

## INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES SETTLEMENT MECHANISMS

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#### CHAPTER 2

# THE DIPLOMATIC MEANS OF SETTLING INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES

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## **INRODUCTION**

Settling international disputes through peaceful means is a cardinal principle of the law of the United Nations (UN). International disputes, irrespective of its nature, can be resolved peacefully either by diplomatic means, such as negotiation, use of good offices, mediation or conciliation or by judicial means, such as arbitration or litigation through a court of law. Settling international disputes through peaceful means is crucial for it may help the disputants to avert armed conflict that would otherwise occur devastating not only the disputing parties but also the international community. This is the reason why the UN Charter prohibits war¹ and promotes settlements of international disputes through peaceful means. This chapter discusses only the diplomatic means of settling international disputes as the judicial means are discussed