Countries eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council:

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cabo Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Cote d'Ivoire
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Dominican Republic
Dominican Republic of the Congo
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea-Bissau
Guinea
Guinea
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran
Ireland
Island
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's
Korea, North
Korea, South
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macau
Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Moldova
Monaco
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria
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Countries not eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council:

Belgium
Bolivia, Plurinational State of
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Cote d'Ivoire
Cuba
Czech Republic
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Italy
Jamaica
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Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's
Korea, North
Korea, South
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Latvia
Lebanon
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Liberia
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Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macau
Macedonia
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
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Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Moldova
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Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria

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 Iran 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 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 the United States and other Western countries.

The UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, on March 25, 1998, called for an end to this injustice for Israel and "the normalization of Israel's status within the United Nations." Moreover, several countries, including the U.S., Australia, Canada and Norway, have expressed support for Israel's admission to WEOG, but the 15-member European Union refuses to act.

Thus, without membership in a regional group, Israel can never be elected to serve 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, the World Court, and the Commission on Human Rights.

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