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H. R. 9663

To provide for United States participation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 2022

Ms. LEE of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Parliamentary Union, 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 “United States Inter-
5 Parliamentary Union Participation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE INTER-**
7 **PARLIAMENTARY UNION.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU),
10 founded in 1889, is the world organization of na-

1 tional parliaments comprising 179 parliaments (in-
2 cluding all the major allies of the United States) and
3 working closely with the regional parliamentary or-
4 ganizations on all continents.

5 (2) The core mission of the IPU is the pro-
6 motion of parliamentary democracy, the elaboration
7 of standards and criteria for democratic parliamen-
8 tary practice, the protection of human rights, inter-
9 national peace and security, the political empower-
10 ment of women, sustainable international develop-
11 ment, and greater transparency and accountability
12 at the global level, which are in line with United
13 States interests and priorities.

14 (3) Congress was a founding member of the
15 IPU, and played an active and prominent role for
16 many decades.

17 (4) The main concerns of Congress, including
18 the scheduling of main assembly and arrears, have
19 been fully addressed by the IPU.

20 (5) Through the activities of the IPU, the
21 United States can usefully promote its core values of
22 freedom, democracy, and human rights, and help
23 build stronger parliaments around the world.

24 (b) UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE INTER-
25 PARLIAMENTARY UNION.—Notwithstanding section 2503

1 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of
2 1998 (division G of Public Law 105–277; 22 U.S.C. 276
3 note)—

4 (1) the Secretary of State is authorized to—

5 (A) facilitate the readmission and partici-
6 pation of the United States in the Inter-Par-
7 liamentary Union; and

8 (B) pay expenses to meet the annual obli-
9 gations of membership in the Inter-Parliamen-
10 tary Union, in accordance with the assessments
11 determined by the Governing Council; and

12 (2) the majority leader of the Senate, in con-
13 sultation with the minority leader of the Senate, and
14 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in con-
15 sultation with the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, are authorized to designate Mem-
17 bers of Congress to serve as delegates to the Assem-
18 bly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

19 (c) EXPENSES OF DELEGATION.—Of amounts made
20 available pursuant to Public Law 100–202, as amended
21 by subsection (d), up to \$150,000 is authorized to be ap-
22 propriated in fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year there-
23 after to assist in meeting the expenses of the United
24 States delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in ac-
25 cordance with this Act.

1 (d) PERMANENT APPROPRIATION.—Section 303 of
2 Public Law 100–202 is amended—

3 (1) by striking “\$620,000” and inserting
4 “\$1,500,000”; and

5 (2) by inserting “section 2(b) of the United
6 States Inter-Parliamentary Union Participation
7 Act,” after “section 2(2) of Public Law 84–689,”.

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