

- Does the United States advance national interests and security by working through the United Nations?

YES. The U.N. serves a vital role in mitigating international crises by coordinating the international community's efforts to provide security and aid to post-conflict countries. Additionally, America's participation in the U.N. is essential to strengthening our foreign policy priorities, including ensuring that all people in the world have access to basic human rights, such as food, clean water, and effective health care.

- Do you support paying off U.S. debts to the U.N.? Will you work to ensure that the U.S. honors its treaty commitments to the United Nations by paying our U.N. dues on time, in full and without conditions?

YES. The United States has made a commitment to the United Nations both politically and fiscally. Without our economic contributions, key programs will go underfunded and could put critical populations at risk.

- Do you support an increased role for the United Nations to help strengthen the US-led effort to stabilize Iraq?

YES

- Do you support providing the necessary U.S. resources for an enhanced UN presence?

YES. Should Iraq request the presence of a UN-led force, the international community should unite to fully fund, equip and support such a force.

- Do you support collective action through the United Nations to address international terrorism?

YES. International terrorism is a threat to all the world's citizens. Only through international cooperation and partnership, we will develop the tools to reduce the threat and eradicate its presence.

- Do you support the development of a new international agreement for addressing climate change under the auspices of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change?

YES. Climate change poses a preeminent threat to the global environment and security. As a lifelong champion of environmental causes, I am disappointed that the US has yet to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, the unified effort to stop global warming. I support the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and hope that a new administration will be able to work with our international partners to stem and reverse the negative effects of climate change.

- Do you support Security Council Reform?

YES. The National Security Council exists to make the world a safer place. We should ensure that members of the Council work towards a peaceful and more secure world for all its inhabitants. Resolutions and actions must be balanced and promote the highest ideals of the UN.

- Do you support US peacekeeping operations as ‘force multipliers’ that can complement U.S. efforts to stabilize conflict zones around the world?

YES

- Do you support full U.S. funding for UN peacekeeping operations?

YES. It’s vitally important that we support the ability of U.N. peacekeepers to efficiently and effectively respond to emerging crises around the world. When the international community coordinates its efforts to provide security and aid to post-conflict countries, U.N. peacekeepers serve an essential role in mitigating international crises.

- Should the United States support and join the International Criminal Court?

YES. The International Criminal Court is an essential component to international justice and rule of law. All nations should be party to the ICC. It’s actions have sought to bring international despots, terrorists, and criminals to justice.

- Do you support U.S. efforts to help meet the Millennium Development Goals?

YES. The Millennium Development Goals are lofty, but attainable. They provide a map towards a future where every man, woman, and child has hope for the future. Whether we strive for basic education or the promise of a healthy childhood, we can provide a better future for all the world’s populations.