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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. MOYNIHAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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declaration of the existence of a Palestinian state.

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 “Unilateral Palestinian  
5 Statehood Disapproval Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) As part of the 1993 Oslo Accords, Pales-  
2           tinian Chairman Arafat committed to resolving all  
3           outstanding issues with Israel through negotiations.

4           (2) On July 25, 2000, at the conclusion of the  
5           last round of the Camp David negotiations, Prime  
6           Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat issued a state-  
7           ment agreeing on the importance of “avoiding uni-  
8           lateral action that prejudice the outcome of negotia-  
9           tions”.

10          (3) A critical ingredient to the success of the  
11          peace process thus far has been the commitment by  
12          both sides to refrain from unilateral actions that un-  
13          dermine the peace process.

14          (4) Upon his return to Gaza following the con-  
15          clusion of the recent Camp David negotiations, Pal-  
16          estinian Chairman Arafat stated that the agreement  
17          to continue negotiations with Israel lasted only until  
18          September 13, “the date for declaring our inde-  
19          pendent state with Jerusalem as its capital whether  
20          people like it or not”.

21          (5) A unilateral declaration of a Palestinian  
22          state will most likely undermine the peace process.

23 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

24          In this Act:

1           (1) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—The term  
2 “humanitarian assistance” includes the provision of  
3 food, medicine, medical supplies, or medical equip-  
4 ment.

5           (2) UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.—The term  
6 “United States assistance” means—

7           (A) any assistance under the Foreign As-  
8 sistance Act of 1961 (including programs under  
9 title IV of chapter 2, relating to the Overseas  
10 Private Investment Corporation), other than—

11           (i) assistance under part I of that  
12 Act;

13           (ii) assistance under chapter 8 of part  
14 II of that Act;

15           (iii) assistance for refugees; and

16           (iv) humanitarian assistance not cov-  
17 ered by clause (iii);

18           (B) sales, or financing on any terms, under  
19 the Arms Export Control Act;

20           (C) the provision of agricultural commod-  
21 ities, other than food, under the Agricultural  
22 Trade Development and Assistance Act of  
23 1954; and

24           (D) financing under the Export-Import  
25 Bank Act of 1945.

1 **SEC. 4. NONRECOGNITION POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—It should be the policy of the  
3 United States not to recognize—

4 (1) a unilaterally declared Palestinian state; or

5 (2) any document or other instrument of a uni-  
6 laterally declared Palestinian state, including any  
7 passport or postage.

8 (b) DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO DENY RECOGNI-  
9 TION.—It is the sense of Congress that the President and  
10 the Secretary of State should use all diplomatic means to  
11 work with the allies of the United States in the European  
12 Union, Japan, and other countries to not extend recogni-  
13 tion to a unilaterally declared Palestinian state.

14 (c) DOWNGRADE IN STATUS OF PALESTINIAN OF-  
15 FICE IN THE UNITED STATES.—It is the sense of Con-  
16 gress that, should there be a unilaterally declared Pales-  
17 tinian state, the President should instruct the Secretary  
18 of State to downgrade the status of the Palestinian office  
19 in the United States to an information office, the status  
20 it held prior to the Oslo Accords, including the commensu-  
21 rate reclassification and treatment of United States-Pales-  
22 tinian diplomatic contacts, travel, and communication.

23 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.**

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds  
25 may be made available for the provision of any United  
26 States assistance for a unilaterally declared Palestinian

1 state, except for cooperation on security and antiterrorism  
2 matters.

3 **SEC. 6. UNITED STATES POLICY ON PALESTINIAN MEMBER-**  
4 **SHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS OR OTHER**  
5 **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that the President should  
7 direct the United States Permanent Representative to the  
8 United Nations to oppose and vote against—

9 (1) the recognition or membership of a unilaterally  
10 declared Palestinian state at the United Na-  
11 tions, or any affiliated agency or organization of the  
12 United Nations or any other international organiza-  
13 tion or commission; and

14 (2) the provision of any economic, technical, or  
15 other assistance for a unilaterally declared Pales-  
16 tinian state from the United Nations or any affili-  
17 ated agency or organization of the United Nations,  
18 except for humanitarian assistance and cooperation  
19 on security and antiterrorism matters.

20 **SEC. 7. UNITED STATES OPPOSITION TO PALESTINIAN**  
21 **MEMBERSHIP IN OR ASSISTANCE FROM**  
22 **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**

23 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the  
24 Treasury should instruct the United States Executive Di-  
25 rector to each appropriate international financial institu-

1 tion to oppose, and vote against, the membership or rec-  
2 ognition of a unilaterally declared Palestinian state in any  
3 of the international financial institutions and the exten-  
4 sion by such institution of any loan or financial or tech-  
5 nical assistance to a unilaterally declared Palestinian  
6 state.

7 **SEC. 8. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL SECURITY RELATIONS.**

8 (a) REVIEW OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL STRATEGIC  
9 RELATIONS.—Congress urges the President to expedite  
10 and upgrade his ongoing review of strategic relations be-  
11 tween the United States and Israel.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
13 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall sub-  
14 mit a report to Congress regarding Israel’s security needs  
15 in the new security environment that would be created by  
16 a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood.

17 **SEC. 9. PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.**

18 The President may waive the provisions of section 5,  
19 6(2), or 7 of this Act if the President determines and so  
20 reports to Congress that to do so is in the national interest  
21 of the United States or advances the peace process.

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