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An Opportunity and Priority for the New Administration

In today's rapidly changing world of interdependence, globalization, and transnational threats, the United States must balance a strong military with creative diplomacy to secure America's interests. We must recognize that the United Nations is a critical platform and partner for advancing international cooperation on today's global threats and challenges, such as poverty and disease, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and climate change.

The UN cannot succeed without strong U.S. leadership and support. The next President has a unique opportunity to revitalize the U.S.-UN relationship as a symbol of America's commitment to constructive international cooperation. This investment will pay off substantially by helping to enhance our standing internationally and strengthen our ability to keep America safe and strong.

Accordingly, we, the undersigned, believe that the incoming Obama Administration should:

- Make an early and visible statement on the United Nations that expresses American commitment to international cooperation through the UN.
- Lead on UN efforts on nuclear proliferation, counterterrorism, climate change and the Millennium Development Goals.
- Play a constructive role in UN reform efforts and updating the UN's management and budgetary systems.
- Pay our debts on time, work to remove Congressional caps, and alter the schedule of U.S. payments so that we are in a position to honor our treaty obligations.
- Engage with the UN on the shared interests of stabilizing Iraq and Afghanistan and supporting effective democratic governments in those countries.
- Obtain a seat on the faltering Human Rights Council and work to influence it from within.
- Underscore our commitment to the system of international agreements and treaties by seeking Senate consent for key treaties signed but not ratified.
- Place well-qualified Americans in open positions at the UN.
- Help manage the growing workload assigned to UN peacekeeping by providing logistical and management expertise and other support needed to enhance UN capacities.

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