95	European Training Foundation	ETF	Turin
96	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights	FRA	Vienna
97	European Union Institute for Security Studies	EUISS	Paris
98	European Union Intellectual Property Office	EUIPO	Alicante
99	European Union Satellite Centre	SATCEN	Madrid
100	Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership	FEMIP	Luxembourg
101	Fonds Belgo-Congolais D'Amortissement et de Gestion	-	Brussels
102	Food and Agricultural Organisation	FAO	Rome
103	Foreign Trade Bank of Latin America	Bladex	Panama
104	Fusion for Energy	F4E	Barcelona

105	Inter-American Development Bank	IADB	Washington
106	Inter-American Investment Corporation	IIC	Washington
107	Intergovernmental Council of Copper Exporting Countries	CIPEC	Paris
108	International Atomic Energy Agency	IAEA	Vienna
109	International Bank for Economic Cooperation	IBEC	Moscow
110	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - WB Group	IBRD	Washington
111	International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes - WB Group	ICSID	Washington
112	International Civil Aviation Organisation	ICAO	Montreal
113	International Cocoa Organisation	ICCO	London
114	International Coffee Organisation	ICO	London
115	International Committee of the Red Cross	ICRC	Geneva
116	International Copper Study Group	ICSG	Lisbon
117	International Cotton Advisory Committee	ICAC	Washington
118	International Development Association - WG Group	IDA	Washington
119	International Finance Corporation - WG Group	IFC	Washington

120	International Finance Facility for Immunisation	IFFIm	London
121	International Fund for Agricultural Development	IFAD	Rome
122	International Grains Council	IGC	London
123	International Investment Bank	IIB	Moscow
124	International Jute Study Group	IJSG	Dhaka
125	International Labour Organisation	ILO	Geneva
126	International Lead and Zinc Study Group	ILZSG	Lisbon
127	International Maritime Organisation	IMO	London
128	International Maritime Satellite Organisation	INMARSAT	London
129	International Monetary Fund	IMF	Washington
130	International Olive Oil Council	IOOC	Madrid
131	International Organisation for Migration	IOM	Geneva
132	International Rubber Study Group	IRSG	London
133	International Sugar Organization	ISO	London
134	International Telecommunication Union	ITU	Geneva

135	International Union of Credit and Investment Insurers	Berne Union	London
136	Islamic Development Bank	IDB	Jeddah
137	Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities	-	London
138	Latin American and the Caribbean Economic System	SELA	Caracas
139	Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions	ALIDE	Lima
140	Latin American Energy Organization	OLADE	Quito
141	Latin American Integration Association	LAIA	Montevideo
142	Latin American Reserve Fund	LARF	Bogotá
143	League of Arab States	LAS	Cairo
144	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency - WB Group	MIGA	Washington
145	Neighbourhood Investment Facility	NIF	Rome
146	Nordic Investment Bank	NIB	Helsinki
147	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	NATO	Brussels
148	OPEC Fund for International Development	OFID	Vienna
149	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	OECD	Paris
150	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States	OECS	Castries (St Lucia)
151	Organisation of American States	OAS	Washington

152	Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries	OAPEC	Safat (Kuwait)
153	Organization of Central American States	OCAS	San Salvador
154	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries	OPEC	Vienna
155	Paris Club Creditor Institutions	Paris Club	Paris
156	Publications Office of the European Union	POEU	Luxembourg
157	Single Resolution Board	SRB	Brussels
158	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation	SAARC	Kathmandu
159	Special Development Fund (related to the Caribbean Development Bank)	SDF	St Michael (Barbados)
160	The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit	EUROJUST	The Hague
161	Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union	CdT	Luxembourg
162	United Nations Children's Fund	UNICEF	New York
163	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	UNCTAD	Geneva
164	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	UNESCO	Paris
165	United Nations, its committees, funds and programmes, other	-	New York

