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To provide for the implementation of special debt relief for the poorest, most heavily-indebted countries, in the multilateral context of the Paris Club, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PELL (by request) 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 “Special Debt Relief
5 for the Poorest Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 To facilitate the reduction of the nonconcessional
8 debt owed to the United States by the poorest, most heav-
9 ily-indebted countries, in the multilateral context of the

1 Paris Club, and to promote economic reform and stability
2 that will lead to improvement in the lives of the people
3 of these countries.

4 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION OF CERTAIN DEBT.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO REDUCE DEBT.**—

6 (1) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, the President may reduce amounts
8 of principal and interest owed to the United States,
9 or any agency of the United States, by any eligible
10 country as a result of—

11 (A) housing guarantees made pursuant to
12 title III of chapter 2, part I of the Foreign
13 Assistance Act of 1961; or

14 (B) loans or guarantees made pursuant to
15 the Arms Export Control Act; or

16 (C) loans or guarantees made pursuant to
17 the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945.

18 (2) **APPROPRIATIONS REQUIREMENT.**—The au-
19 thority provided by this section may be exercised
20 only in such amounts or to such extent as is pro-
21 vided in advance by appropriations Acts.

22 (3) **CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS INAPPLICABLE.**—A
23 reduction of debt pursuant to this section shall not
24 be considered assistance for purposes of any provi-
25 sion of law limiting assistance to a country.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF DEBT REDUCTION.—The
2 authority provided by this section may be exercised only
3 to implement multilateral official debt relief ad referen-
4 dum agreements commonly referred to as “Paris Club
5 Agreed Minutes”.

6 (c) ELIGIBILITY FOR DEBT REDUCTION.—

7 (1) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The authority pro-
8 vided by this section may be exercised only with re-
9 spect to countries with heavy debt burdens that are
10 eligible to borrow from the International Develop-
11 ment Association, but not from the International
12 Bank for Reconstruction and Development, com-
13 monly referred to as “IDA-only” countries.

14 (2) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.—Consistent
15 with subsection (c)(1), the President shall determine
16 whether a country is eligible to receive benefits
17 under this section.

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