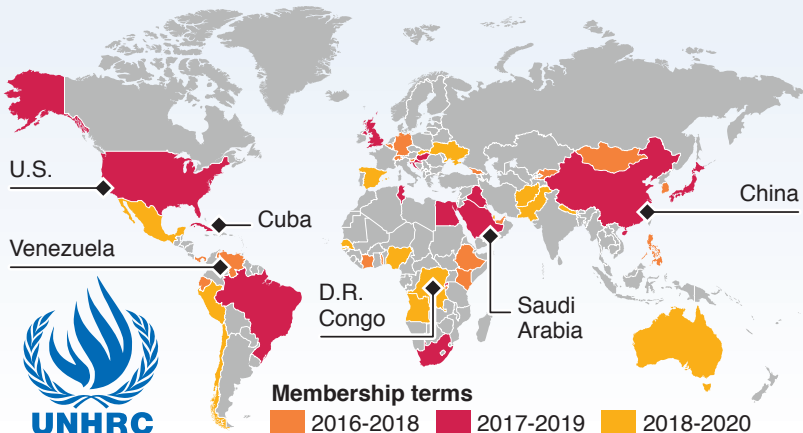


U.S. leaving UN Human Rights Council

The United States is leaving the United Nations' Human Rights Council, accusing the organisation of hypocrisy and bias against Israel

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

47 members elected for staggered three-year terms on regional group basis



■ **2006:** Geneva-based **UN Human Rights Council** created to replace **UN Commission on Human Rights**, which had been heavily criticised for having countries with poor human rights records as members

■ **2009:** U.S. joins council under President **Barack Obama**, reversing Bush administration's decision to boycott body over concerns it was no different to its predecessor

■ **2013:** Human rights groups voice complaints about council after China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Vietnam are elected members

■ **2017:** U.S. President **Donald Trump's** administration threatens to leave council unless it makes reforms

■ **June 2018:** U.S. Ambassador to UN **Nikki Haley** (below) announces U.S. intention to quit

Haley criticises council for hostility toward Israel and claims human rights abusers – such as China, Cuba, Venezuela and Democratic Republic of Congo – continue to be elected as members

