




UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Why in News?

US left UNHRC in 2018 (Donald Trump) and will return (Joe Biden) as Observer of UNHRC with aim: seeking election as full member.

About

- an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system
- strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world.
- created by the United Nations General Assembly in 2006
- replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.
- Secretariat: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

Members of UNHRC

- **Members elected by the UN General Assembly (UNGA):** takes into account the candidate States' contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their voluntary pledges and commitments.
- **47 United Nations Member States**
- **Tenure of Member States: three years**
- **Members not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.**

BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is based on equitable geographical distribution:
 1. African States: 13 seats
 2. Asia-Pacific States: 13 seats
 3. Latin American and Caribbean States: 8 seats
 4. Western European and other States: 7 seats
 5. Eastern European States: 6 seats

DIFFERENCE B/W A REFUGEE AND AN IMMIGRANT

- ◆ A **refugee** is forced to flee for their lives.
- ◆ An **immigrant** chooses to move to another country. It is the duty of the Country to give Refuge to Refugees Keeping Basic Human Rights Values in Place.

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