**After the end of the First World War.**

**The American President, Woodrow Wilson**

**decided that there needed to be a world organization to prevent such a war starting again.**

**In 1920, the League of Nations was founded.**

**This organization was founded on the principle that all nations should join together to protect each other;**

**This is called collective security.**

**If a member state acted aggressively against another**

**then the dispute should be settled through the League of Nations using discussion;**

**this is called arbitration.**

**If the League of Nations found that a country was at fault and would not use arbitration,**

**they would join together to refuse to trade with that nation;**

**this is called economic sanctions.**

**If a country would still not listen, then they would use their armies to force the country to obey the ruling;**

**this is called military force.**

**It is important to remember that all countries in the League of Nations had to agree to each of these steps.**