

Editors' Note

This issue consists of papers based on contributions to “The UN at Sixty: Celebration or Wake?”, a conference organized by the *Journal of International Law and International Relations* at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law on October 6 and 7, 2005. Grouped around four main themes (development, disease, and environmental degradation; failed states; use of force; and reform prospects), this collection gives a flavour of the ongoing debate on UN reform.

The 2005 General Assembly session was widely regarded as a failure, an opportunity missed. However, as these papers make clear, many important reforms were enacted and crucial conversations have begun. Moreover, the passionate debate at the conference, reflected in the contributions to this issue, indicates that on a range of issues, from the Millennium Development Goals to humanitarian intervention, consensus remains elusive.

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