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Abstract

Prolonged conflicts in the international system continue to threaten global stability and obstruct the attainment of sustainable peace. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one of the most protracted and politically sensitive disputes in modern history, has been marked by recurring hostilities, extensive civilian casualties, and severe humanitarian crises. Between 2014 and 2024, the United Nations (UN) actively engaged in diplomatic initiatives, humanitarian interventions, and mediation efforts aimed at de-escalating tensions and fostering conditions for lasting peace. However, the persistence of the conflict raises critical questions about the organization's capacity to deliver sustainable conflict resolution, particularly within the institutional constraints of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The purpose of this research is to examine the role of the UN in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during this period, with emphasis on the implications of superpower veto privileges within the UNSC. Anchored in Liberal Institutionalism and Conflict Transformation Theory, this research employs a qualitative design based on documentary analysis, drawing on UN resolutions, official records, scholarly publications, and credible media sources. Findings reveal that while the UN has facilitated ceasefire agreements, adopted General Assembly resolutions, and provided sustained humanitarian support through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), these measures have not secured a durable settlement. The repeated use of veto power, particularly by the United States in support of Israel has obstructed resolutions aimed at addressing breaches of international law, entrenched political stalemate, weakened perceptions of neutrality, and diminished the UN's legitimacy in asymmetric conflicts. This research recommends curbing the misuse of veto privileges, strengthening compliance mechanisms with international law, and reforming decision-making processes within the UNSC to promote fairness, impartiality, and effectiveness in global conflict resolution.

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List of Acronyms

Abbreviation

Meaning

AU

African Union

EU

European Union

ICJ

International Court of Justice

IOM

International Organisation for Migration

UN

United Nations

IMF

International Monetary Fund

WTO

World Trade Organisation

WFP

World Food Programme

UNSC

United Nations Security Council

UNRWA

United Nations Relief and Works Agency

UNHCR

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNESCO

United Nations Educational Scientific
Cultural Organisation

P5

Permanent Five Members of the UNSC

(United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia and
China)

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