166	Universal Postal Union	UPU	Berne
167	West African Central Bank	BCEAO	Dakar
168	West African Economic and Monetary Union	WAEMU	Ouagadougou
169	West African Economic Community	WAEC	Ouagadougou
170	West African Health Organisation	WAHO	Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso)
171	West African Monetary Agency	WAMA	Freetown (Sierra Leone)
172	West African Monetary Institute	WAMI	Accra (Ghana)
173	World Council of Churches	WCC	Geneva
174	World Health Organization	WHO	Geneva
175	World Intellectual Property Organization	WIPO	Geneva
176	World Meteorological Organization	WMO	Geneva
177	World Tourism Organization	UNWTO	Madrid
178	World Trade Organization	WTO	Geneva

## 10. The diplomacy glossary

### "A

*abrogate*, revoke formally

*accession*, the right to enter

*accord*, concurrence of opinion

*accreditation*, the act of granting official approval or recognition;  
procedure by which a State, before sending an ambassador asks the State in which this ambassador is to take up residence

*acknowledge*, declare to be true or admit the existence

*adept*, having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

*adhere*, stick to firmly

*administrative and technical staff*, in contrast to the diplomatic staff, the members of a diplomatic mission working in the administrative or technical services do not enjoy immunity in civil law courts and administrative tribunals insofar as their private affairs are concerned

*adversary*, someone who offers opposition

*adviser*, an expert who gives advice

*agency*, the state of being in action or exerting power

*agent*, a representative who acts on behalf of others

*allegiance*, the loyalty that citizens owe to their country

*alliance*, the state of being confederated

*ally*, a friendly nation

*ambassador*, a diplomat of the highest rank

*annex*, attach to

*annexation*, incorporation by joining or uniting

*announce*, make known

*appeasement*, the act of acceding to demands

*arbitration*, giving authoritative judgment

*attaché*, a specialist assigned to the staff of a diplomatic mission

*autonomous*, existing as an independent entity"

### "B

*barter*, exchange goods without involving money

*bestow*, give as a gift

*betray*, deliver to an enemy by treachery

*bilateral*, having two sides or parts

*bilateralism*, term used to describe discussions or negotiations on foreign policy matters that take place between two parties

*border*, the boundary of a surface

*boycott*, refusal to have commercial dealings with some organization

*breach*, an opening, especially a gap in a dike or fortification

*broker*, a businessman who buys or sells for another"



## "C

*cartography*, the making of maps and charts  
*channel*, a deep and relatively narrow body of water  
*chargé d'affaires ad interim*, the person who acts as head of mission (ambassador) when the post is vacant, or when the ambassador is temporarily absent from the country of residence or unable to perform his or her duties  
*charisma*, personal attractiveness that enables you to influence others  
*claim*, demand as being one's due or property  
*client*, someone who pays for goods or services  
*collaboration*, act of working jointly  
*collective*, done by or characteristic of individuals acting together  
*compliance*, the act of submitting, usually surrendering power to another  
*conciliatory*, making or willing to make concessions  
*condemnation*, an expression of strong disapproval  
*conduct*, the way a person behaves toward other people  
*conflict*, an open clash between two opposing groups  
*confront*, oppose, as in hostility or a competition  
*conquer*, take possession of by force, as after an invasion  
*consensus*, the agreement on a given question. The consensus principle applies to decisions taken in the framework of international conferences and organisations  
*conspiracy*, a plot to carry out some harmful or illegal act  
*consular*, having to do with a consul or his office or duties  
*consular protection*, consular protection enables a State to defend the rights of its citizens abroad  
*consulate*, diplomatic building that serves as the residence or workplace of a consul  
*convention*, the act of meeting formally  
*cooperation*, the practice of working together on a common enterprise  
*counterpart*, a person or thing having the same function as another  
*courtesy*, a considerate and respectful manner  
*covert*, secret or hidden  
*credential*, a document from the head of the sending State to the head of the receiving State attesting that the person designated as extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador is entitled by his government to perform the functions of head of mission  
*crisis*, a crucial stage or turning point in the course of something  
*cunning*, to show inventiveness and skill  
*customary*, commonly used or practiced"

