

Week Ending Friday, September 15, 2000

**Statement on the United Nations’
Peacekeeping Scale of Assessment**
September 8, 2000

I am pleased that so many nations have announced their support for a revision of the United Nations’ peacekeeping scale of assessment—a revision that will better reflect the reality of peacekeeping costs in the year 2000. Much will depend on the outcome of this fall’s deliberations, including the future of U.N. peacekeeping.

Specifically, I want to express my personal appreciation to the countries who have demonstrated leadership by agreeing to assume additional financial responsibility under the peacekeeping scale: Antigua and Barbuda, Bulgaria, Kuwait, Malta, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, and Slovenia. The formula used for funding U.N. peacekeeping operations, the so-called scale of assessment, is long out of step with today’s realities and is in pressing need of change.

Yesterday all permanent five members of the Security Council supported a revision of the peacekeeping financial structure. My team and I will be working on this important issue for the remainder of this administration.

The U.N. General Assembly will be debating revisions to the scale of assessments over the next few months. These deliberations will be guided and inspired by the example of the countries.

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**Remarks at a Dinner for Hillary
Clinton in New York City**
September 8, 2000

Thank you. First of all, I want to thank Jonathan for this incredible setting. It’s a beautiful place. It makes me want to get in your line of work, so I can have a place like

this. [*Laughter*] And I want to thank Jerry Colonna and Barbara and Fernando and Ann Espuelas and Andrew Rasiej and all the people on the host committee and all of you who came tonight for Hillary and for a better future for this country.

I want to thank these Senators here. Nothing I was able to do in the last 8 years would have been possible without them, both when they were in the majority and most of the time—and even especially—when they were in the minority. I want to thank them for being on our high-tech council and trying to put the Democrats on the side of positive change in this economy.

And I want to say a special word of thanks to Jay Rockefeller, who served with me as Governor for many years. And we used to sit together and ruminate together and fight for the same things together. And the socioeconomic profiles of West Virginia and Arkansas were the two most identical in the country. The real reason I’m glad he’s here tonight is that he proved that you could go someplace else and represent them real well in the Senate. [*Laughter*] He is exhibit A for Hillary’s campaign.

I want to thank Mark Green, the public advocate, for being here tonight. And he’s my great friend of many years, thank you.

I would just like to make a couple of points in introducing Hillary. First of all, I am profoundly grateful that I’ve had the chance to serve and grateful for the opportunities that Al Gore and I and our whole administration had to help make America a better place.

I think it is important to point out something that you know because it’s a part of what you do every day, and that is that the most important force in the world are ideas—forces in the world. And they have consequences. And if your ideas are good and you implement them, they have good consequences. And if they’re not so good, you live with the consequences. We forget that sometimes in politics—when we vote, when