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Chairman Risch, Ranking Member Shaheen, and distinguished Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee – it is my honor to appear before you today as President Trump’s nominee to represent the United States as the Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

My experience in business, with non-profits, in activism, in media, as a cultural critic, writer, and with television and radio commentary, has prepared me well for this role. I have spent most of my professional life working to make a positive difference for the American people, including my time spent as an advocate and in media, and most recently as the State Department Spokesperson and Public Delegate to the United Nations.

Today, I am reflecting on this nomination through the lens of my time as Spokesperson. Prior to that role, I had not considered a career in government, and my opinions of the bureaucracy were mostly negative – yet within days of becoming the State Department Spokesperson, I found out very quickly that many assumptions I had made about those who work for the government were wrong. Foreign Service Officers and Civil Service employees at State made my work possible. I presumed our politics were very different, yet the men and women I met were not partisan activists, but patriots determined to serve their country to make sure I was able to do the job to which the President appointed me.

Together with the appointed leadership at the U.S. Mission to the UN, and the career officials who make the work possible, I am grateful and heartened to know that change is possible, and the Founding Fathers were right to believe that the American people would be the key to making sure this great experiment would succeed. President Trump is emblematic of the Founders’ vision and ideal of leadership, and I am grateful and moved by the

trust he has placed in me. I understand his commitment to our great country knowing that genuine leadership and reform are needed to maintain our success so that future generations can thrive and know the joy that is being an American.

As a founding member of the United Nations, the United States has long been its strongest supporter—leading in diplomacy, global engagement, and funding. The UN has an important role to play as the premier venue where sovereign nations come together to address shared international challenges.

And yet, over the past 80 years, the UN has strayed from its original mandate as outlined in the UN Charter. The UN has become bloated, unfocused, and ineffective in solving today’s most pressing challenges to global peace and security. To be blunt, it has lost the confidence of the sovereign of our country—the American people.

Now is the time for bold reform. Now is the time for the UN to get “back to the basics.” The UN must return to its core purposes, above all its founding mission to maintain international peace and security. It must become more efficient, more effective, and more accountable to the Member States it serves. The UN should focus on keeping peace and preventing conflicts, while respecting the sovereignty and independence of its member states.

If confirmed, I look forward to supporting President Trump and his efforts to revitalize U.S. diplomacy – putting the nation’s interests first and delivering wins for the American people. This extends to the United Nations. Guided by President Trump’s commitment to peace and vision for a strong, secure, and prosperous United States, proof that the President’s goals as implemented by Ambassador Waltz, can genuinely reform the UN.

Just two days ago we saw the power of American leadership with the passing of the Gaza Resolution at the UN Security Council. This historic diplomatic victory was due to the United States, guided by the leadership of President Trump, Secretary Rubio, and Ambassador Waltz, brought member states together to endorse the president’ 20-Point Peace Plan, the first step

to enduring peace in a region that for far too long has suffered in a status quo that destroyed lives and the future for people throughout the region for generations. This is what's possible when American leadership takes the reins.

The United States does not support, nor was the UN founded to facilitate, Member States using the UN as a platform to outsource their policymaking. If confirmed, I will work to curb China's attempts to insert Chinese Communist Party narratives within the UN and broader multilateral system. I will work with partners to oppose China's attempts to advance its own economic, political, and security interests at the expense of others and American interests. Moreover, multilateral organizations must remember that they do not exist to manifest themselves as global governing entities. It is the sovereignty of member states which must prevail.

It is crucial that UN agencies have the right leadership to advance American interests. U.S. leadership promotes American businesses, innovation, and entrepreneurship and ensures U.S. standards remain the global gold standard.

If confirmed, I am committed to ensuring U.S. funding to the UN advances policies and priorities that strictly add value to American taxpayers and American foreign policy interests. We cannot support the proliferation of divisive concepts like DEI and gender ideology, as well as a continuation of hateful anti-Israel bias.

This oversight extends to UN peacekeeping, and peace operations that need reform and reprioritization. UN peacekeeping must be more accountable, adaptable, and transparent. Peacekeeping missions need clear goals, measurable progress, and responsible use of resources to better support peace and stability.

If confirmed, and through the America First values framework, I will continue to advocate for significant reform so the UN can return to its foundational purpose of maintaining international peace and security.

As President Trump declared at the UN General Assembly – the UN has tremendous potential. Under this President’s leadership, I’m confident we will continue to help the UN see this potential and return it to the useful organization it was established to be.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination. I look forward to your questions.