## "D

*declaration*, a statement that is emphatic and explicit  
*declare*, state emphatically and authoritatively  
*de facto*, existing, whether with lawful authority or not

*defiance*, a hostile challenge  
*deflect*, turn from a straight course or fixed direction  
*delegation*, a group of representatives  
*denounce*, speak out against  
*deportment*, the way a person behaves toward other people  
*dialogue*, a conversation between two persons  
*diplomacy*, negotiation between nations, the art or science of conducting such negotiations  
*diplomat*, an official engaged in international negotiations  
*diplomatic*, relating to negotiation between nations  
*diplomatic corps (CD)*, together, the heads of mission (Embassy) accredited to the same government form the diplomatic corps. It is presided over by the Dean (Doyen), who is normally the highest ranking head of mission, i.e. the head of mission who has been accredited to that country for the longest period  
*diplomatic courier*, the person who carries official correspondence between a diplomatic mission (Embassy) and a ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as between other missions and consulates of the sending State  
*diplomatic protection*, it allows a State to intervene on behalf of its nationals (individuals or legal entities) who have suffered prejudice of some kind at the hands of another State in violation of international law  
*displaced person*, a person forced to flee from home or country  
*dispute*, the act of coming into conflict  
*dissident*, a person who objects to some established policy  
*doctrine*, a belief accepted as authoritative by some group or school"

## **"E**

*embargo*, a government order imposing a trade barrier  
*embassy*, a building where diplomats live or work, referring both to the staff appointed by a State to carry out diplomatic functions in another State and to the premises in which this staff works  
*embolden*, give encouragement to  
*emissary*, someone sent on a mission to represent another's interests  
*endorsement*, the act of approving  
*enforcement*, to ensure observance of or obedience to  
*enlargement*, the act of increasing in size or volume or quantity or scope  
*entanglement*, an intricate trap that entangles or ensnares its victim  
*entity*, that which is perceived to have its own distinct existence  
*envoy*, a diplomat having less authority than an ambassador  
*envoy extraordinary*, a diplomat having less authority than an ambassador  
*espionage*, the systematic use of spies to obtain secrets  
*external*, happening or arising outside some limits or surface  
*extradition*, surrender of an accused by one State or country to another  
*extraordinary*, serving an unusual or special function

*extraterritoriality*, in principle, a law is effective only within the territory of the State which enacted it"

## "F

*facilitation*, act of assisting the progress or improvement of something

*flagship*, the ship that carries the commander of a fleet and flies his flag

*flux*, a state of constant change

*foe*, an armed adversary

*foreign policy*, a policy governing international relations

*foreign agent*, a spy for a foreign country

*foresight*, seeing ahead; knowing in advance; foreseeing

*forestall*, keep from happening or arising; make impossible"

## "G

*geopolitics*, the study of the effects of economic geography on the powers of the State

*gesture*, motion of hands or body to emphasize a thought or feeling

*goodwill*, the friendly hope that something will succeed

*grievance*, a complaint about a wrong that causes resentment

*grudging*, petty or reluctant in giving or spending"

## "H

*helm*, steering mechanism for a vessel

*hindsight*, understanding the nature of an event after it has happened

*hinterland*, a remote and undeveloped area

*honor*, a tangible symbol signifying approval or distinction

*hostile*, characterized by enmity or ill will

*human rights*, are the freedoms to which all individuals are entitled as human beings.

