

# **The role of diplomacy in the resolution of disputes between States: a practical study of the border dispute between Morocco and Algeria**

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## **Abstract**

Conflicts of interest may lead to disputes between States, hence the role of diplomatic means that have become important in international relations to resolve such conflicts. However, these diplomatic means do not end in binding solutions for the parties to the dispute, since the parties choose between adopting such solutions or rejecting them. Diplomatic means include negotiations, good offices, investigations, conciliation and intermediary. Recourse to one of these means either is due to the will of the parties to the conflict, who are fully free to choose the means to which they will resort by their prior agreement before the conflict or by agreement after the conflict arises. The study was designed to determine the role of diplomacy in resolving disputes between States, in particular the Algeria-Morocco border dispute. The objectives of the study were to achieve the study's objectives. The principle of the peaceful settlement of international disputes is one of the most important principles of international law and has been enshrined in many international instruments and conventions. Peaceful means may be diplomatic, political or judicial. Colonial powers played a major role in setting boundaries for the colonized States, among them was French colonialism, which played a role in delineating the boundary

between Algeria and Morocco, which led to the border dispute between Algeria and Morocco.

The study found a number of conclusions, the most important of which were: Peaceful means of resolving and settling international disputes without the use of force should be activated in general and diplomatic in particular through the conclusion of an international treaty requiring Member States to resort to peaceful means of resolving emerging conflicts in order to achieve international peace and security. s borders ", emphasizing the need to respect existing borders between States and to involve the population of border areas in the delimitation process in order to avoid a recurrence of conflicts, colonial Powers must provide colonial States with information and maps establishing their borders with their neighboring States.

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