



About the Membership of the Human Rights Council

Membership of the Council consists of 47 States elected directly and individually by secret ballot by the majority of the members of the General Assembly. The human rights records and voluntary human rights pledges and commitments of candidate States are to be taken into account when electing member States. The Council's member States serve for three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms.

If a member State of the Council commits gross and systematic violations of human rights, the General Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, may suspend its rights of membership in the Council.

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AFRICAN STATES	LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STATES
Angola 2010 Burkina Faso 2011 Cameroon 2012 Djibouti 2012 Egypt 2010 Gabon 2011 Ghana 2011 Madagascar 2010 Mauritius 2012 Nigeria 2012 Senegal 2012 South Africa 2010 Zambia 2011	Argentina 2011 Bolivia 2010 Brazil 2011 Chile 2011 Cuba 2012 Mexico 2012 Nicaragua 2010 Uruguay 2012
ASIAN STATES	WESTERN EUROPE & OTHER STATES
Bahrain 2011 Bangladesh 2012 China 2012 India 2010 Indonesia 2010 Japan 2011 Jordan 2012 Kyrgyzstan 2012 Pakistan 2011 Philippines 2010 Qatar 2010 Republic of Korea 2011 Saudi Arabia 2012	Belgium 2012 France 2011 Italy 2010 Netherlands 2010 Norway 2012 United Kingdom 2011 United States 2012
EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES	EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES (Cont'd)
Bosnia and Herzegovina 2010 Hungary 2012 Russian Federation 2012	Slovakia 2011 Slovenia 2010 Ukraine 2011

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