

NEW ZEALAND

UN Security Council Candidate 2015-16



New Zealand is seeking a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council in 2015-16. Elections are in 2014.

As a small, Asia-Pacific country, we will come to the UNSC with a fresh, independent perspective and will help represent the interests of all the UN's small states.

New Zealand last served on the UNSC nearly 20 years ago, and we are seeking early support from our friends from all regions so we can serve the wider membership again.



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Ready to Serve on the UN Security Council

New Zealand Government



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COMMITTED
TO THE UN

- As a founding member of the UN we have a long, proud history of active and effective engagement.
- We last served on the UNSC nearly 20 years ago and faced challenging issues in Africa and elsewhere. We are proud of our contribution, notably pushing the UNSC to respond to the genocide in Rwanda.



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PROMOTES PEACE
AND SECURITY

- We have supported international peace efforts over many decades and participate in 16 peace support operations across 11 countries.
- New Zealand is even-handed in its approach to all issues at the UN, as demonstrated by our UN General Assembly voting record and our tangible contributions to peace processes.



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AN INDEPENDENT
SMALL STATE

- We will advocate for collective security, the rule of law, and will support practical cross-regional solutions.
- At home and abroad, we have a unique history and perspective of promoting tolerance and conflict resolution.



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SUPPORTS
UNSC REFORM

- We believe the UNSC needs to better reflect today's world.
- We will work energetically to improve the geographic balance, transparency, responsiveness and working methods of the UNSC.



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A MULTICULTURAL
PERSPECTIVE

- We proudly represent the Asia Pacific region. Nearly 20% of our population are Asian or Pacific people who call New Zealand home.
- We also have a unique, Treaty of Waitangi-based partnership with Māori, the indigenous people, who make up 15% of New Zealand's population.