# Supranational Organizations

## Supranational Organizations Defined

 Organizations that extend beyond the borders of three or more states that seeks to promote economic, political, or cultural unity between members

#### The UN

- The United Nations
- Established after World War II
  - Partially responsible for preventing World War III
- Allows member states to discuss and fix world problems
- Allows all nations a voice
  - 15 member security council (5 permanent)
  - 193 members of General Assembly

## Organizations of the UN

- World Trade Organization
  - Trying to eliminate trade barriers worldwide
  - Helps settle trade disputes
- World Bank
  - Provides loans to developing nations for capital improvements
    - Example: Building infrastructure





## **UN Peace Keepers**

- Responsible for dividing opposing forces and providing peace and stability until a peace treaty can be made
  - Volunteered Soldiers from member nations
  - Very strict rules of engagement



### The IMF

- International Monetary Fund
- Cooperative organization trying to provide financial stability
  - Help the expansion of international trade
  - Promote high levels of employment
  - To promote exchange stability
  - To maintain orderly exchange arrangements among members
  - Allow for easier repayments
  - Make funds available to members who need them

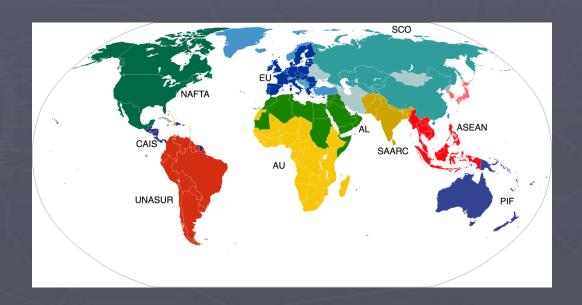
#### The African Union

- Organized in 2001 and includes 54 nations
  - Morocco is only state not part of it
- Helping to promote stability and development in Africa
  - Encourages democratic governance
  - Increased cooperation and communication
    - Building of Infrastructure
  - Increase living standard of all



## **Economic Unions/Trading Blocs**

- Attempt to foster unity through economic cooperation
  - Remove trade barriers such as Tariffs, quotas, and currency exchange restrictions



### The EU

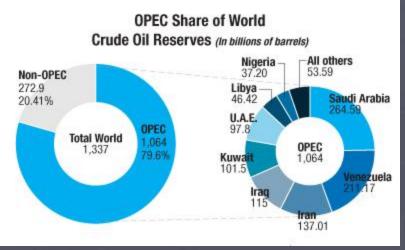
- European Union
- Formed in 1993 to reduce trade barriers and increase cooperation and unity between members
- Monetary Union allowing for free flow of people and goods
  - Single currency
  - Very few restrictions on movement of people



#### **OPEC**

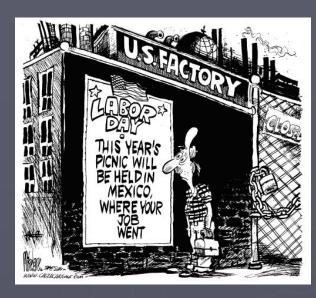
- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Coordination of oil production to ensure the stability of the market
  - Promotes economic and regular supply of oil to customers
  - Ensures a steady income to producers
  - Promotes fair return on investments

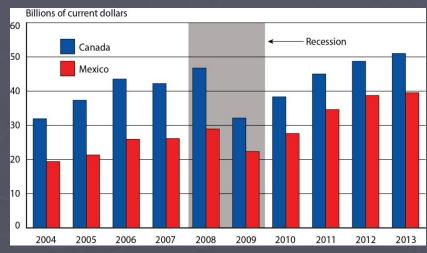




## NAFTA

- North America Free Trade Association
- Promotes trade cooperation between Canada, Mexico, and the United States
  - Removal of some tariffs
  - Has increased trade among the three
    - Unequally in United State's favor





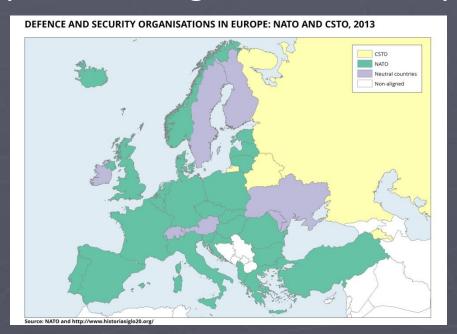
#### Mercosur

- Southern Common Market
  - Set up in 1991
- Full customs union in 1994
  - Promotes free trade
  - Can arbitrate trade disputes between members
  - Regulates imports and exports



## Collective Security Unions

- Members work together to provide mutual defense for one another against outside aggressors
  - Promote peace through creation of super blocs



#### **NATO**

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Created in 1949 to provide mutual protection to members
  - Originally meant to counter threat of Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact
- Been involved around the world
  - Currently in Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, Kosovo, and supporting African Union

