



UNA ★ USA

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.

Thanks so much for taking the time to meet with us **[And if applicable], [we really appreciate your support for international affairs funding.]** We know there are a lot of competing priorities right now.

A few months ago, Congress passed, and the President signed, final FY26 funding that gets us close to full funding for the UN, and we want to make sure that funding is carried out as intended.

Over the past year, we've seen how important it is to uphold Congress's authority over federal spending. Once funding is appropriated, especially for programs like the UN, global health, and humanitarian assistance, we want to make sure it's carried out as Congress intended.

Thinking ahead, we're also encouraging support for FY27 funding for key UN accounts, including:

- \$1.389 billion for Contributions to International Organizations
- \$1.255 billion for Peacekeeping
- \$410 million for Peacekeeping Operations
- and \$436.9 million for International Organizations and Programs

These investments support peacekeeping missions, global health programs like UNICEF, and broader stability efforts, all of which help advance U.S. national security and economic interests.

We'll be back in June in Washington, D.C. with a deeper dive on our full set of asks, but for now, our focus is really on supporting Congress's role in ensuring that the funding it approves is carried out as intended.

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.

5. 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.



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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**.