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United Nations in Trouble: Time for Another San Francisco

In [Open Democracy](#) today, Carne Ross argues that the UN is in urgent crisis and in desperate need of renovation. While the financial crisis has called the world to fix global financial institutions, unnoticed is the slow-burn decline of the world body charged with peace and security, the UN. Here the cost is not shrinking economies, but raging war and bloodshed. The UN is beset by inefficiency, overcomplicated process and sclerotic decision-making: leadership out of this morass is hard to find. The only answer is an urgent global conference to renovate the UN and return it to its simple and ideal origins.