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"No" is the answer to the question Benjamin Becker poses in his title Is the United Nations Dead? As the only world-wide organization carrying on the work of peaceful world development, as the only continuous forum for discussion and peaceful resolution of international conflict, as the only world institution committed by Charter and tradition to limit the use of arms in human relations, the United Nations is very much alive. As Becker details, the UN is in no sense a world government. It is, rather, an association of nations with all the flaws one would expect from such an association to which its members are reluctant to yield effective power over their actions.

Becker lists and discusses several UN flaws and "failures." But he balances this record against accomplishments that are, in the context of time during which the UN has existed, so solid and so inspiring as to leave not the slightest doubt of our essential need for this great organization. Both critics and ardent supporters of the UN will find Becker's book a useful, although brief, introduction to the difficulties and achievements of the United Nations Organization.



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