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

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Mr. WALSH of Illinois (for himself, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. WEST, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. LONG, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. KLINE, and Mr. OLSON) 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF THE TERM “PALESTINE”**
2 **IN UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOCU-**
3 **MENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—No United States Government
5 document may refer to the areas controlled by the Pales-
6 tinian Authority as “Palestine” until the Secretary of
7 State certifies to Congress that the Palestinian Authority,
8 at a minimum—

9 (1) does not manipulate or inappropriately in-
10 fluence in any way the outcome of presidential or
11 legislative elections in areas controlled by the Pales-
12 tinian Authority;

13 (2) is advancing democratic ideals by actively
14 promoting human rights and ending government cor-
15 ruption through increased efficiency and trans-
16 parency in all government agencies and initiatives;

17 (3) regularly and strongly condemns terrorism;

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

1 (5) has ceased to participate in any economic,
2 educational, cultural, or other boycott of Israel, its
3 citizens, its products, or its services;

4 (6) has worked, and plans to continue to work,
5 actively with the Government of Israel to implement
6 the steps and adhere to the principles set out in the
7 Performance-Based Roadmap to a Permanent Two-
8 State Solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict of
9 2003 (commonly referred to as the “Roadmap to
10 Peace”) (or any successor to such) to bring security,
11 peace, and reconciliation between Israel and the Pal-
12 estinians;

13 (7) recognizes Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish
14 state and conducts diplomatic relations with the
15 State of Israel in the same manner and to the same
16 extent as it conducts diplomatic relations with any
17 other country; and

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

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

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES FUNDS TO THE**
2 **PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds available to any United
4 States Government department or agency to carry out the
5 provisions of chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assist-
6 ance Act of 1961 for any fiscal year may be obligated or
7 expended with respect to providing funds to the Pales-
8 tinian Authority unless with respect to such fiscal year—

9 (1) an independent audit of the budget of the
10 Palestinian Authority is conducted by a United
11 States nongovernmental or private organization or
12 entity and the Secretary of State submits the audit
13 to Congress; and

14 (2) the Secretary of State certifies to Congress
15 that the Palestinian Authority, at a minimum, meets
16 the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (8) of section
17 2(a) of this Act.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
19 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
20 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2012 and subse-
21 quent fiscal years.

22 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**
23 **TO THE UNITED NATIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 5,
25 no funds available to any United States Government de-
26 partment or agency for any fiscal year may be obligated

1 or expended with respect to making contributions to the
2 United Nations if the United Nations or any United Na-
3 tions entity declares or recognizes statehood for the Pales-
4 tinian territories unless with respect to such fiscal year
5 the Secretary of State certifies to Congress that the Pales-
6 tinian Authority, at a minimum, meets the requirements
7 of paragraphs (1) to (8) of section 2(a) of this Act.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
9 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
10 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2012 and subse-
11 quent fiscal years.

12 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**
13 **TO UNRWA.**

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

20 (1) an independent audit of the budget of
21 UNRWA is conducted by a United States non-
22 governmental or private organization or entity and
23 the Secretary of State submits the audit to Con-
24 gress; and

1 (2) the Secretary of State certifies to Congress
2 that UNRWA, at a minimum, meets the require-
3 ments applicable to the Palestinian Authority under
4 paragraphs (1) to (3), (5), and (7) of section 2(a)
5 of this Act, except that for purposes of meeting the
6 requirements of paragraph (1) of such section, the
7 term “Palestinian Authority” shall be deemed to be
8 “UNRWA”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on
10 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
11 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2012 and subse-
12 quent fiscal years.

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