

UN Security Council

Prelims - Current events of International Importance.

Mains (GS I) - International Relations | Global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

Why in News?

Intergovernmental negotiations Chair Tareq AlBanai said India will surely be a contender if the UN Security Council is expanded.

- It is one of the **6 main organs** of the United Nations.

Other 5 main organs of UN are UN General Assembly, UN Economic & Social Council, Secretariat, International Court of Justice, Trusteeship Council

- **Aim** - It has the primary responsibility of maintaining international peace and security.
- **Headquarters** - New York, United States.
- **Founded in** - 1945.
- **Membership** - It is composed of 15 members.
 - **Permanent Members** - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, all have veto powers.
 - **Non-Permanent Members** - 10 members elected for **2-year terms by the General Assembly.**
- It is the only UN organ that has the power to make **binding decisions** on member states.
- **Legal Basis** - UNSC operates under the authority of the UN Charter, which outlines its role and responsibilities.
- **Presidency** - The presidency of the Security Council rotates alphabetically among 15 members every month.
- **Voting Rights** - Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote, while permanent members have veto powers.
- **Powers** - It can investigate and resolve disputes, impose sanctions, authorize the use of force, and establish peacekeeping missions.
- **India & UNSC** - India is **not a member to UNSC**, India has served as a non-permanent member on the Council 8 times, including its recent term for 2021-2022.
- **G4 Nations** - 4 countries bids for permanent seats in UNSC.
- They are Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan.

Reference

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