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Membership of the Human Rights Council

On 9 May 2006, the United Nations General Assembly elected the first 47 members to the newly established Human Rights Council (HRC) whose term of office will begin on 19 June when the HRC holds its first meeting.

The Member States listed below announced their candidacies in writing and were elected directly and individually by a majority of the Members of the General Assembly. They shall not be eligible for immediate re-election after two consecutive terms (para.7 of resolution A/RES/60/251). (The date indicated next to the country is when their current term expires).

The Assembly decided that the terms of membership will be staggered, and that such a decision would be taken for the first election by the drawing of lots, taking into account equitable regional distribution. In that connection, after completing the elections, the Assembly drew lots to select, among the elected members in each regional group, those members who will serve for one, two or three years, respectively.

African States: Algeria (2007), Cameroon (2009), Djibouti (2009), Gabon (2008), Ghana (2008), Mali (2008), Mauritius (2009), Morocco (2007), Nigeria (2009), Senegal (2009), South Africa (2007), Tunisia (2007) and Zambia (2008)

Asian States: Bahrain (2007), Bangladesh (2009), China (2009), India (2007), Indonesia (2007), Japan (2008), Jordan (2009), Malaysia (2009), Pakistan (2008), Philippines (2007), Republic of Korea (2008), Saudi Arabia (2009) and Sri Lanka (2008)

Eastern European States: Azerbaijan (2009), Czech Republic (2007), Poland (2007), Romania (2008), Russian Federation (2009) and Ukraine (2008)

Latin American & Caribbean States: Argentina (2007), Brazil (2008), Cuba (2009), Ecuador (2007), Guatemala (2008), Mexico (2009), Peru (2008) and Uruguay (2009)

Western European & Other States: Canada (2009), Finland (2007), France (2008), Germany (2009), Netherlands (2007), Switzerland (2009) and United Kingdom (2008)