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THE UNITED NATIONS comprises 192 member states, i.e. nearly (1) ..... the sovereign states in the world, except the Vatican City, Antarctica (as it's a territory and has (2) ..... government) and (3) ..... states that are the subject of a dispute, such as Western Sahara and Taiwan. (4) ..... wide coverage of world states gives the UN great authority.

The UN has six official languages, (5) ..... of which are truly international: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The UN functions in (6) ..... different fields, from peacekeeping to humanitarian assistance and from environmental sustainability to counter-terrorism. (7) ..... far-reaching functions mean that the UN is involved in almost every aspect of international life.

At the head of the UN is the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General is a temporary post, changed or renewed (8) ..... five years at the recommendation of the Security Council. The main bodies of the UN are the General Assembly, the Security Council – resolutions are only passed with agreement from (9) ..... of these, – the International Court of Justice, which presides over international disputes, and the Economic and Social Council. Voting is generally by majority, i.e. (10) ..... member has one vote.

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