THE UN AND THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: THE SECURITY COUNCIL

It's main function is the maintenance of international peace and security and therefore it will only act when the dispute endangers these two values.

INITIATIVE

- It acts on its own initiative (ex officio) under art. 34 of the Charter, when there exists a dispute that the Sec. Council deems it to endanger the international peace and security.
- It may act on initiative of other State, by accepting in advance the obligations of pacific settlement.
- On the request of the General Assembly.

MEASURES TAKEN

- On initiative of the Secretary-General.
- Inquiry; clarifying the facts by using certain means.
- Inviting the parties to the dispute to reach a settlement through the use of pacific means. If the parties do not agree on the means to settle the dispute or do not accept the invitation then, and as long as the dispute threatens international peace and security, the Security Council should act under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.