



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.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today. **[And if applicable], [we really appreciate your support for international affairs funding in 2026.]** We know Congress is balancing many priorities.

**Our ask is straightforward: please protect and fully implement the international affairs funding that was enacted for FY26 and support strong funding for key UN accounts in FY27.**

This matters because the United States is currently falling further behind on its payments to both the UN regular budget and UN peacekeeping operations. Last year, the U.S. paid nothing for the regular budget and only ½ of its peacekeeping dues. This is a major reason for the current UN financial crisis, which disrupts peacekeeping missions, humanitarian response efforts, and other programs that advance U.S. interests around the world.

We are also concerned about efforts to withhold or cancel funding that Congress has already appropriated. Last year, over a billion dollars in promised money was pulled back. We believe Congress's constitutional power of the purse should be respected, and enacted funding should be carried out as intended.

**For FY27, we encourage support for:**

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

These investments help support peacekeeping, global health programs, humanitarian assistance, and diplomacy that make the United States safer, stronger, and more prosperous. **[Point to folder for more info]**

## 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 [2026 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

## 6. THANK YOU & REQUEST A PHOTO

Thank your Member of Congress/Staffer for meeting. If possible, politely request a photo! Feel free to post it on your social media. **Most importantly, don't forget to send a thank you email & fill out the feedback form**



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## CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING BOOK FACTS

- In 2024, **U.S. businesses** were the **largest supplier** of goods and services for **UN agencies worldwide**, with total procurement revenue reaching **\$2.13 billion**. This \$2.13 billion investment in U.S. businesses by the UN **exceeds America's assessed dues** to the UN's regular and peacekeeping budgets.
- The World Health Organization (**WHO**) leads global efforts to detect and **contain outbreaks like Hantavirus and Ebola** by improving early warning systems, lab capacity, and patient care; protecting Americans from cross-border disease threats.
- 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 2025, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) **assisted more than 124 million people worldwide while supporting demand with hundreds of thousands of tons of American-grown food commodities**.
- Due to late or missed payments and the cap on U.S. contributions to the peacekeeping budget, the U.S. has accrued roughly several billion dollars 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.
- 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 resolve one of the world's worst conflicts**. **The Trump Administration has also made ending this war a priority**.
- **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.
- Since 1962, the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) has tracked 40,000+ satellites & space objects, **protecting U.S. satellites orbiting Earth**.
- **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 IAEA is also critical to monitoring Iran's nuclear program, and will play a central role in any deal that is ultimately worked out between the Trump Administration and the Iranian government.
- 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**.
- In **Haiti**, the **UN World Food Programme (WFP) reached more than 1.3 million people with emergency food assistance in 2025**, including a record 1 million people in March alone.
- The world has **reduced polio cases by more than 99% since 1988**, thanks to a global partnership that includes the World Health Organization, UNICEF, governments, and local communities.
- **Every minute, malaria still claims a life, most often a young child**. WHO's global surveillance and guidance help ensure that lifesaving tools like bed nets, diagnostics, and treatments reach the communities where they can have the greatest impact.