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## 1. INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

Hi, I'm **[your name]**, a constituent from **[your town/city/state]**. I am a member of the United Nations Association of the USA, the largest grassroots movement of Americans dedicated to supporting the United Nations. My local chapter is UNA **[chapter name]** OR I am member-at-large in **[state]**.

## 2. LEAD WITH YOUR STORY.

Why are **YOU** passionate about the work of the UN?

What domestic or international issues are **YOU** advocating for in your community?

## 3. MAKE THE CORE ASK.

The world's to-do list is daunting, with the highest number of violent conflicts since 1945, record temperatures, soaring food prices, and more. We must confront these challenges head-on and can by leveraging a well-supported United Nations (UN) and international affairs budget. **That is why I'm asking you to OPPOSE the President's budget proposal and ensure we fully fund our UN Regular Budget and Peacekeeping dues.**

**The UN continues to expand what the United States can achieve, helping to make America stronger, safer, and more prosperous with the support of international partners. For Fiscal Year 2026, I am asking for:**

- \$1.741 billion for the State Department's Contributions to International Organizations (CIO) account
- \$1.481 billion for the Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) account
- \$444 million for the Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) account
- Language in the bill waiving the 25% cap on U.S. peacekeeping contributions.

**You can find more details about our appropriations request in the folder.** The bottom line is cutting UN funding would cause immense harm, jeopardize allies, and open the door for China and Russia to fill the leadership void. U.S. leadership at the UN is essential for a safer world.

**[For Senate meetings only]** I also urge you to oppose the Administration's rescissions proposal, which would claw back congressionally approved funds, including \$8 billion in international aid and \$1 billion in funding to the UN. The House of Representatives just narrowly approved the package, and we urge the Senate to vote it down if it comes up for a vote. Not only would it slash support for life-saving programs like UNICEF, peacekeeping, and global health efforts, it would reverse bipartisan progress and undermine initiatives that directly protect Americans by preventing disease, responding to crises, and promoting international stability.

## 4. SUPPORT THE ASK WITH FACTS

**Consider what makes your community unique and how that might motivate your elected officials' decision-making process.** Below select **2-3 facts** from the [2025 UN, Explained](#) to support the ask.



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## 5.HUMANITARIAN AID.

**Did you know that in some areas of the world, UN agencies are the only ones providing aid? We ask that you champion continued support for the UN's lifesaving humanitarian assistance worldwide.** Significant cuts from the U.S., the world's single largest humanitarian funder, would have catastrophic consequences for millions of lives and could further destabilize already fragile countries and populations, including our own. **Select 1 fact** from Impact of Cuts Page and share with the staffer.

## 6.ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY & QUESTIONS

If time permits, this is the moment to bring up additional commentary or questions on topics relevant to your chapter such as UN treaties/CEDAW, climate, or others.

## 7.THANK YOU & REQUEST A PHOTO

Thank your Member of Congress/Staffer for meeting with you. If possible, politely request a photo! Feel free to post it on your social media pages using our pre-crafted posts. **Most importantly, don't forget to send a thank you email & fill out the feedback form in the AdvocacyDay App.**



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## CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING BOOK FACTS

- In 2023, **U.S. businesses** were the **largest supplier** of goods and services for **UN agencies worldwide**, with total procurement **revenue reaching \$2.2 billion**. This \$2.2 billion **investment** in U.S. businesses by the UN **exceeds America's assessed dues** to the UN's regular and peacekeeping budgets.
- In an **August 2024 poll**, **three in four Americans** stated the U.S. should “**maintain an active role in the UN**,” including 65% of Republicans and 88% of Democrats.
- In recent years, **U.S. assessments for the UN regular budget**, peacekeeping operations and specialized agencies **account** for around \$3 billion annually –or **0.04% of the total federal budget**.
- In the last five years, the **World Food Programme (WFP)** **procured** more than **five million metric tons of food from U.S. farmers** and producers worth more than **\$2.6 billion**.
- Due to late or missed payments and the cap on U.S. contributions to the peacekeeping budget, the U.S. has accrued roughly \$1.4 billion in arrears. **U.S. debt impacts** the UN's ability to reimburse troop-contributing countries. **China has referred to the U.S. as the UN's “largest debtor,”** undermining perceptions of the U.S. abroad. U.S. peacekeeping investments are matched three to one by the rest of the world.
- The U.S. Government Accountability Office has found that **UN peacekeeping operations are one-eighth the cost to American taxpayers** of deploying comparable U.S. missions.
- **UNICEF supplies vaccines to 45% of the world's children**, helping save 3 million lives. One in four births globally happen in UNICEF-supported health centers.
- Every year, the **Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)** helps ensure that roughly **300 million people** worldwide **receive life-saving humanitarian assistance**.
- **The World Health Organization (WHO)** is a **leader in combating a bird flu epidemic** that has cost American taxpayers more than \$1.7 billion by evaluating potential vaccines and providing guidance on bird flu prevention, surveillance, and response.
- More than 300 million people died from smallpox in the 20th century alone. Thanks to U.S. funding and the **success of WHO's global vaccination and disease surveillance programs**, **smallpox was the first disease to be globally eradicated**.
- **In the Democratic Republic of Congo**, home to the world's richest critical mineral deposits essential to U.S. economic and national security, the **UN is working to avert a relapse of one of the world's worst conflicts** since World War II, in which more than six million civilians were killed.
- **In South Sudan**, a country that gained independence with bipartisan U.S. support in 2011, **UN peacekeepers saved the lives of more than 200,000 civilians in 2013 when civil war broke out** and continue to work to prevent a deterioration of the security situation in the country.
- The UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) helped **protect 8,500 U.S. satellites orbiting Earth in 2024**.
- **The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** **conducts 3,000+ verification visits at 1,300 nuclear facilities each year**, including in Ukraine, where it is working to ensure the safety of the country's nuclear power plants amidst war.
- The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (**UNODC**) is a **leader in the global fight against illicit drugs**, organized crime, corruption and terrorism. UNODC providing technical assistance to authorities in Mexico to help them more efficiently and effectively combat drug and illicit goods trafficking through their ports, a **critical part of U.S.-led efforts to address fentanyl smuggling**.