

# 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)