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**The USA and Israel quit UNESCO – 4th January, 2019**

## **Level 0**

The USA and Israel quit UNESCO. They pulled out on New Year's Eve. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out. It quit in 1984 for seven years. The USA and Israel say UNESCO is against Israel. The USA said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and...biased UN agencies."

The USA co-founded UNESCO after World War II. It is famous for its World Heritage program. It improves education for girls, helps people understand the Holocaust, and defends the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. Israel said it would not be a member of UNESCO because it is against them.

## **Level 1**

The USA and Israel quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The two countries pulled out on New Year's Eve. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out of UNESCO. It quit in 1984 for seven years over relations with the Soviet Union. The USA and Israel say UNESCO is biased against Israel. The USA said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically biased UN agencies."

The U.S. co-founded UNESCO after World War II to build peace. It is famous for its World Heritage program. This protects cultural sites and traditions. It improves education for girls, promotes understanding of the Holocaust, and defends the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. Israel said it, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".

## **Level 2**

The USA and Israel have quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out at the stroke of midnight at the New Year. It is the second time the U.S. has pulled out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984 over relations with the Soviet Union. It re-joined in 2003. The current withdrawal is because both nations say UNESCO is biased against Israel. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically biased UN agencies....The U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool became official."

The U.S. co-founded UNESCO after World War II to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. It is famous for its World Heritage program, which protects cultural sites and traditions. It also improves education for girls, promotes understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust, and defends freedom of the press. The U.S. will follow UNESCO as a non-member state. The Israeli envoy to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".

## **Level 3**

The United States and Israel have officially quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out of UNESCO at the stroke of midnight as the New Year came in. It is the second time for the U.S. to pull out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984, when it thought the agency was favoring the old Soviet Union too much. The U.S. then rejoined in 2003. The current withdrawal started because both nations were worried that UNESCO was biased against Israel. Nikki Haley, the current U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically biased UN agencies. Today, the U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool became official."

UNESCO was co-founded by the U.S. after World War II. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. The agency is best known for its World Heritage program, which protects cultural sites and traditions around the world. UNESCO also works to improve education for girls, promote understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust, and defend freedom of the press. The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO as a non-member "observer state". The Israeli envoy to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".

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