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To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. BROWNBACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

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 “Equality for Israel at
5 the United Nations Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. EFFORT TO PROMOTE FULL EQUALITY AT THE**
7 **UNITED NATIONS FOR ISRAEL.**

8 (a) CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT.—It is the sense of
9 the Congress that—

10 (1) the United States should help promote an
11 end to the inequity experienced by Israel in the

1 United Nations whereby Israel is the only long-
2 standing member of the organization to be denied
3 acceptance into any of the United Nations region
4 blocs, which serve as the basis for participation in
5 important activities of the United Nations, including
6 rotating membership on the United Nations Security
7 Council; and

8 (2) the United States Ambassador to the
9 United Nations should take all steps necessary to
10 ensure Israel's acceptance in the Western Europe
11 and Others Group (WEOG) regional bloc, whose
12 membership includes the non-European countries of
13 Canada, Australia, and the United States.

14 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act and on a quar-
16 terly basis thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit
17 to the appropriate congressional committees a report
18 which includes the following information (in classified or
19 unclassified form as appropriate):

20 (1) actions taken by representatives of the
21 United States, including the United States Amba-
22 sador to the United Nations, to encourage the na-
23 tions of the Western Europe and Others Group
24 (WEOG) to accept Israel into their regional bloc;

1 (2) efforts undertaken by the Secretary General
2 of the United Nations to secure Israel's full and
3 equal participation in that body;

4 (3) specific responses solicited and received by
5 the Secretary of State from each of the nations of
6 Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) on
7 their position concerning Israel's acceptance into
8 their organization; and

9 (4) other measures being undertaken, and
10 which will be undertaken, to ensure and promote
11 Israel's full and equal participation in the United
12 Nations.

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