

The Arcadia Conference

Birth of the United Nations

The Arcadia conference took place in Washington, D.C. from 22 December 1941 through 14 January 1942, led by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain. This conference was one of three 'Conferences of the Allied Grand Strategy', setting the defeat of Nazi Germany as their foremost goal. Agreement to combine military forces and resources under a single command resulted in the European Theatre of Operations.

The most important action of the Arcadia Conference however, was an announcement known as the "Declaration of United Nations" on 1 January 1942. The 26 nations working together for peace formally agreed to form a new world peace organization, the United Nations, to replace the impotent League of Nations.



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