

# Chavez UN seat bid

Venezuela's Hugo Chavez has lobbied for a UN Security Council seat by spreading \$1.1 billion in donations, loans and financial aid around the world in a bid to influence the General Assembly



■ **Security Council:** 15 seats, five permanent members with veto power – **United States, Russia, China, Britain and France** – and 10 nations serving for two-year terms, five of them elected each year

■ **Vote required:** Two-thirds of 192-member General Assembly

■ **Seats available:** Argentina, Japan, Denmark, Greece and Tanzania

■ **Held until end 2007:** Peru, Qatar, Congo Rep., Ghana and Slovenia