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H. R. 1377

To authorize the provision of assistance for the victims of torture, including rape and other war crimes, in the former Yugoslavia, and for the families of such victims.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1993

Mr. HOYER (for himself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. MCCLOSKEY) 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.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the loss of life and human suffering in
6 Bosnia-Herzegovina has reached an unprecedented
7 scale in post-World War II Europe;

8 (2) war and “ethnic cleansing” in Bosnia-
9 Herzegovina has uprooted more than 1,500,000 indi-

1 individuals, contributing to the largest refugee problem
2 in Europe since World War II;

3 (3) the people of the former Yugoslavia, espe-
4 cially those of Bosnia-Herzegovina have been sub-
5 jected to organized, systematic, and premeditated
6 war crimes and genocide, including willful killings,
7 rape, forced impregnation, abuse of civilians in de-
8 tention centers, deliberate attacks on noncombat-
9 ants, “ethnic cleansing” through the forcible expul-
10 sion and deportation of civilians, and torture of pris-
11 oners; and

12 (4) there has been no concerted and coordi-
13 nated effort to provide assistance for the victims of
14 these acts and for their families to meet their short-
15 term and long-term needs.

16 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.**

17 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.**—The President is
18 authorized to provide assistance under this section for the
19 victims of torture, including rape and other war crimes,
20 in the former Yugoslavia, and for the families of such vic-
21 tims, especially children with a particular focus on victims
22 of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

23 (b) **DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANCE.**—Assistance au-
24 thorized by subsection (a) includes activities such as—

1 (1) the provision of medical, psychological, and
2 psychiatric care and crisis counseling for victims of
3 war crimes stemming from the conflict in the former
4 Yugoslavia, whether provided in the United States
5 or abroad;

6 (2) the training of individuals in the former
7 Yugoslavia, including individuals who have been the
8 victims of torture and individuals of the Moslem
9 faith, to provide medical, psychological, and psy-
10 chiatric care and crisis counseling; and

11 (3) the procurement of necessary medical and
12 training supplies.

13 (c) COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.—As-
14 sistance authorized by subsection (a) shall be coordinated
15 by the Administrator of the Agency for International De-
16 velopment and channeled through such governments,
17 international organizations, and nongovernmental organi-
18 zations as the Administrator determines appropriate to
19 reach individuals in need.

20 **SEC. 3. FORMER YUGOSLAVIA DEFINED.**

21 For purposes of this Act, the term “former Yugo-
22 slavia” means the territory covered by the former Socialist
23 Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, consisting of the republics
24 of Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia, and

- 1 Bosnia-Herzegovina, without regard to diplomatic recogni-
- 2 tion by the United States of any republic.

