Countries eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council:

Afghanistan
Algeria
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Latinos
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macedonia
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Moldova
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Santa Elena and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Somalia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Yemen
Yugoslavia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Countries not eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council:

Belarus
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Cuba
Cyprus
Democratic Republic of the Congo
France
Germany
India
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Italy
Japan
Korea
Korea
Myanmar
Vietnam

Believe it or not, Israel is the only one of the 185 member countries ineligible to serve on the United Nations Security Council, the key deliberative group of the world body. Even Iraq is eligible. So is Iran. And so, too, are Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria.

Why is it that these seven nations, all cited by the U.S. State Department as sponsors of terrorism, are eligible to serve rotating terms on the Security Council, yet Israel, a democratic nation and member of the UN since 1950, is not?

To be eligible for elections, a country must belong to a regional group. Every UN member state—from the smallest to the largest—is included in one of the five regional groups. By geography, Israel should be part of the Asian bloc but such countries as Iraq and Saudi Arabia have prevented its entry for decades.

The UN Charter proclaims "the equal rights . . . of nations large and small."

But only Israel among all UN members is denied the right to belong to any regional group. As a temporary measure, Israel has sought acceptance in the West European and Others Group (WEOG), which includes not only the democracies of Western Europe but also Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Turkey and the United States. Here, too, despite the support of several countries, including the U.S., Israel still has not been admitted.

Thus, without membership in a regional group, Israel can never be elected to serve a term on the Security Council or, for that matter, to the other most important bodies of the UN system, such as the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the World Court, UNICEF and the Commission on Human Rights.

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His Excellency His Highness
Secretary General
The United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am writing to express my concern over the issue of Israel's representation in the United Nations. I understand that the United Nations is a forum where all nations can come together to discuss and resolve global challenges. It is crucial that all member states are represented fairly and equally.

I believe that Israel's absence from the Security Council is not only a violation of the principles of the United Nations but also a disservice to the international community. Israel's inclusion in the Security Council would provide a balanced platform for addressing international issues, including terrorism.

As a concerned citizen, I urge your organization to consider the importance of maintaining a fair and inclusive representation in the United Nations. I believe that Israel's inclusion would contribute to the United Nations' ability to address global challenges effectively.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]