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To withhold United States contributions to the United Nations until the United Nations formally retracts the final report of the “United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2011

Mr. WALSH of Illinois (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. ELLMERS, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GOHMERT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WEST, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. POSEY, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. LONG, and Mr. KLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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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. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

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

1 (1) On April 3, 2009, the President of the
2 Human Rights Council established the United Na-
3 tions Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict
4 with the directive “to investigate all violations of
5 international human rights law and international hu-
6 manitarian law that might have been committed at
7 any time in the context of the military operations
8 that were conducted in Gaza during the period from
9 27 December 2008 and 18 January 2009, whether
10 before, during or after”.

11 (2) On September 29, 2009, the United Na-
12 tions Human Rights Council presented a report on
13 the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the
14 Gaza Conflict, a report most often referred to as the
15 “Goldstone Report”, that accused Israel of potential
16 war crimes under the Rome Statute of the Inter-
17 national Criminal Court.

18 (3) On April 1, 2011, Justice Richard
19 Goldstone, the author of the Goldstone Report,
20 wrote an op-ed in the Washington Post about the
21 Goldstone Report and stated that more information
22 is now available regarding the Gaza War of 2008–
23 2009 and that, “If I had known then what I know
24 now, the Goldstone Report would have been a dif-
25 ferent document.”.

1 (4) Justice Goldstone reiterated the following
2 well known fact: “That the crimes allegedly com-
3 mitted by Hamas were intentional goes without say-
4 ing—its rockets were purposefully and indiscrimi-
5 nately aimed at civilian targets.”.

6 (5) Evidence that was made available following
7 the Goldstone Report confirms that Israel as a mat-
8 ter of policy did not intentionally target civilians.

9 (6) Justice Goldstone reiterated the well known
10 fact that the United Nations Human Rights Council
11 has long held a bias against Israel.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that now that evidence is available that undoubtedly
14 nullifies the most controversial aspects of the Goldstone
15 Report, the United Nations should formally retract the
16 Goldstone Report.

17 **SEC. 2. WITHHOLDING OF UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**
18 **TO THE UNITED NATIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall with-
20 hold United States contributions to the regularly assessed
21 biennial budget of the United Nations until such time as
22 the United Nations formally retracts the final report of
23 the “United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza
24 Conflict” (commonly referred to as the “Goldstone Re-
25 port”) that was presented to the United Nations Humans

1 Rights Council during its 12th Session, in Geneva, on Sep-
2 tember 29, 2009.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “formally
4 retracts” means a resolution adopted by the United Na-
5 tions stating that insufficient information relating to the
6 subject matter of the report referred to in subsection (a)
7 was available before the release of such report and such
8 report is annulled.

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