

# United States quits global pacts

America's decision to withdraw from the World Health Organization is the latest in a series of controversial decisions by U.S. President Donald Trump to pull out of international agreements



■ **Jan 2017:** On his first full day in office President Trump quits **Trans-Pacific Partnership** – arguing free trade deal would harm U.S. manufacturing

■ **May 2018:** Trump withdraws from **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action** – Obama-era Iran nuclear deal between U.S., UK, France, China, Russia and Germany, to curb Iran's nuclear weapons programme

■ **Aug:** Trump ends funding for **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)** which helps Palestinian refugees



■ **May 2020:** President says U.S. is to withdraw from **Open Skies Treaty** which allows 35 nations to conduct surveillance flights over each other's territory

■ **Late July:** Congress is set to vote on withdrawing from **World Trade Organization**, which President Trump accuses of being unfair to U.S.

2017

■ **Jun:** Trump quits **Paris Agreement** claiming global climate accord is bad for U.S. economy



■ **Oct:** Trump administration withdraws from **UNESCO** over United Nations' cultural organization's recognition of Palestine as member-state



2018

■ **Jun 2018:** U.S. pulls out of **UN Human Rights Council**, calling it a “cesspool of political bias” that “makes a mockery of human rights”

2019

■ **Feb 2019:** U.S. announces it is withdrawing from **Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces** treaty with Russia, citing violations by Moscow

2020

■ **Jun 2020:** U.S. president confirms plans to pull 9,500 soldiers out of Germany, saying European ally has been “delinquent in payments” to NATO

