

## How Congress can hold the United Nations to account

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Last year over \$9.1 billion of American tax dollars went to the UN- about \$700 million to cover 22% of the UN's annual operating budget, \$2.6 billion toward peacekeeping and a "voluntary" contribution of \$5.9 billion.

The current US Legislative and Executive branches, in addition to global and geo-political realities create a unique opportunity to terminate the **abuse of American taxpayers' dollars by the Unaccountable United Nations**, halt its frequent assaults on American values, interests and allies; and re-commit the UN to the core values upon which it was established 72 years ago.

### What is UNaccountable?

The Abba Eban Institute for International Diplomacy has dedicated a significant work effort in researching and gathering valuable information. We are exposing the UN's unaccountable activities and non-transparent approach. We are also showcasing the American tax-payer how their money is being spent by the UN. The project is data-oriented and proposes an operational and efficient action plan in order to create the changes required in the UN.

### UN Body: OCHA - Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**US Funding 2016:**

About **\$50 million** (second biggest funder)

**Unaccountable activities:**

- ☒ Accreditation for organizations that **promote incitement and are led by convicted terrorists.**
- ☒ Bias in **allocation of funds:**

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**Syria general budget 16**



**\$7.5 million**



**\$7.9 million**

### UN Body: UNHRC - United Nations Human Rights Council

**US voluntary funding 2015:**

About **\$16 million** (first biggest funder)

**Unaccountable activities:**

- ☒ Most member states are defined as **authoritarian or only partly democratic.**
- ☒ Initiated the **Blacklist Project** which may include **\$1 billion plus US companies** such as Bobcat, Caterpillar, Ford Motor, GM, HP and Motorola.
- ☒ Between 2009-2016, UNHRC has adopted 42% resolutions **focused only on Israel:**

**UN Body:** UNRWA- United Nations Relief & Works Agency

**US Funding 2016:**

About **\$380 million** (biggest funder, 35% of entire budget)

**Unaccountable activities:**

- Online terror incitement** by staff and related bodies.
- Holocaust denying and racism** in schools' text-books.
- Bias in **allocation of funds vs. UNHCR:**

	UNRWA	UNHCR
<b>People of Concern</b>	5.7 million	64 million worldwide
<b>Staff</b>	30,994	10,070
	<b>1:183 staffer/person</b>	<b>1:6,346 staffer/person</b>
<b>Budget</b>	\$1.7 billion	\$6.7 billion worldwide
	<b>\$/Customer: \$312</b>	<b>\$/Customer: \$105</b>

### Our Plan

UNaccountable action plan is designed to assist the U.S. Congress with facts, figures and up-to-date data that will help reform the U.N. by overseeing its budget and activities. The goal of the action plan is to challenge the existing paradigm and uproot the cynical use of US funding, by leveraging the US Congress' power of the purse and diverting such funds to positive, pro-American, pro-growth causes.

Our plan involves three stages:

- ✓ **Transparency.** We suggest appointing a **special delegate to the U.N. budgetary committee**, to monitor the purposes for which the U.N. and its agencies are using U.S. funding. To date the UN is not obliged to report its funders on the use of their funds, as required by international norms that are **based on global accounting standards and supervised by a third-party auditor.**
- ✓ **Diligence.** Congress should look to reinvigorate the **UN Transparency and Accountability Initiative**, launching a new phase (phase III) under which it will work **alongside an independent investigator** to ensure UN agencies are upholding their mission statements in keeping with U.S. standards, interests and values.
- ✓ **Accountability.** We suggest The U.S. should flex its financial muscle. Where **performance is inefficient, corrupt or abhorrent, America could demand rapid reform.** If there is no improvement, **Congress must be able to withdraw funding.**

### What's Next?

NOW is the time for Congress to use its authority to right a wrong. It is time to reengage with the UN, to hold it accountable for its actions, demand recommitment to the values of freedom and equality and create the long-awaited change that can bring this organization back to its original principles.

Based on the experience I have accumulated as Israel's Permanent Representative to the UN, I feel obliged to join forces in helping you to implement this change.

Sincerely,  
Ron