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## CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING BOOK FACTS

- Roughly **7 in 10 voters (69%)** believe the UN is still needed today, and **3 in 4 voters (74%)** believe it is better for the U.S. to work with allies and through international organizations than to act on its own when it comes to achieving U.S. foreign policy goals.
- There are currently 12 UN peacekeeping operations deployed around the world – all of which the U.S. voted for. [Decades of research](#) has demonstrated that UN peacekeeping is effective at reducing violence during civil wars and saving civilian lives. It's also [eight times cheaper](#) than sending U.S. troops into conflict zones. UN peacekeeping promotes burden-sharing: more than 120 countries contribute troops and police. The U.S. provides only 35 troops out of more than 73,000 personnel.
- Since the first shipments from the **UN led Black Sea Grain Initiative**, more than 30 million tons of grain and other agricultural products have been able to leave Ukraine. The amount of wheat alone is the equivalent of nearly 3 billion loaves of bread. It has lowered food prices for everyone from middle income to less developed countries, like Kenya, Somalia, and Bangladesh. It has saved countless lives even in the face of Russian obstruction.
- In December, the International Atomic Energy Agency announced that it would **install permanent teams of safety and security experts at all nuclear stations across Ukraine** in response to Russia's growing attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure.
- Shortly after Russia's attack on Ukraine, the Human Rights Council met and adopted a U.S.-supported resolution to **investigate war crimes committed during the conflict**. Russia was also kicked off the Council.
- Global action spearheaded by the U.S., UNICEF, WHO, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, successfully procured and delivered more than **1.85 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine to 146 countries**.
- Over the past 20 years, UNICEF, with the U.S. as its largest contributor, has helped reach more than **760 million children with lifesaving vaccines**.
- In 2022, the World Food Program reached over **1 million Haitians** with food commodities, hot meals, cash-based transfers, and other forms of lifesaving assistance.
- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) operates over **170 Family Health Clinics in Afghanistan** where women can receive needed services, even as rights for women continue to be narrowed by the Taliban.
- In 2022, the Senate approved U.S. ratification of a UN climate treaty (the Kigali Amendment to the 1987 Montreal Protocol). This successful UN treaty, which passed with broad bipartisan support, has already phased down the use of hydrofluorocarbons, which are thousands of times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere. With U.S. support, we can avoid adding **4.6 billion tons of emissions by 2050**.
- The United Nations purchased more than **\$2.3 billion** in goods and services from U.S. companies in 2021, the most of any country.