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The United Nations, born out of the failure of the League of Nations, is also deeply flawed and mired in national self-interest. Dag Hammarskjold, the second UN secretary-general, said the UN “ was created not to lead mankind to heaven but save humanity from hell.” Has it done that? The UN Secretariat based in New York City has offices in Geneva, Vienna, and Nairobi to address

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regional concerns. Many argue that Northeast Asia's security issues have long justified a new UN regional office. Critics cite the UN's spotty record in handling transboundary threats. China and Taiwan, the DPRK and ROK, China and the Quad, ROK and Japan – a UN regional office located in Korea would have all these complex relationships in their portfolio.

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