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ABSTRACT

This thesis examines the role of the United Nations Security Council in conflict management. The thesis argues that the Security Council, which is the instrument of the UN, endowed with the responsibility of preventing and managing international conflicts, has not been effective, and has failed in many instances in dealing effectively with contemporary conflicts, including some recent ones like the Gulf war of 1990 which resulted from Iraq invasion of the state of Kuwait, and the 1994 civil war in Rwanda resulting to one of the horrible genocide in the 20th Century. The thesis argues that these catastrophes could have been avoided had the Security Council carefully fulfilled its moral obligations enshrined on it without allowing it be manipulated and influenced by superpowers.

The thesis then concluded that for the Council to be more effective in the management of contemporary and future emerging conflicts, it has to closely cooperate and support regional mechanisms, thereby delegating more tasks of conflict management to regional organizations.

Most of the data and materials I have used in the thesis came from secondary sources including books, journal, reports and other documents of the United Nations as well as the Internet.
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