Council on Foreign Relations Legacy Society
Sample Bequest Language

As you consider including the Council on Foreign Relations in your estate plan, you may want to share the following sample language with your attorney. Your financial and legal advisors can help you select the preferred approach for your circumstances.

Unrestricted Bequest
I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., a New York State not-for-profit corporation located at 58 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065, Federal Tax ID 13-1628168, for its general use and purpose [dollar amount] or [percent amount of my estate] or [all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate].

Unrestricted Bequest of Personal Property
I hereby give, devise and bequeath [description of personal property] to the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., a New York State not-for-profit corporation located at 58 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065, Federal Tax ID 13-1628168, for its general use and purpose.

Unrestricted Bequest of Real Property
I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at [address or description of property] to the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., a New York State not-for-profit corporation located at 58 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065, Federal Tax ID 13-1628168, for its general use and purpose.

Unrestricted Bequest for Endowment Fund
($500,000 minimum)
I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., a New York State not-for-profit corporation located at 58 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065, Federal Tax ID 13-1628168, [dollar amount] to establish an endowment fund to be known as the [name of fund], the income from which shall be for its general use and purpose.

Restricted Bequest for Endowment Fund
($500,000 minimum)
I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Council on Foreign Relations, Inc., a New York State not-for-profit corporation located at 58 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065, Federal Tax ID 13-1628168, [dollar amount] to establish the [name of fund] (the “Fund”). The Fund shall be managed by the Council on Foreign Relations subject to its investment and spending policies, and the income from the Fund, as defined by those policies, shall be used for [describe how the income will be used]. If my gift is below the minimum level required to establish an endowment at the Council on Foreign Relations, or if, at any time, it becomes impossible or impractical for the Fund established by my gift to be used for the above charitable purpose, the Council on Foreign Relations shall use my gift or the Fund for a purpose and in a manner that most closely meets the above charitable purpose.