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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International 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. STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.**

10 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Con-
11 gress that—

12 (1) the United States should continue to urge
13 an immediate and unconditional cessation of all ter-
14 rorist activities and the commencement of a cease-
15 fire between Israel and the Palestinians;

16 (2) the Palestine Liberation Organization and
17 the Palestinian Authority should immediately sur-
18 render to Israel for detention and prosecution those
19 Palestinian extremists wanted by the Government of
20 Israel for the assassination of Israeli Minister of
21 Tourism Rehavam Zeevi; and

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

1 (A) publicly condemn all acts of terrorism,
2 including and especially homicide bombings,
3 which murdered over 125 Israeli men, women,
4 and children during the month of March 2002
5 alone, and injured hundreds more;

6 (B) confiscate and destroy the infrastruc-
7 tures of terrorism, including weapons, bomb
8 factories, and other offensive materials;

9 (C) end all financial support for terrorism;
10 and

11 (D) urge all Arab nations and individuals
12 to immediately cease funding for terrorist oper-
13 ations and payments to the families of terror-
14 ists.

15 (b) SUPPORT FOR PEACE EFFORTS.—The Congress
16 supports the President's efforts, in conjunction with
17 Israel, the Arab states, and members of the international
18 community, to achieve a comprehensive peace in the re-
19 gion, and encourages continued efforts by all parties.

20 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

21 (a) DENIAL OF VISAS.—

22 (1) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of State
23 shall not issue a visa to, and the Attorney General
24 shall not admit to the United States, any member of

1 the Palestine Liberation Organization or any official
2 from the Palestinian Authority.

3 (2) WAIVER.—The President may, on a case-
4 by-case basis, waive paragraph (1) if the President
5 determines that the waiver is in the national security
6 interest of the United States. The President shall re-
7 port any such determination to the appropriate con-
8 gressional committees.

9 (b) DOWNGRADING OF STATUS OF PLO OFFICE IN
10 THE UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law, the President shall withdraw or terminate any
12 waiver by the President of the requirements of section
13 1003 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal
14 Years 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5202) (prohibiting the
15 establishment or maintenance of a Palestinian information
16 office in the United States), except that—

17 (1) such withdrawal or termination shall not
18 prohibit the operation of the Permanent Observer
19 Mission of Palestine at the United Nations; and

20 (2) such section shall apply so as to prohibit
21 the operation of any office of the Palestine Libera-
22 tion Organization or the Palestinian Authority in the
23 United States from carrying out any function other
24 than those functions carried out by the Palestinian
25 information office during the period beginning on

1 the effective date of title X of the Foreign Relations
2 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989, and
3 ending on January 13, 1994.

4 (c) TRAVEL RESTRICTION ON THE SENIOR PLO
5 REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.—The Sec-
6 retary of State shall impose the same travel restrictions
7 on the senior official of the Permanent Observer Mission
8 of Palestine at the United Nations as those imposed on
9 officials with the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Re-
10 public of Iran to the United Nations.

11 (d) FREEZING OF ASSETS OF THE PLO AND THE
12 PA.—The President shall identify and freeze the assets
13 of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Pales-
14 tinian Authority in the United States, other than those
15 assets which—

16 (1) the President determines are required to
17 carry out the functions of the Permanent Observer
18 Mission of Palestine at the United Nations;

19 (2) are necessary for travel in the United States
20 pursuant to a waiver granted under subsection
21 (a)(2); or

22 (3) the President determines are necessary for
23 any office of the Palestine Liberation Organization
24 and the Palestinian Authority to carry out functions
25 permitted under subsection (b)(2).

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

2 (a) REPORT.—Within 30 days after the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Presi-
4 dent shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional
5 committees detailing acts of terrorism, if any, committed
6 by the Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Liberation Or-
7 ganization, or any of their constituent elements.

8 (b) DETERMINATION REGARDING DESIGNATION AS
9 TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—The report under sub-
10 section (a) shall include a determination on whether on
11 the basis of acts of terrorism described in the report the
12 Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Liberation Organiza-
13 tion, or any of their constituent elements will be des-
14 ignated as a foreign terrorist organization under section
15 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
16 1189(a)).

17 (c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the require-
18 ments of this section if the President determines that the
19 waiver is in the national security interest of the United
20 States. The President shall report any such determination
21 to the appropriate congressional committees.

22 **SEC. 6. DURATION OF SANCTIONS.**

23 The sanctions imposed under this Act shall remain
24 in effect until such time as the President determines and
25 reports to the appropriate congressional committees that

1 the conditions that warrant these sanctions no longer
2 exist.

3 **SEC. 7. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
4 **FINED.**

5 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means the Committee on Appropriations and the
7 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on
9 International Relations of the House of Representatives.

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