

# International Organisations

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## Commonwealth of Nations

- ▶ **Intro:** political organisation, largely composed of former British colonies
- ▶ **Establishment:**
  - **Balfour declaration:** → “British Commonwealth of Nations” (1926)
  - Statute of Westminster (1931) made the dominions their own sovereign states
  - **London declaration** → “Commonwealth of Nations” (1949)
- ▶ **Members:** 56
  - **Latest members:** Togo, Gabon (2022)
  - The last 4 members are the only ones that have never been British colonies
    - Mozambique (1st non-colony member; 2009)
    - Rwanda (2009)
    - Togo (2022)
    - Gabon (2022)
- ▶ **HQ:** Marlborough house, London.
- ▶ **Head:** Queen Elizabeth II.

## NAM (Non-Aligned Movement)

- ▶ **Intro:** Formed during the Cold War by countries supporting neither the Soviet nor the US.
- ▶ **Establishment:** 1961; Belgrade, Yugoslavia.
- ▶ **Members:** 120 members, 20 observers.
- ▶ **HQ:** None

## OIC (Organisation of Islamic Co-operation)

- ▶ **Intro:** Made in the wake of the Arab-Israel war
- ▶ **Establishment:**
  - Sep 25, 1969, as Organisation of Islamic Conference
  - Changed to current name in 2011
- ▶ **Members:** 57
- ▶ **HQ:** Jeddah
- ▶ **1st sec. gen.:** Tunku Abdul Rahman (Malaysia)
- ▶ **Current sec. gen.:** Hissein Brahim Taha (Chad)

## EU (European Union)

- ▶ **Intro:**
  - World's largest economic union
  - Political and economic union, with an internal single market
  - After the end of the Cold War and the unification of Germany, to "further advance European integration"
- ▶ **Establishment:**
  - **Treaty of Rome:** (1957)
    - Established **European Economic Community (EEC)**
    - Signed by 6 countries: Belgium, France, Netherlands, W. Germany, Italy, Luxembourg
    - Signed: Mar 25, 1957
    - Effective: Jan 1, 1958
    - After formation of EU, renamed to European Community (EC)
    - Was one of the "3 pillars" of EU till 2009, when the 3-pillar system was abolished and the functions of the pillars were absorbed into EU
  - **Treaty of Maastricht:** (1992; Maastricht, Netherlands)
    - Signed by 12 countries marking the beginning of EU
    - Signed: Feb 7, 1992.
    - Effective: Nov 1, 1993.
- ▶ **Members:** 27