Signers of the United Nations Charter for the United States:
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- Edward Stettinius, Jr.
- Tom Connally
- Arthur H. Vandenberg
- Sol Bloom
- Charles A. Eaton
- Harold E. Stassen
- Virginia C. Gildersleeve
Edward Stettinius, Jr.

- Secretary of State beginning in 1944
- Began his career in business in 1926, working for General Motors and then eventually U.S. Steel
- Came into contact with President Roosevelt when he worked to develop unemployment relief programs for GM
- Chaired the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference
- First United States Ambassador to the UN
- Served as Rector of the University of Virginia following his retirement from public service
Tom Connally

- U.S. Senator, Democrat from Texas
- Veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I
- Vice-Chairman to the UN Conference
- Served as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Instrumental in ratifying the treaty creating the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Operated a successful law practice in Texas
Arthur H. Vandenberg

- U.S. Senator, Republican from Michigan
- Fifth journalist in the U.S. Senate
- Member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Initially known for his isolationism regarding foreign policy
- Delivered a celebrated “speech heard round the world” in the Senate Chamber, announcing his conversion from isolationism to “internationalism”
- Became well-known for his bipartisanship in American foreign policy
Virginia C. Gildersleeve

- Dean of Barnard College
- The only woman named to the U.S. delegation to write the UN Charter
- Assisted in the drafting of the opening lines of the Charter’s Preamble
- Insisted that the Charter require the appointment of the Commission on Human Rights, which under Eleanor Roosevelt’s direction wrote the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Assisted in the founding of the International Federation of University Women
- Early and strong supporter of the League of Nations
- During World War II, chaired the Advisory Council of the WAVES (the Navy’s women’s unit)
Sol Bloom

- U.S. Representative, Democrat from New York
- Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee from 1939 to 1947 and again in 1949
- Assisted in writing the opening lines of the Charter’s Preamble
- Oversaw Congressional approval of the UN and of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), which worked to assist millions of displaced people in Europe
- Represented the U.S. at the first meeting of the UN General Assembly in London
- A strong Zionist, Bloom urgently lobbied President Truman in 1948 to recognize the Jewish state of Israel
- Began his career in entertainment in theater and as a sheet music publisher in Chicago
Charles A. Eaton

- U.S. Representative, Republican from New Jersey
- Canadian-born Baptist clergyman who led congregations in Massachusetts, Toronto, Ohio and New York
- Eaton was also a successful journalist and editor
- Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1947
- Known for his ability to work in a bipartisan manner
- His leadership responsible for passage of the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and the UNRRA in the House
- Frequently invited by both Roosevelt and Truman to the White House as an informal adviser
Commander of the U.S. Navy, former Republican Governor of Minnesota

Left office in 1942 to serve on active duty with the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving in the Pacific Theater

Following the war and his appointment to the UN delegation, Stassen became president of the University of Pennsylvania from 1948 to 1953

As president of the American Baptist Convention in 1963, Stassen participated in the U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace and marched with Martin Luther King in Washington, DC

Stassen later became known as a perennial candidate to the Republican Party nomination for President, seeking it 12 times between 1940 and 2000
Cordell Hull: Non-Signatory

- Democratic Senator from Tennessee, elected to the Senate in 1930
- Initially entered public service when elected to the House of Representatives where he served a total of 22 years
- Non-signatory party but a central figure in the creation of the UN
- Appointed Secretary of State in 1933 by Roosevelt
- Hull was the underlying force and architect in the creation of the UN and is often referred to as the “Father of the United Nations”
- He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945 in recognition of his efforts for peace
- Known as the longest-serving Secretary of State, holding the position for 11 years