

UN Security Council

The 15-member Security Council has five veto-wielding permanent members and 10 non-permanent seats that are filled by regional groups for two-year stretches, five of them elected each year



■ **Permanent members:** *United States, Russia, China, UK, France*

■ **Non-permanent members:** *Peru, Qatar, Congo Rep., Ghana* and *Slovenia* hold seats until end of 2007. *Italy, Belgium, Indonesia* and *South Africa* appointed until end of 2008

■ **U.S. is lobbying against bid by Venezuela for tenth seat, backing Guatemala to raise two-thirds vote in 92-member General Assembly**