



Relations Between States

Just as with the each individual in society, self-interest is at play with international relations.

- States in the world are just like the people in society – they act in self-interest, but seek rules to keep harmony.

The security of person in society translates to national security for states.

- Individuals usually give up some “sovereignty” in order to live in society. They are subject to laws and conventions and are recipients of coercive enforcement by legitimate government authority.
- But states will not give up their sovereignty....

Types of Governments

- *de jure* – in law (i.e. elected into power)
- *de facto* – in fact (but not necessarily legitimate)
- the recognition of a *de jure* state usually occurs with the exchange of diplomats

Types of International Relations

- **treaties** – could be binational or multinational; voluntary compliance
- **conventions** – accepted practices (e.g. piracy outlawed, status of diplomats, protocol, passports, trade practices, ship registries, etc.)
- But what about enforcement of these treaties and conventions? Enter diplomats and the use of diplomatic language

Diplomatic Language

1. Agree
2. Abstain
3. View with displeasure
4. Disapprove of
5. Condemn
6. Recall the ambassador
7. Expel Diplomats
8. Ultimatum
9. Declare war
10. Continue war