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S. 5190

To end the treatment of the People’s Republic of China as a developing nation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROMNEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ending China’s Devel-
5 oping Nation Status Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It should be the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to refuse entering into any treaty in which
9 the People’s Republic of China—

10 (A) is labeled a developing nation; or

1 (B) receives the benefits of a developing
2 nation under the terms of the treaty;

3 (2) to oppose the labeling or treatment of the
4 People's Republic of China as a developing nation in
5 each international organization of which the United
6 States and the People's Republic of China are both
7 current members; and

8 (3) to pursue the labeling or treatment of the
9 People's Republic of China as a developed nation in
10 each international organization of which the United
11 States and the People's Republic of China are both
12 current members.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
16 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
17 gress” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
19 the Senate; and

20 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
21 the House of Representatives.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of State.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON THE LABELING OF THE PEOPLE'S RE-**
2 **PUBLIC OF CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT STATUS**
3 **IN CURRENT TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to
6 the appropriate committees of Congress identifying all
7 current treaty negotiations in which—

8 (1) the proposed treaty develops different
9 standards for the enforcement of the treaty based on
10 the development status of the member states of the
11 treaty; and

12 (2) the People's Republic of China is under con-
13 sideration for becoming a party to the treaty.

14 **SEC. 5. MECHANISMS FOR CHANGING DEVELOPMENT STA-**
15 **TUS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any international organization
17 of which the United States and the People's Republic of
18 China are both current members, the Secretary shall pur-
19 sue—

20 (1) changing the status of the People's Republic
21 of China from developing nation to developed nation
22 if a mechanism exists in such organization to make
23 such status change; or

24 (2) proposing the development of a mechanism
25 described in paragraph (1) to change the status of

1 the People's Republic of China in such organization
2 from developing nation to developed nation.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
4 tion of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) with respect
5 to any international organization if the President notifies
6 the appropriate committees of Congress that such a waiver
7 is in the national interests of the United States.

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