

## SS Interdependence Research Activity – 30 marks

### The Task

**Central Focusing Question:** *How does this agency reduce conflict and increase cooperation through its work?*

You will demonstrate evidence of research and understanding of one of the following agencies. Each agency connects directly to the conflict and cooperation topics within this unit. An option worth considering is to choose a closely related topic of your choice. There are many organizations, domestic and international, that work to build bridges between groups. If you have one in mind, bring it to me and we can discuss it. A group may be chosen a maximum of two times.

### Format

Use a report style writing format. Body text, 12pt, must be a minimum of two full pages (double spaced) and a maximum of four pages. Include a separate cover page and a detailed, alphabetized resource list. It's anticipated that you may quote from quality sources. Quotes or near quotes require footnotes. However, work to shape things in your own words. A truly helpful approach is to make lots of little jot notes during research and then assemble them into a report.

- You must use a minimum of three unique (separate) sources. Recall the examples in class. Wikipedia does not count as one of the three.

### Content

Include the following information in your report.

- The name and origin of your organization
- Its primary function/focus or purpose – what does it do and how does it do it?
- Where the organization works; its source of funding
- A critique of how effective it is at achieving its goals. In other words, does it actually make a difference and how? \_\_\_\_\_

### Possible Topics

- NATO, UN, UNICEF, one of the many major NGOs (non-governmental organizations) such as Amnesty International, Doctors Without Borders, World Vision, Greenpeace, Wikimedia Foundation etc.
- An approved topic of your choice



## Grading Rubric /30

When evaluating, I will use this rubric as my guide. A check mark means that required element is present. Comments will be added below the rubric along with a mark.

Use this rubric as your own check mark tool to be sure all the needed parts are present.

- General requirements: a full 2+ pages but not more than four, double spaced, cover page, resource list
- Name and origin of organization
- Description of its primary function/purpose
- Source of funding
- A critique/commentary on the effectiveness of their work