Human rights are protected through a system of agreements as the Conventions, as the Resolutions and declarations at the international level as well as in customary international law"

## "I

*illicit*, contrary to accepted morality or convention

*immunity*, an act exempting someone

*immunity*, diplomatic exemption from taxation or normal processes of law that is offered to diplomatic personnel in a foreign country

*implement*, a piece of equipment or a tool used for a specific purpose

*impose*, charge and collect payment

*independence*, freedom from control or influence of another or others

*infringement*, an act that disregards an agreement or a right

*initiative*, readiness to embark on bold new ventures

*instructions*, a manual explaining how to install or operate a device

*instrument*, the means whereby some act is accomplished

*insult*, a deliberately offensive act  
*insurgence*, an organized rebellion aimed at overthrowing a constituted government through the use of subversion and armed conflict  
*integrity*, an undivided or unbroken completeness with nothing wanting  
*intelligence*, the ability to comprehend  
*intercession*, the act of intervening, as to mediate a dispute  
*interfere*, get involved, so as to alter or hinder an action  
*interlocutor*, a person who takes part in a conversation  
*international justice*, to ensure universal respect for International law and Human rights, the international community has created various courts and tribunals at the universal and regional levels  
*international law*, it governs relations between States and their dealings with each other  
*intervene*, be placed or located between other things  
*intervention*, the act of interposing one thing between or among others  
*intimidation*, the act of scaring a weaker person to make them do something  
*intrigue*, a crafty and involved plot to achieve your ends  
*invasion*, any entry into an area not previously occupied  
*isolated*, remote and separate physically or socially"

## "J

*jeopardize*, pose a threat to; present a danger to

## "L

*lame duck*, an elected official still in office but not slated to continue  
*landlocked*, surrounded entirely or almost entirely by land  
*leadership*, the status of being in charge  
*league*, an association of States or individuals for common action  
*lip service*, an expression of agreement that is not supported by real conviction"

## "M

*maritime*, relating to ships or navigation  
*measure*, determine the dimensions of something or somebody  
*meddlesome*, intrusive in an offensive manner  
*mediation*, the act of intervening to bring about a settlement  
*memorandum*, a written proposal or reminder. It is a written text summarising the essential facts relating to an international problem, also known as an "Aide-Memoire"  
*mercurial*, liable to sudden unpredictable change  
*mission*, an operation that is assigned by a higher headquarters  
*mollify*, cause to be more favorably inclined  
*morality*, the quality of being in accord with right or good conduct  
*mounting*, an event that involves rising to a higher point

*multilateral*, having many parts or sides"

## "N

*negotiation*, a discussion intended to produce an agreement

*neutrality*, it is the legal status of a State which permanently or temporarily renounces participation in any armed conflict. The Hague Conventions of 1907, supported by Customary international law, define the rights and duties of a neutral State

*nuncio*, from the Latin for envoy, referring to the diplomatic representative of the Holy See, a titular bishop accredited as permanent ambassador to a foreign government"

## "O

*obsequious*, attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery

*ominous*, threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

*opt-out clause*, it is a provision in an International treaty that allows a member State either to limit its obligations in special cases or allows temporary exemption. Opt-out (also protective) clauses are more common in economic treaties, and are intended as a kind of alarm

*operation*, activity by a military or naval force

*onslaught*, an offensive against an enemy

*override*, the act of nullifying

*overseas*, beyond or across the ocean"

## "P

*pact*, a written agreement between two States or sovereigns

*partnership*, a cooperative relationship between people or groups

*penchant*, a strong liking

*perfidious*, tending to betray

*permanent*, continuing or enduring without marked change in status

*perseverance*, the act of persisting

*persona*, a personal facade that one presents to the world

*persona non grata*, a person who for some reason is not wanted or welcome

*persuasion*, communication intended to induce belief or action

*plenipotentiary*, a diplomat who is fully authorized to represent his or her government

*polite*, showing regard for others in manners, speech, behavior, etc.

