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IPE 2011: Crisis in Iran
DIPLOMACY
in the international arena

The Function of Diplomats:

FORMAL AND SUBSTANTIVE REPRESENTATION

INFORMATION GATHERING (LISTENING POSTS)

CREATING, DRAFTING, MODIFYING INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION

REDUCING INTERSTATE FRICTION
DIPLOMACY
in the international arena

The Function of the United Nations:

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

DETERMINE EXISTENCE OF A THREAT AND RECOMMEND ACTION

MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY UNDER THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER
So wait, all fancy speak aside, what IS diplomacy?

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

- Robert Frost

Diplomacy: The art of saying "nice doggie" until you can find a rock.

- Wynn Catlin

“Not all diplomats are peace negotiators, but all peace negotiators are diplomats.”

“All war represents a failure in diplomacy”
DIPLOMACY in the international arena

Interests, Rights and Power

RECOGNIZE THE POWER BALANCE

SET GOALS AS ANCHORS IN NEGOTIATION

Source: Michigan Ross School of Business, MO 512, Coursepack, Prof. Ann Lytle
Okay Simon, so what’s the challenge?

“The principle of collective security requires that states identify their national interests so completely with the preservation of the total world order that they stand ready to join in collective action to put down any aggressive threat by any state, against any other state, anywhere”
Where the Players Fit

UNSC President (South Africa)
  Moderate the session

UN Secretary General
  Decides points of order

UNSC Members
  Participate in debate
  Vote on motions and resolutions

Non-Members
  May be invited to speak
  Lobby UNSC Members
Types of Votes

**Substantive votes**
- 9 affirmative votes
- Permanent members have veto power
- Examples:
  - Adopting a draft resolution
  - Amending a draft resolution

**Procedural votes**
- 9 affirmative votes
- No veto power
- Examples
  - Introducing intelligence
  - Adding a topic to the agenda

**Simple majority**
- Simple majority
- No veto power
- Examples
  - Setting time limits in a formal debate
  - Creating a speaker list in a formal debate.
Stages of Debate

Setting the Agenda

Consideration of a Topic
- Formal Debate
- Caucusing

Passing resolutions
Session Agenda

Setting the agenda

Consideration of a topic

Draft resolution

- Adopting
  - Formal debate (Speakers list, Time limits)
  - Unmoderated Caucus (Time limit)

- Amending
  - Moderated Caucus (Time limit)

Vote
## Common Points & Motions

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