

Some Important Inter-Governmental Organisations

<u>South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation(SAARC)</u>	
A regional intergovernmental organization and geopolitical union of nations in South Asia.	
Founded	8 December 1985, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Headquarters	Kathmandu, Nepal
Member countries:	India, Bangladesh, Sri-Lanka, Pakistan, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Afghanistan.

<u>The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)</u>	
A regional organization comprising seven Member States lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal constituting a contiguous regional unity.	
Founded	6 June 1997
Headquarters	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Member countries:	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand.

<u>BRICS</u>	
An independent international organisation encouraging commercial, political and cultural cooperation between the BRICS nations.	
Founded	June 2006
Member countries:	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

<u>Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)</u>	
A regional intergovernmental organisation comprising ten Southeast Asian countries which promotes Pan-Asianism and intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational and socio-cultural integration amongst its members and other Asian countries.	
Founded	8 August 1967
Headquarters	Jakarta, Indonesia
Member countries:	Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Laos, Brunei

<u>Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)</u>	
An organisation to coordinate and unify the petroleum policies of its member countries and ensure the stabilization of oil markets, in order to secure an efficient, economic and regular supply of petroleum to consumers, a steady income to producers, and a fair return on capital for those investing in the petroleum industry.	
Founded	September 1960, Baghdad, Iraq
Headquarters	Vienna, Austria
Member countries:	Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia (the de facto leader), United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela, while Indonesia is a former member.

<u>Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</u>	
The OECD provides its members with a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.	
Founded	30 September 1961
Headquarters	Paris, France
Member countries:	Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

<u>North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)</u>	
An intergovernmental military alliance between several North American and European countries based on the North Atlantic Treaty that was signed on 4 April 1949.	
Founded	4 April 1949, Washington, D.C., United States
Headquarters	Brussels, Belgium
Member countries:	Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States, Greece and Turkey, Germany, Spain, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania,

	Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, Albania and Croatia, and Montenegro
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Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation is a forum for 21 Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region.	
Founded	November 1989, Canberra, Australia
Headquarters	Singapore
Member countries:	Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam.

