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Condemning the glorification of terrorism and the continuing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric at the United Nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PENCE, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. GALLEGLY, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. LAMBORN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the glorification of terrorism and the continuing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric at the United Nations.

Whereas Israel continues to be the Member State most frequently condemned within the United Nations;

Whereas on December 19, 2007, Palestinian Authority representative to the United Nations, Riyad Mansour, submitted a list of “martyrs” to be mourned, including Hosam Abu Habl and Jihad Mustafa Dhaher, two senior members of the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad;

Whereas past letters submitted by the Palestinian Authority have listed as “martyrs”, among other terrorists, Ayman

Daloul and Hussain Ahel, two of the men responsible for the kidnaping of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit;

Whereas Mr. Mansour has repeatedly decried Israeli defensive actions while making no mention of the ongoing rocket attacks against the cities of Sderot and Ashkelon;

Whereas on November 29, 2007, the 60th anniversary of the United Nation's resolution to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states, the United Nations marked only a "Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People", flying a Palestinian flag but not an Israeli one;

Whereas on November 29, 2007, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas delivered a statement through Yasser Abed Rabbo on letterhead that bore a logo of Palestine without the Jewish State of Israel;

Whereas on November 29, 2007, Mr. Paul Badji, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable rights of the Palestinian People, lauded the efforts of terrorism by proudly stating, "It was 20 years ago that the Palestinians as a people stood up to the occupation, and the world learned a new word—intifada.";

Whereas on October 29, 2007, Palestinian militants fired mortars into Israel from the yard of a elementary school run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) without any official reprisal from the United Nations;

Whereas on November 29, 2006, the United Nations Trusteeship Council hosted panels that advocated the right of return of 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 refugees, without reference to Jewish refugees from Arab lands;

Whereas on November 29, 2006, at the United Nations public headquarters, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Political

Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization, encouraged Palestinian “resistance” against Israel and stated that the “land is ours and we shall not cede it”;

Whereas on November 29, 2005, a “map of Palestine” was displayed in the presence of the three highest-ranking United Nations officials, including United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, that was dated 1948 and did not include the Jewish State of Israel;

Whereas on November 29, 2005, the President of the United Nations Security Council, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations commemorated the terrorism of suicide bombers by rising to “observe a minute of silence of all those who have given their lives for the cause of the Palestinian people”;

Whereas allowing such hate speech and intolerance runs contrary to United Nations Secretary-General Annan’s declaration at the June 2004 United Nations Department of Public Information Seminar on Anti-Semitism that “[The] fight against anti-Semitism must be our fight. And Jews everywhere must feel that the United Nations is their home too.”;

Whereas at the 2001 World Conference against Racism (WCAR) in Durban, South Africa, organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the anti-Israel and anti-American rhetoric was so offensive that United States Secretary of State Colin Powell withdrew the United States delegation, stating, “I know that you do not combat racism by conferences that produce declarations containing hateful language . . . or that singles out only one country in the world, Israel, for censure and abuse.”;

Whereas after the Durban Conference, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson stated that there was “horrible anti-Semitism present”;

Whereas, over the objections of the United States, the European Union, and other key Member States, the United Nations General Assembly has initiated preparations for a Durban Review Conference in 2009 that is proposed to be funded from the United Nations’ regular budget, which would force the United States to pay for nearly a quarter of the total conference cost, preliminarily estimated to be \$7,200,000; and

Whereas the viciousness with which Israel is attacked and discriminated against at the United Nations should not be allowed to continue unchallenged: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the glorification of terrorism and
3 the continuing anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric
4 at the United Nations;

5 (2) calls on the Secretary General of the United
6 Nations to—

7 (A) officially and publicly condemn anti-
8 Semitic statements in all United Nations meet-
9 ings;

10 (B) establish and enforce policies to hold
11 accountable any United Nations official or em-
12 ployee who makes such statements; and

1 (C) further develop and implement edu-
2 cation awareness programs about the Holocaust
3 throughout the world, as part of an effort to
4 combat the global rise in anti-Semitism;

5 (3) calls on the Secretary of State to secure
6 adoption of a United Nations General Assembly Res-
7 olution implementing procedures at the United Na-
8 tions to hold accountable member states that make
9 anti-Semitic or incendiary statements, including by
10 suspending the membership privileges of such mem-
11 ber states;

12 (4) calls on the President to direct the United
13 States Permanent Representative to the United Na-
14 tions to use the voice, vote, and influence of the
15 United States to prevent the use of the United Na-
16 tions regular budget to support the planned 2009
17 Durban Review Conference and to withhold a pro-
18 portional amount of United States contributions to
19 the United Nations should the Durban Review Con-
20 ference proceed as planned; and

21 (5) urges the adoption and pursuit of the poli-
22 cies described in paragraphs (1) through (4) and
23 other policies to promote reform in the United Na-
24 tions that will—

1 (A) bring greater accountability, trans-
2 parency, and regulation to the United Nations;
3 and

4 (B) censure member states that glorify ter-
5 rorism or engage in intolerance.

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