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To restrict funds for the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DESANTIS (for himself, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PITTS, Mr. FLORES, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To restrict funds for the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Palestinian Account-
5 ability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF THE TERM “PALESTINE”**

7 **IN UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOCU-**
8 **MENTS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—No United States Government
10 document may refer to the areas controlled by the Pales-

1 tinian Authority as “Palestine” until the Secretary of
2 State certifies to Congress that the Palestinian Authority,
3 at a minimum—

4 (1) does not manipulate or inappropriately in-
5 fluence in any way the outcome of presidential or
6 legislative elections in areas controlled by the Pales-
7 tinian Authority;

8 (2) is advancing democratic ideals by actively
9 promoting human rights and ending government cor-
10 ruption through increased efficiency and trans-
11 parency in all government agencies and initiatives;

12 (3) regularly and strongly condemns terrorism;

13 (4) has taken, and plans to continue to take,
14 tangible steps to disavow terrorism, dismantle ter-
15 rorist infrastructures, confiscate unauthorized weap-
16 ons, arrest and bring terrorists to justice, consoli-
17 date and control the Palestinian security organiza-
18 tions, and end the incitement to violence and hatred
19 in the Palestinian media, educational institutions,
20 mosques, and other institutions;

21 (5) has ceased to participate in any economic,
22 educational, cultural, or other boycott of Israel, its
23 citizens, its products, or its services;

24 (6) has worked, and plans to continue to work,
25 actively with the Government of Israel to implement

1 the steps and adhere to the principles set out in the
2 Performance-Based Roadmap to a Permanent Two-
3 State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict of
4 2003 (commonly referred to as the “Roadmap to
5 Peace”) (or any successor to such) to bring security,
6 peace, and reconciliation between Israel and the Pal-
7 estinians;

8 (7) recognizes Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish
9 state and conducts diplomatic relations with the
10 State of Israel in the same manner and to the same
11 extent as it conducts diplomatic relations with any
12 other country; and

13 (8) has either excluded Hamas from partici-
14 pating in a unity government or, if not, has required
15 Hamas to explicitly and publicly support the require-
16 ments of paragraphs (1) to (7) of this subsection.

17 (b) NONWAIVABILITY.—The prohibition under sub-
18 section (a) may not be waived for any purpose.

19 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES FUNDS TO THE**
20 **PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds available to any United
22 States Government department or agency to carry out the
23 provisions of chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assist-
24 ance Act of 1961 for any fiscal year may be obligated or

1 expended with respect to providing funds to the Pales-
2 tinian Authority unless with respect to such fiscal year—

3 (1) an independent audit of the budget of the
4 Palestinian Authority is conducted by a United
5 States nongovernmental or private organization or
6 entity and the Secretary of State submits such audit
7 to Congress; and

8 (2) the Secretary of State certifies to Congress
9 that the Palestinian Authority, at a minimum, meets
10 the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (8) of section
11 2(a) of this Act.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
13 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
14 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2013 and subse-
15 quent fiscal years.

16 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**
17 **TO THE UNITED NATIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 5,
19 no funds available to any United States Government de-
20 partment or agency for any fiscal year may be obligated
21 or expended with respect to making contributions to the
22 United Nations if a Palestinian state is recognized as a
23 member state of the United Nations unless with respect
24 to such fiscal year the Secretary of State certifies to Con-
25 gress that the Palestinian Authority, at a minimum, meets

1 the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (8) of section 2(a)
2 of this Act.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
4 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
5 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2013 and subse-
6 quent fiscal years.

7 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**
8 **TO UNRWA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds available to any United
10 States Government department or agency for any fiscal
11 year may be obligated or expended with respect to making
12 contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works
13 Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
14 (UNRWA) unless with respect to such fiscal year—

15 (1) an independent audit of the budget of
16 UNRWA is conducted by a United States non-
17 governmental or private organization or entity and
18 the Secretary of State submits such audit to Con-
19 gress; and

20 (2) the Secretary of State certifies to Congress
21 that UNRWA, at a minimum, meets the require-
22 ments applicable to the Palestinian Authority under
23 paragraphs (1) to (3), (5), and (7) of section 2(a)
24 of this Act, except that for purposes of meeting the
25 requirements of paragraph (1) of such section, the

1 term “Palestinian Authority” shall be deemed to be
2 “UNRWA”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
4 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
5 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2013 and subse-
6 quent fiscal years.

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