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To hold accountable the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2002

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. BENNETT) 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 “Arafat Accountability
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The Palestine Liberation Organization
9 (PLO), under the leadership of Chairman Yasser
10 Arafat, has failed to abide by its promises, enumer-

1 ated in the Oslo Accords, to commit itself to “a
2 peaceful resolution of the conflict between the two
3 sides”, that “all outstanding issues relating to per-
4 manent status will be resolved through negotia-
5 tions”, and that the PLO “renounces the use of ter-
6 rorism and other acts of violence and will assume re-
7 sponsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in
8 order to assure their compliance, prevent violence,
9 and discipline violators”.

10 (2) Yasser Arafat failed to exercise his author-
11 ity and responsibility to maintain law and order in
12 the West Bank and Gaza, which has resulted in on-
13 going acts of terrorism against Israeli and American
14 civilians in the State of Israel.

15 (3) Yasser Arafat has failed, through words and
16 deeds, to offer credible security guarantees to the
17 Palestinian and Israeli peoples, and has once again
18 violated his commitment to peace through the recent
19 purchase of 50 tons of offensive weaponry from
20 Iran.

21 (4) Yasser Arafat and the forces directly under
22 his control are responsible for the murder of hun-
23 dreds of innocent Israelis and the wounding of thou-
24 sands more since October 2000.

1 (5) Yasser Arafat has been directly implicated
2 in funding and supporting terrorists who have
3 claimed responsibility for homicide bombings in
4 Israel.

5 (6) Under the present circumstances, Yasser
6 Arafat's failure to adequately respond to end the
7 homicide bombings further complicates the prospects
8 for a resolution of the conflict in that region.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that—

11 (1) the United States continue to urge an im-
12 mediate and unconditional cessation of all terrorist
13 activities and the commencement of a cease-fire;

14 (2) the Palestine Liberation Organization and
15 the Palestinian Authority immediately surrender to
16 Israel for detention and prosecution those Pales-
17 tinian extremists wanted by the Government of
18 Israel for assassination of Israeli Minister of Tour-
19 ism Rehavam Zeevi;

20 (3) PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and the Pal-
21 estine Liberation Organization take immediate and
22 concrete action to—

23 (A) publicly condemn all acts of terrorism,
24 including and especially homicide bombings,
25 which murdered over 125 Israeli men, women,

1 and children during the month of March alone,
2 and the injury of hundreds more;

3 (B) confiscate and destroy the infrastruc-
4 tures of terrorism, including weapons, bomb
5 factories, and other offensive materials;

6 (C) end all financial support for terrorism;
7 and

8 (D) urge all Arab nations and individuals
9 to immediately cease funding for terrorist oper-
10 ations and payments to the families of terror-
11 ists; and

12 (4) the Congress supports the President's ef-
13 forts, in conjunction with Israel, the Arab states,
14 and the international community, to develop a com-
15 prehensive peace in the region, and encourages con-
16 tinued efforts by all parties.

17 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

18 (a) DENIAL OF VISAS.—

19 (1) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of State
20 shall not issue a visa to, and the Attorney General
21 shall not admit to the United States any member of
22 the Palestine Liberation Organization or any official
23 from the Palestinian Authority.

1 (2) WAIVER.—The President may, on a case-
2 by-case basis, waive paragraph (1) based on national
3 security considerations.

4 (b) DOWNGRADING OF PLO REPRESENTATION IN
5 THE UNITED STATES.—The Secretary of State shall un-
6 dertake such measures as may be necessary to prohibit
7 the operation of a Palestine Liberation Organization or
8 Palestinian Authority office in the United States from car-
9 rying out any function other than those carried out by the
10 Palestinian information office in existence in the United
11 States prior to the Oslo Accords.

12 (c) TRAVEL RESTRICTION ON THE SENIOR PLO
13 REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.—The Sec-
14 retary of State shall impose the same travel restrictions
15 on the senior official of the Permanent Observer Mission
16 of Palestine at the United Nations as those imposed on
17 officials with the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Re-
18 public of Iran to the United Nations.

19 (d) SEIZURE OF ASSETS OF THE PLO AND THE PA
20 AND PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT.—The Secretary of
21 State, in cooperation with the Attorney General, shall
22 identify and seize the assets of the Palestine Liberation
23 Organization and the Palestinian Authority in the United
24 States, and the personal assets in the United States of
25 PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON PLO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.**

2 (a) Within 30 days after the date of enactment of
3 this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the President shall
4 submit a report to the appropriate congressional commit-
5 tees detailing acts of terrorism, if any, committed by the
6 Palestine Liberation Organization or any of its constituent
7 elements.

8 (b) The report shall include a determination on
9 whether acts of terrorism warrant the designation of the
10 PLO or any of its constituent elements as terrorist organi-
11 zations, and if so, the President shall so designate the
12 PLO or any of its constituent elements as terrorist organi-
13 zations.

14 (c) The President may waive the requirements of this
15 section based on national security considerations.

16 **SEC. 6. DURATION OF SANCTIONS.**

17 The sanctions imposed under this Act shall remain
18 in effect until such time as the President determines and
19 reports to the appropriate congressional committees that
20 the conditions that warrant these sanctions no longer
21 exist.

22 **SEC. 7. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
23 **FINED.**

24 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means the Committee on Appropriations and the
26 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the

- 1 Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on
- 2 International Relations of the House of Representatives.

