Unmasking the UN

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What should be realistic expectations from the U.N. against the ‎backdrop of the recent visit to Israel by U.N. Secretary General ‎Antonio Guterres?‎

On Dec. 22, 2011, the U.N. General Assembly held a moment of ‎silence in honor of deceased North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il, a ‎leading violator of human rights, promoter of narcoterrorism, ‎manufacturer of chemical weapons of mass destruction, who ‎threatened the globe with a nuclear option. ‎

This episode highlighted the accurate meaning of "UN" as defined in ‎dictionaries: a negative prefix, expressing absence, lack, deficiency ‎and adversity.‎

UNdemocratic. According to the 2017 Freedom House report, "Of the 195 ‎U.N. member states assessed, 87 (45%) were rated Free." ‎

UNscrupulous and UNspeakable. The 2017 ‎membership of the U.N. Human Rights Council -- elected with a mandate ‎‎"to uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of ‎human rights" -- includes systematic, grave violators of human rights ‎such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, ‎Cuba, Burundi, Eritrea, Bangladesh and China.‎

UNsavory and UNwilling to defy rogue regimes. On May 19, ‎‎2017, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley criticized the World Intellectual Property Organization, a Geneva-‎based U.N. agency, for ‎facilitating an international patent application requested by North Korea ‎for the production of chemical sodium cyanide, used in making nerve ‎gas: "The thought of placing cyanide in the hands of the North Koreans, ‎considering their record on human rights, political prisoners and ‎assassinations, is not only dangerous but defies common sense." ‎

UNfit. According to Singapore-based The Straits Times, "The U.N. has ‎imposed six sets of sanctions against North Korea since its first nuclear ‎test in 2006, but these have failed to stop the isolated state from ‎pursuing its missile weapons program. ... The North has cultivated its own ‎research and development program that is often underestimated. ... China ‎accounts for, at least, 90% of North Korean trade. ... Pyongyang has ‎adopted fake business aliases, disguising ships with foreign flags. ... Cash ‎cows include the illicit drug trade in Southeast Asia and arms trade with ‎sub-Saharan Africa." ‎

UNsuitable and UNable. The U.N. has failed in the battle against Islamic ‎terrorism due to structural, ideological and performance deficiencies. Dr. ‎Brett Shaeffer of the Heritage Foundation opined: "The U.N. has never ‎agreed on a definition of terrorism, [which] inhibits its efforts. ... U.N. ‎peacekeepers have proven to be poor war fighters. Compliance with ‎Security Council resolutions can be haphazard among nations. ... Few ‎countries outside the U.S. are willing or capable of taking military action to ‎deter ISIS. ... A great deal of the blame for failure is due to divergent ‎interests among the member states." ‎

UNrelevant and UNtrustworthy. The U.N. has failed in its attempts to ‎neutralize the growing conventional and unconventional threats of ‎Iran's ayatollahs. On Nov. 14, 2016, the U.N. paid lip service -- but took ‎no significant action -- in response to a letter signed by 11 Arab countries, such as ‎Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab ‎Emirates and Bahrain, documenting the ayatollahs' exportation of state-‎sponsored terrorism and subversion throughout the Middle East. ‎

UNreliable, UNproductive , UNethical and UNacceptable. The U.N. ‎demonstrated its mode of operation -- which further destabilized an ‎UNstable globe -- upon launching the scandalously corrupt 1996 oil-for-‎food program, and shamefully failed peacekeeping missions (which ‎involved massive massacres and rapes) in the Congo (1960), Bosnia and ‎Herzegovina (1993), Rwanda (1995), Sierra Leon (1999), Burundi (2004), ‎Sudan (2005) and South Sudan (2011). ‎

UNgrateful. In a most detailed account of U.N. failures, Dr. Nile Gardiner of ‎the Heritage Foundation documented that "all too often, the U.N. is used ‎as a multilateral vehicle with which to rein in the American superpower ... ‎‎[although] the U.S. has been the U.N.'s biggest contributor since it was ‎founded in 1945, contributing over $5 billion annually to the world body ... ‎‎22% of the U.N.'s annual budget and more than the combined ‎contributions of France, Germany, China, Canada and Russia. ... The U.S. ‎contributes 48% of the World Food Program budget, 31% of the U.N. High ‎Commissioner for Refugees, 17% of the UNICEF budget, 27% of the U.N. ‎peacekeeping budget." ‎

UNwarranted. Should the U.N. sustain its UNaccomplished performance, ‎which has added fuel to spreading global fires, it will follow in the ‎footsteps of the League of Nations, fading into irrelevance.‎