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United Nations Resolutions for your Party Platform

Plan to Attend and Present to Your Caucus

Monday, February 3, 2020; 6:30 pm

Resolution 1: UN Participation and Payment

We support the continuing participation of the United States in the United Nations as a vital institution for fostering peace and security. We support payment of U.S. dues to the UN regular budget and to the peacekeeping budget—on time, in full, and without conditions. We also support payment of a fair share of voluntary contributions to UN agencies and organizations. The UN can address global challenges that the U.S cannot confront alone.

Resolution 2: Human Rights and Refugees

We support the United Nations' work with human rights and the inherent dignity of all human beings. Human rights are the foundation for freedom and justice in the world.

Resolution 3: Women's Rights

We support the International Violence Against Women Act, which will help the United States better deal with the global crisis of violence against women. The Act will establish a global strategy, make the U.S. Office of Global Women's Issues a part of the U.S. State Department.

Resolution 4: Refugees

We support the United Nations' work with refugees through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in its assistance with voluntary repatriation, integration and resettlement.

Resolution 5: Climate Change

We support U.S. participation in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change along with other UN initiatives that confront the climate crisis. We support international, federal, state, and local initiatives to combat climate change by reducing the emission of carbon dioxide, methane, and other greenhouse gases and by adopting clean energy sources.

Be sure you are registered to vote and check your party website for the location of your precinct.

You can also find where your caucus will be held by calling your County Auditor. They may be different for the two parties.

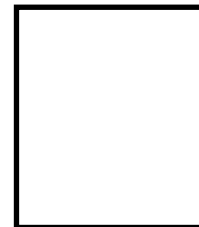
You can also provide input into

your party's platform, which is taken up after the presidential process. Even if it is late, we encourage everyone to stay for the platform considerations.

Take the statements above or compose your own to present to the group.

Resolutions and Voting. You will be discussing issues of local, state, national, and international concern. Resolutions can be presented by anyone.

The caucus is an excellent example of grassroots democracy at work.



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U.S./UN Funding: Good News and Bad News

On December 21, President Trump signed legislation to fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2020 fiscal year.

Regarding U.S. funding for the UN, the good news is that Congress rejected the administration's request for drastic cuts for UN funding. The legislation provides increased funding for the accounts that support the UN Regular Budget and agencies such as UNICEF, the World Health

Organization, and UN Women. UNA-USA believes that this positive result is due to successful advocacy by UNA members and chapters across the country.

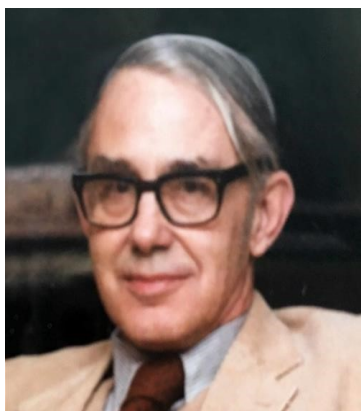
The bad news is that U.S. financial support for UN peacekeeping operations is still capped at 25% (the U.S. is assessed 27% of the cost of peacekeeping operations) and it does not contain funds to pay arrears for peacekeeping. UNA-

USA concludes that, "as a result, the FY20 spending bill virtually guarantees that U.S. peacekeeping arrears will hit \$1 billion in 2020."

As we move into 2020, it is essential that we continue to urge members of Congress to fully fund the UN.

For more information — and to send a message to our federal legislators — please go to unausa.org/advocacy/support-the-UN

In Memoriam: William Shuttleworth, 1926-2019



The Iowa UNA mourns the passing of William Shuttleworth. Bill joined the Iowa UNA in 1956, three years after its founding. He served as an officer and board member from 1957 to 2013, and was most recently Iowa UNA's General Chair. Bill was generous with his time, expertise, and financial support. He received the Scroll of Honor, Iowa UNA's highest

award, for outstanding service in Iowa to the goals of the UN.

"He was of immeasurable help to me regarding the nonprofit's financial recordkeeping and management. I will always cherish his wisdom." says Katy Hansen, former executive director.

The Iowa UNA sends sincere condolences to Bill's wife Winifred and his family.