*precedence*, status established in order of importance or urgency

*pressure*, the exertion of force to a surface

*prisoner of war*, a person who surrenders to the enemy in time of war

*privilege*, a special advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all

*proclaim*, declare formally

*protocol*, forms of ceremony and etiquette observed by officials

*punitive*, inflicting punishment"

## Q

*quarantine*, isolation to prevent the spread of infectious disease

## "R

*react*, show a response to something

*rebuff*, a deliberate discourteous act

*reception*, the act of taking in

*reciprocal*, concerning each of two or more persons or things

*reciprocity*, the principle of reciprocity plays a central role in international relations. In practice this means that a State confers rights and advantages to another State only in exchange for the same privileges

*reckless*, marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences

*recognition*, identifying something or someone by remembering

*recognize*, perceive to be the same

*reconnaissance*, the act of scouting

*regime*, the governing authority of a political unit

*rein*, keep in check

*relentless*, never-ceasing

*remittance*, a payment of money sent to a person in another place

*representation*, standing in for someone and speaking on their behalf

*representative*, serving to typify

*reservation*, declaration made by a State party to a multilateral treaty by which it announces its intention to exclude or change the application of a clause in the treaty

*resolution*, a decision to do something or to behave in a certain manner

*response*, the speech act of continuing a conversational exchange

*restoration*, returning something or someone to a satisfactory state

*restrain*, hold back

*rival*, the contestant you hope to defeat

*rogue state*, a state that does not respect other States in its international actions

*ruthless*, without mercy or pity"

## "S

*sanction*, official permission or approval. All measures (diplomatic, economic or military) taken by a State or an International organisation to bring about an end to a violation of international law. Violations can either be noted by an organisation or by a State which considers itself to be a victim

*sardonic*, disdainfully or ironically humorous

*screening*, testing objects or persons in order to identify those with particular characteristics

*secure*, free from danger or risk

*settlement*, something resolved; the outcome of decision making

*sphere of influence*, the geographical area in which one nation is very influential

*shackle*, bind the arms of

*smother*, conceal or hide  
*sneer*, a contemptuous or scornful remark  
*snub*, refuse to acknowledge  
*solution*, a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances  
*sovereignty*, the authority of a State to govern another State  
*spy military*, a secret agent hired by a state to obtain information about its enemies  
*stalemate*, a situation in which no progress can be made  
*status*, a state at a particular time  
*strain*, exert much effort or energy  
*strategic*, relating to an elaborate and systematic plan of action  
*strategist*, an expert in systematic plans of action  
*struggle*, strenuous effort  
*subsidiarity principle*, principle according to which political decisions must be taken at a level as close as possible to the people  
*surveillance*, close observation of a person or group"

## "T

*tact*, consideration in dealing with others  
*tactic*, a plan for attaining a particular goal  
*territory*, a region marked off for administrative or other purposes  
*terrorist*, a radical who advocates violence against civilians  
*thwart*, hinder or prevent, as an effort, plan, or desire  
*tilt*, a slight but noticeable partiality  
*track*, a line or route along which something travels or moves  
*trade-off*, an exchange that occurs as a compromise  
*transfer*, move from one place to another  
*treaty*, a formal agreement between two or more States in reference to peace, alliance, commerce, or other international relations  
*tribute*, something given or done as an expression of esteem  
*trigger*, lever that activates the firing mechanism of a gun  
*truce*, a state of peace agreed to between opponents  
*trustworthy*, worthy of trust or belief  
*turf war*, a bitter struggle for territory or power or control or rights"

## "U

*ultimatum*, a final peremptory demand  
*unctuous*, unpleasantly and excessively suave or ingratiating  
*unilateral*, involving only one part or side  
*upheaval*, a violent disturbance  
*urge*, force or impel in an indicated direction  
*urgency*, an earnest and insistent necessity"

## "V

*verity*, conformity to reality or actuality

*violate*, fail to agree with; go against

*vis-a-vis*, a person or thing having the same characteristics as another"

## "W

*watchdog*, a dog trained to guard property

*watchful*, engaged in or accustomed to close observation

*withdrawn*, tending to reserve or introspection"

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