

**Statement of Jennifer Locetta**  
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Chairman Hagerty and distinguished Members of the Committee - Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I am grateful to be nominated by President Trump to serve as the Alternate Representative of the United States for Special Political Affairs at the United Nations. I am honored by the confidence and trust placed in me by President Trump and Secretary Rubio to represent the United States and to advance American interests at the UN.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my family, as I would not be here without them. I want to thank my husband, Bryce, my almost two-year old son, Noel, my mom, Denise, and my sister, Kim – who are here with us today. I would also like to thank my dad, Mike, and the other members of my family who are unable to be here. I appreciate everyone's love and support throughout this process.

Growing up in Florida, my interest in American government and politics started at a young age, from volunteering on local campaigns to attending Girls State. In 2015, I went to work for then candidate, President Trump, on his historic campaign. In the first Administration I was honored to serve as a Special Assistant to the President and Associate Director of Presidential Personnel. The experiences of the past ten years taught me the importance of a foreign policy that benefits the American people. If confirmed, I look forward to implementing President Trump's America First foreign policy agenda at the United Nations.

Almost 80 years ago, the United States helped to establish the United Nations to prevent future wars and promote international peace and security. The UN Security Council is meant to be the heart of that principle.

The United States has made some important policy achievements at the United Nations, such as the Trump Administration's historic efforts to negotiate a resolution that calls for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. The reality for the United Nations as an institution, however, is that it has not lived up to its mission or its potential. There is rampant anti-Israel bias in the UN system that unfairly targets Israel and undermines its sovereign right to self-defense. Moreover, the Security Council often struggles to take decisive action on conflicts that need real-time responses.

Evolving threats to international security do not respect national borders and demand action. Whether it is terrorism, illicit drugs, cybersecurity, or weapons of mass destruction --- these are the challenges that require U.S. leadership to ensure that the UN is resolving and preventing conflicts. If confirmed, I will engage with our international partners and allies to drive long-term solutions and further national interests on these issues and more, including in the Middle East, and in countries like Haiti, Sudan, and Ukraine.

If confirmed, I will assess any proposal at the Security Council and the General Assembly by the metric of whether it makes the United States safer, stronger, and more prosperous. Doing so will make the UN more efficient and effective. This includes pushing back on countries – like China – to ensure that they do not exploit international organizations and standards to advance the narrow interests of the Chinese Communist Party. I will also examine UN Peacekeeping and special political mission mandates to ensure those mandates are best focused on maintaining international peace and security, have transparent budgets, and are operating in the most efficient way possible.

If confirmed, the core of my responsibility will be to push the UN to return to its original mandate to maintain international peace and security. I will advocate for our national interest, engage with international partners and

allies to drive outcomes, and ensure accountability for U.S. taxpayer dollars. Through President Trump's agenda, we can once again have peace and prosperity.

I would be honored to join the Administration and work side-by-side with the dedicated staff at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York. We must demand more from the UN, because we know it has the potential and capacity to do better.

Again, thank you for your time and the opportunity to come before you today.