

## Co-Sponsor the U.S. Commitment to U.N. Peacekeeping Act

For over 25 years, an arbitrary cap enacted by Congress has prevented the U.S. government from paying its full dues to U.N. peacekeeping, without short-term waivers. As a result, since 2017 the United States has accrued more than \$1 billion in debt to these operations.

Instead of contributing troops, the United States provides financial contributions to U.N. peacekeeping missions—at a rate negotiated and agreed to by American diplomats. On average, a peacekeeping operation done by the U.N. costs the American taxpayer *eight times less* than a similar U.S. military deployment would. But for over 25 years, the cap has prevented the United States from paying its fair share, on time and in full.

The U.S. Commitment to U.N. Peacekeeping Act ([H.R. 4420](#)), introduced by Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-53), along with Reps. Joaquin Castro (TX-20), Karen Bass (CA-37), David Cicilline (RI-01), Dean Phillips (MN-03) and Tom Malinowski (NJ-07), would lift the arbitrary 25% cap on U.S. contributions to U.N. peacekeeping, allowing the United States to fulfill its treaty obligations while encouraging progress on critical peacekeeping reforms.

### The U.S. Commitment to U.N. Peacekeeping Act will:

- » Permanently repeal the arbitrary 25% cap on U.S. contributions to U.N. peacekeeping.
- » Make it the policy of the United States to push for critical reforms to U.N. peacekeeping operations, such as the development of standard performance assessment systems for U.N. peacekeepers and the strengthening of accountability measures for U.N. personnel involved in sexual exploitation, abuse, or other violations of human rights.
- » Assess ways to strengthen conflict prevention efforts by U.N. missions and the process of transitioning U.N. peacekeeping operations to host-country security forces.

### Co-sponsor the U.S. Commitment to U.N. Peacekeeping Act (H.R. 4420)

Contact:

**Ursula Knudsen-Latta**  
Legislative Manager for  
Peacebuilding Policy  
[uknudsen-latta@fcnl.org](mailto:uknudsen-latta@fcnl.org)