United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Introduction:
The *Security Council* is one of the *six main organs* of the UN and is responsible for *maintaining international peace and security*.

Members:

- *Total: 15 Members*
  - *5 Permanent Members (P5)* with *veto power*:
    1. China
    2. France
    3. Russia
    4. United Kingdom
    5. United States
  - *10 Non-permanent Members*
    - Elected for *2-year terms* by the *General Assembly*
    - No veto power
    - Based on *regional representation*

Key Functions:

1. Maintain *peace and security*
2. *Investigate conflicts*
3. *Authorize military action* or *peacekeeping missions*
4. *Impose sanctions*
5. *Recommend admission of new UN members*
6. *Appoint the Secretary-General* (with General Assembly)

Voting System:

- *9 out of 15 votes* required to pass a resolution
- BUT if *any one P5 member vetoes*, the resolution *fails*

Criticism:

- *Veto power is controversial*
- P5 dominance leads to *biased decisions*
- Calls for *reform and expansion* of membership

Explanation
6. Criticisms of the UNSC:

- *Veto misuse* (e.g., Russia vetoing Ukraine-related resolutions)
- *P5 dominance* – unequal power
- Calls for *reform*:
  - Increase permanent members (e.g., add Germany, Japan, India, Brazil)
  - Limit veto in humanitarian crises

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7. Presidency of the Council:

- Rotates *monthly* among 15 members
- The President sets the agenda, chairs meetings, and speaks on behalf of the Council
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- Here's *more detailed information* on the *UN Security Council (UNSC):*

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1. Role & Responsibility:

The UNSC is the *only UN body with binding authority*. Its primary duty is to:

- *Maintain international peace and security*
- Act on *threats to peace*, *aggression*, or *breaches of peace*

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2. Powers:

Under the *UN Charter (Chapter VI & VII)*, the Council can:

- *Call for ceasefires*
- *Impose sanctions* (economic, travel bans, arms embargoes)
- *Authorize military action*
- Deploy *UN peacekeeping missions*
- Establish *international tribunals* (e.g., for war crimes)

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3. Permanent Members (P5) – with Veto:

Country	Veto Power
USA	Yes
UK	Yes
Russia	Yes
China	Yes
France	Yes

They can *block any resolution*, even if all others agree.

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4. Non-Permanent Members (10):

- Elected by the *General Assembly*
- Serve for *2 years*
- No immediate re-election allowed
- Rotation based on *geographic regions*

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5. Example Actions by UNSC:

- Sanctions on *North Korea*
- Peacekeeping in *South Sudan*, *Congo*, etc.
- Resolutions on *Palestine-Israel*, *Ukraine*, *Yemen*
