Resolution 2593 on Taliban by UNSC

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In news–Recently, the UNSC chaired by India adopted Resolution 2593 on Taliban.

About the resolution-

- The resolution, **sponsored by France, UK and the US, was adopted with 13 members, including India,** voting in favour, none against it.
- However, permanent and veto-wielding **members Russia and China abstained from it.**
- The resolution says that the **territory of Afghanistan is not to be used to threaten any country or shelter terrorists.**
- It specifically mentions individuals and entities designated pursuant to UNSC Resolution 1267, i.e., Lashker-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), etc.
- The LeT and JeM are anti-India terrorist groups that are based in Pakistan.
- In the past, LeT and JeM camps have sprouted in Afghanistan when Kabul was in the control of the Taliban between 1996-2001.
- The resolution is of **direct importance to India** and it sends a strong signal from the international community on its expectations from Kabul.
- The UNSC resolution named the Taliban five times, b**ut did not condemn the grouping.**
- Rather, **it noted Taliban's commitments about the safe, secure, and orderly departure of Afghans and all foreign nationals from Afghanistan.**
- By other terms, it **called for enhanced efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan** and called on all parties to **allow safe, unhindered access**

for the United Nations and its agencies, including with respect to internally displaced persons.

- Further by its terms, **it called on all donors and international humanitarian actors to provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan** and major Afghan refugee-hosting countries.
- The resolution also stressed the importance of maintaining humanitarian access, upholding human rights, reaching an **inclusive political settlement and combating terrorism.**
- While France's proposal of "a 'safe zone' in Kabul that will allow humanitarian operations to continue" was not part of the final resolution.

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