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- News: UN Security Council (UNSC)
- Recently, **Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece, and Panama** have been chosen as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council (UNSC), serving a 2-year term from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2026.
- The newly elected members are **Somalia for the African Group, Pakistan for the Asia-Pacific Group, Panama for the Latin America and Caribbean Group, and Denmark and Greece for the Western European and Others Group.**
- Current and Incoming Members: The **new members will replace outgoing countries such as Mozambique, Japan, Ecuador, Malta, and Switzerland.**

United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

- Security Council of the United Nations **ensures international peace and security** recommending the admission of new UN members to the General Assembly, and approving any changes to the UN Charter.
- Under the charter, **all Member States are obliged to comply with Council decisions.** Hence, the UNSC is the only **UN body with the authority to issue binding resolutions** on member states.

- Members: **5 Permanent members** (US, China, France, UK, Russia) with Veto power.
- **10 non- permanent members** elected on a regional basis for a term of **2 years**. **Each year 5 members retire** and election occurs for the vacant post. Retiring member is not eligible for immediate re-election.
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- Presidency rotates monthly among its members.
- India is a member of **G4 nations (Brazil, Germany, India and Japan)** which **support each other's bids for permanent seats** on UNSC.
- However, each of their bids are being **opposed by Uniting for Consensus** (or simply **Coffee Club**) a group of around 50 states, who are opposing the resolution of increasing the permanent seats in UNSC. It is **led by Italy**. Other core members of Coffee club include South Korea, Canada, Spain, Mexico, Turkey, Argentina, Pakistan and Malta.
- These **countries propose to increase non-permanent members from 10 to 20 while keeping the permanent membership to 5**.
- The **Secretary General of UNGA** is appointed by the UNGA only based on the recommendation of the Security Council. It implies that essentially the **P5**

countries chose the Secretary. There is an informal understanding between the members that Secretary General should alternatively be from Western and Eastern Block.

- **States can complain against another, if one is seen violating the norms under Biological Weapons Convention to the UNSC.**