



US WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Feminist Advocacy at the UN

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The Honorable Michael Waltz, Ambassador of the United States
US Mission to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York NY 10017

Dear Ambassador Waltz:

On behalf of the US Women's Caucus, I wish to congratulate you on your recent confirmation as the new Ambassador to the United Nations. This new position will be a perfect place to use the negotiating skills you acquired during your distinguished career in the military and in Congress.

Let me introduce our organization. We are a US-based alliance of American NGO's and individuals who are committed to working on women's rights both in the US and abroad. We focus our work with the UN at the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held every year in March.

We know that at your recent confirmation hearing, you promised to work on UN reform and to reaffirm the UN's original purpose. We heartily agree with those goals, and we were pleased to hear President Trump say recently at the UN General Assembly that he supports the UN 100%. With that principle in mind, we think it is imperative that in your new role, you urge the US not to withdraw further from other UN agencies, but rather work to strengthen the original aims of the United Nations outlined in the UN Charter. These actions will truly strengthen the reputation of both the UN and the US by helping to maintain the credibility of international norms among all member countries.

Maintaining peace and security is a key priority that the US Women's Caucus cares deeply about. Previously, as founder and co-chair of the US House of Representatives' Women, Peace, and Security Caucus, you supported the WPS Agenda and its goal of including women in peacekeeping and conflict resolution. We hope you will continue to support that initiative in your new post at the UN.

But peacekeeping is not the only aim in the UN Charter. The goals of economic and social development and respect for human rights are essential and should not be overlooked or minimized. UN Charter signatories agree "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, *in equal rights of men and women*, and of nations large and small." The United States is obliged, like all other UN member states, to honor that pledge.

The Caucus has noted two recent actions taken by the US that seem to diverge from the Charter's basic aims on human rights. One was the 2025 Human Rights Report that largely ignored reporting on crucial human rights violations of women around the world. The other was the announcement that reversing precedent, the US would not submit a Universal Periodic Report (UPR) to the Human Right Council. Please see the attached statement concerning those issues.

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By withholding its dues to the UN, withdrawing from key UN agencies, and abandoning long-held positions on human rights, the United States will quickly cede the indispensable prestige, power, and influence it has garnered over the past 80 years at the UN to China, Russia, and other countries who will be most anxious to take its place.

We encourage you to promote full US involvement in the United Nations and all of the original UN Charter goals, and continue your support for the equal rights of women and girls both at home and abroad.

We wish you the best of luck on your new job and look forward to working with you at the United Nations in the coming months.

Most sincerely,

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