

## HUMAN RIGHTS ORIGINS & HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

During the First and Second World Wars, millions of people died and millions more were homeless and were in poverty. This situation horror-ed the world. Therefore, when the War in 1945 ended, countries around the world met to adopt measures intended to prevent a repetition of these acts and to forward peace. On the 24th October 1945, the United Nations was established to preserve peace through international cooperation and collective security. On December 10th 1948, the UN Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the UN General Assembly.

On 15 December 1976, Samoa joined the movement to promote peace and security around the world and became a member of the UN. Today almost all countries in the world are members i.e. 193 countries. The UN is premised on 3 pillars:

1. *To maintain international peace and security*
2. *Promote development*
3. *Respect for human rights*

