**Elections and Appointments**

**Election of the Human Rights Council (21 October 2014)**

**http://www.un.org/en/ga/69/meetings/elections/hrc.shtml**

The General Assembly elected the following 15 members for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 2015:

**Albania, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Congo, El Salvador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Latvia,  
Netherlands, Nigeria, Paraguay, Portugal and Qatar**

[News story](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=49133#.VEazUBZ0G0s)

In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly [resolution 60/251](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/60/251) the Council shall consist of 47 Member States, which shall be elected directly and individually by secret ballot by the majority of the members of the General Assembly.

The membership shall be based on equitable geographical distribution, and seats shall be distributed as follows among regional groups:

* Group of African States (13)
* Group of Asia-Pacific States (13)
* Group of Eastern European States (6)
* Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (8)
* Group of Western European and other States (7)

The members of the Council shall serve for a period of three years and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms.

In accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of General Assembly [resolution 65/281](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/65/281), from 2013, the Human Rights Council will start its yearly membership cycle on 1 January. Also, as a transitional measure, the period of office of members of the Human Rights Council ending in June 2012, June 2013 and June 2014 will exceptionally be extended until the end of the respective calendar year.

Member States who have chosen to announce their candidacies in writing are listed below. Voluntary pledges that Member States have chosen to provide in support of their respective candidacies, in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, are issued as General Assembly documents in all official languages.

**List of candidates**

Click on country name below for additional information on candidature.

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| **African States (4 vacant seats)** | **Asia-Pacific States (4 vacant seats)** | **Eastern European States (2 vacant seats)** | **Latin American & Caribbean States (3 vacant seats)** | **Western European & other States (2 vacant seats)** |
| Botswana | Bangladesh [[A/69/393]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/393) | Albania [[A/69/72](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/72)] | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) [[A/69/220]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/220) | Netherlands [[A/69/74]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/74) |
| Congo [[A/69/377]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/377) | India [[A/69/538]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/538) | Latvia [[A/69/352]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/352) | Costa Rica [[A/69/68]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/68) | Portugal [[A/69/280]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/280) |
| Ghana [[A/69/221]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/221) | Indonesia [[A/69/375]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/375) |  | El Salvador [[A/69/376]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/376) |  |
| Nigeria | Qatar [[A/69/403]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/403) |  | Paraguay [[A/69/78]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/78) |  |
|  | Thailand [[A/69/175]](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/69/175) |  |  |  |

**List of current members**

Members outlined in bold will retire on 31 December 2014.

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| **African States** | **Asia-Pacific States** | **Eastern European States** | **Latin American &  Caribbean States** | **Western European  & other States** |
| Algeria 2016 | China 2016 | **Czech Republic 2014** | Argentina 2015 | **Austria 2014** |
| **Benin 2014** | **India 2014** | Estonia 2015 | Brazil 2015 | France 2016 |
| **Botswana 2014** | **Indonesia 2014** | Montenegro 2015 | **Chile 2014** | Germany 2015 |
| **Burkina Faso 2014** | Japan 2015 | **Romania 2014** | **Costa Rica 2014** | Ireland 2015 |
| **Congo 2014** | Kazakhstan 2015 | Russian Federation 2016 | Cuba 2016 | **Italy 2014** |
| Côte d'Ivoire 2015 | **Kuwait 2014** | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2016 | Mexico 2016 | United Kingdom 2016 |
| Ethiopia 2015 | Maldives 2016 |  | **Peru 2014** | United States 2015 |
| Gabon 2015 | Pakistan 2015 |  | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 2015 |  |
| Kenya 2015 | **Philippines 2014** |  |  |  |
| Morocco 2016 | Republic of Korea 2015 |  |  |  |
| Namibia 2016 | Saudi Arabia 2016 |  |  |  |
| Sierra Leone 2015 | United Arab Emirates 2015 |  |  |  |
| South Africa 2016 | Viet Nam 2016 |  |  |  |