

## **Introduction**

### **Report to Congress Financial Contributions to International Organizations Fiscal Year 2018**

Section 4(b) of the United Nations Participation Act (UNPA, 22 U.S.C. § 287b(b)) calls for the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress on the extent and disposition of all financial contributions made by the United States during the preceding year to international organizations in which the United States participates as a member. This report describes U.S. Government contributions and other support to international organizations for fiscal year 2018. The report includes funding in support of certain multilateral entities that are not generally considered international organizations. The format of this report is similar to the report on contributions for FY 2017, and includes the source of funds (including Federal agency and account) and a concise description of the purpose of such funding.

The amounts of funding included in this report are amounts of funding obligated in fiscal year 2018. Some of the information contained in the report was provided to the Department of State by other Executive Branch agencies identified in the report. The White House Office of Management and Budget assisted with collection of information in the report. Each participating agency was responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information provided. Not all Executive Branch agencies provided information for inclusion in the report.

The information provided includes financial and in-kind support, including assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, grants, and other assistance to international organizations. For each entry, the report provides specific information including: the responsible U.S. Government agency and bureau, the account that was the source of funding, the recipient entity, a description of the purpose of the activity that the contribution supported, and the amount obligated.

This report does not contain information on contracts for goods or services provided to the U.S. Government, the cost to the U.S. Government of the salaries and expenses of American employees detailed to the secretariats of international organizations, or the costs of reimbursing international organizations for taxes that American citizens and legal permanent residents employed by the organizations pay to U.S. federal, state, and local governments. Contributions to international financial institutions such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development are not included in this report, but are the subject of a separate report to the Congress by the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Policies.