

A. The provision of this article, which marks the general acceptance of the prohibition of the use of force in international relations, is of universal validity. The Prohibition of the Use of Force The preamble of the Charter of the United Nations starts with the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, and their willingness to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and not to use armed force except in the common interest. The prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations, as stated in Article 2(4), is reinforced by other provisions of the Charter, particularly paragraph 3 of the same article. Article 2(4) mentions the use of force not the resort to war; by this, it intends to include in the prohibition all sorts of hostilities, short of war, in which States may be engaged.