

## Countries eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council:

Afghanistan	Eritrea
Albania	Estonia
Algeria	Ethiopia
Andorra	Fiji
Angola	Finland
Antigua and Barbuda	France
Argentina	Gabon
Armenia	Gambia
Australia	Georgia
Austria	Germany
Azerbaijan	Ghana
Bahamas	Greece
Bahrain	Grenada
Bangladesh	Guatemala
Barbados	Guinea
Belarus	Guinea-Bissau
Belgium	Guyana
Belize	Haiti
Benin	Honduras
Bhutan	Hungary
Bolivia	Iceland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	India
Botswana	Indonesia
Brazil	Iran
Brunei Darussalam	Iraq
Bulgaria	Ireland
Burkina Faso	Italy
Burundi	Jamaica
Cambodia	Japan
Cameroon	Jordan
Canada	Kazakhstan
Cape Verde	Kenya
Central African Republic	Kuwait
Chad	Kyrgyzstan
Chile	Laos
China	Latvia
Colombia	Lebanon
Comoro Islands	Lesotho
Congo	Liberia
Costa Rica	Luxembourg
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar
Croatia	Malawi
Cuba	Malaysia
Cyprus	Maldives
Czech Republic	Mali
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Malta
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Marshall Islands
Denmark	Mauritania
Djibouti	Mauritius
Dominica	Mexico
Dominican Republic	Micronesia
Ecuador	Moldova
Egypt	Monaco
El Salvador	Mongolia
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco

Mozambique  
Myanmar  
Namibia  
Nepal  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Norway  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Palau  
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  
São Tomé and Príncipe  
Saudi Arabia  
Senegal  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
Somalia  
South Africa  
Spain  
Sri Lanka  
Sudan  
Suriname  
Swaziland  
Sweden  
Syria  
Tajikistan  
Tanzania  
Thailand  
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Togo  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Uganda  
Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States  
Uruguay  
Uzbekistan  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela  
Viet Nam  
Yemen  
Yugoslavia  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

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

Israel

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 election, 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.

What should you do? Make yourself heard!

We urge you to clip the coupons at the bottom of this page and mail them to the addresses shown. For more information, please contact us.



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His Excellency Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General  
The United Nations  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

In your new term of office, you have promised to bring reform to the workings of the United Nations. We look to you to help bring about an end to the discriminatory treatment of Israel, the only UN member denied membership or participation in a regional group. Encourage the members of the European Union to accept Israel as a temporary member of the West European and Others Group.

That would signal real reform and leadership.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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H.E. Ambassador M. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld  
Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the UN  
Representative of the Presidency of the European Union  
17 Beekman Place  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ambassador Wolzfeld:

We urge all members of the European Union to accept Israel as a temporary member or participant in the West European and Others Group. As you know, Israel is the only country denied membership in any regional group.

Now is the time for the democracies of Europe to demonstrate that democracy means a voice for all nations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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H.E. Ambassador Bill Richardson  
Permanent Representative of the United States to the UN  
799 United Nations Plaza  
New York, New York 10017

Dear Ambassador Richardson:

We applaud the efforts of the United States to end discriminatory treatment of Israel at the UN. Israel, as you know, is the only UN member denied participation in a regional group.

As our representative to the UN, please encourage other participants in the West European and Others Group, particularly the members of the European Union who are blocking Israel's participation, to change their position and accept Israel as a temporary member.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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