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International organizations are groups of people that see the need to support nations. Organizations such as UNICEF, the Red Cross, the United Nations, and the WHO are great examples of this. Many countries who form partnerships with these organizations reap great benefits and have seen their country move forward through unfortunate disasters. However, countries have been hurt in the process. It is crucial that international organizations continue to ensure the safety and integrity of individuals because people rely on the help that these organizations provide.

Many international organizations are granted immunity, meaning they do not have to pay for damages they may have caused. This can hurt underdeveloped nations when they experience costly damages. Recently, delegates came together at the Montessori Model United Nations March 2019 Conference to try to resolve this problem. When interviewed, a representative from Ecuador told the British Broadcasting Corporation that “immunity should be given in certain situations” and a delegate from Peru stated that “they should be held accountable”. Some nations agree with immunity. However, it is still a blurry line as to whether or not international organizations should be granted this privilege.

One of the ideas proposed during the conference was that a council, focused on guidelines for international organizations, could be created by the United Nations. It is the hope that those guidelines would create boundaries for organizations to abide by. Many countries agreed with this proposal, thinking it would be a common ground between international organizations all over the world.

Though international organizations have, at times, made things worse, they are necessary and beneficial, as they allow different people to come together to solve world issues. When spoken to by the BBC, delegates from Peru described a very peaceful relationship between different organizations and their country. "International organizations have only had positive effects on our country."

It is crucial that international organizations continue to ensure the safety and integrity of individuals because people rely on the help that these organizations provide. Many countries agree that international organizations should be held accountable for their actions, but also want to recognize the good things they have done for the world. We have seen much development since international organizations have formed and hope to see further growth in the future.