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# H. R. 5023

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

To promote Israel's role in the international community.

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 "Israel Diplomatic Rela-  
5 tions Act".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Israel is a friend and ally of the United  
9 States whose security is vital to regional stability  
10 and United States interests.

11 (2) Israel currently maintains diplomatic rela-  
12 tions with 162 countries. Approximately 25 coun-

1 tries do not have any diplomatic relations with  
2 Israel, and another 4 countries have only limited re-  
3 lations.

4 (3) The Government of Israel has been actively  
5 seeking to establish formal relations with a number  
6 of countries.

7 (4) The United States should assist its ally,  
8 Israel, in its efforts to establish diplomatic relations.

9 (5) After 52 years of existence, Israel deserves  
10 to be treated as an equal nation by its neighbors and  
11 the world community.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ISRAEL'S DIPLOMATIC RE-**  
13 **LATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.**

14 (a) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
16 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the ap-  
17 propriate congressional committees a report which in-  
18 cludes the following information (in classified or unclassi-  
19 fied form, as appropriate):

20 (1) Actions taken by representatives of the  
21 United States to encourage other countries to estab-  
22 lish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

23 (2) Specific responses solicited and received by  
24 the Secretary of State from countries that do not  
25 maintain full diplomatic relations with Israel with

1       respect to the status of negotiations to enter into  
2       diplomatic relations with Israel.

3           (3) Other measures being undertaken, and  
4       measures that will be undertaken, by the United  
5       States to ensure and promote Israel's full participa-  
6       tion in the world diplomatic community.

7       (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
8       As used in this section the term, “appropriate congres-  
9       sional committees” means the Committee on International  
10      Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
11      House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
12      Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
13      Senate.

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