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Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. INOUE) 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 “Middle East Peace
5 Compliance Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) On September 9, 1993, Palestinian Libera-
2 tion Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat
3 made the following commitments in an exchange of
4 letters with Prime Minister of Israel Yitzhak Rabin:

5 (A) “The PLO recognizes the right of the
6 State of Israel to exist in peace and security.”.

7 (B) “The PLO accepts United Nations Se-
8 curity Council Resolutions 242 and 338” per-
9 taining to the cessation of hostilities and the es-
10 tablishment of a just and lasting peace in the
11 Middle East.

12 (C) “The PLO commits itself to the Mid-
13 dle East peace process, and to a peaceful reso-
14 lution of the conflict between the two sides and
15 declares that all outstanding issues relating to
16 permanent status will be resolved through nego-
17 tiations.”.

18 (D) “The PLO considers that the signing
19 of the Declaration of Principles constitutes a
20 historic event, inaugurating a new epoch of
21 peaceful coexistence, free from violence and all
22 other acts which endanger peace and stability.
23 Accordingly, the PLO renounces the use of ter-
24 rorism and other acts of violence and will as-
25 sume responsibility over all PLO elements and

1 personnel in order to assure their compliance,
2 prevent violence and discipline violators.”.

3 (E) “In view of the promise of a new era
4 and the signing of the Declaration of Principles
5 and based on Palestinian acceptance of Security
6 Council Resolutions 242 and 338, the PLO af-
7 firms that those articles of the Palestinian Cov-
8 enant which deny Israel’s right to exist, and the
9 provisions of the Covenant which are incon-
10 sistent with the commitments of this letter are
11 now inoperative and no longer valid.”.

12 (2) The Palestinian Authority, the governing
13 body of autonomous Palestinian territories, was cre-
14 ated as a result of the agreements between the PLO
15 and the State of Israel that are a direct outgrowth
16 of the September 9, 1993, commitments.

17 (3) The United States Congress has provided
18 authorities to the President to suspend certain stat-
19 utory restrictions relating to the PLO, subject to
20 Presidential certification that the PLO has contin-
21 ued to abide by commitments made.

22 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, at the times
24 specified in subsection (b), transmit to Congress a
25 report—

1 (1) detailing and assessing the steps that the
2 PLO or the Palestinian Authority, as appropriate,
3 has taken to substantially comply with its 1993 com-
4 mitments, as specified in section 2(1) of this Act;

5 (2) a description of the steps taken by the PLO
6 or the Palestinian Authority, as appropriate, to in-
7 vestigate and prosecute those responsible for violence
8 against American and Israeli citizens;

9 (3) making a determination as to whether the
10 PLO or the Palestinian Authority, as appropriate,
11 has substantially complied with such commitments
12 during the period since the submission of the pre-
13 ceding report, or, in the case of the initial report,
14 during the preceding 6-month period; and

15 (4) detailing progress made in determining the
16 designation of the PLO, or one or more of its con-
17 stituent groups (including Fatah and Tanzim) or
18 groups operating as arms of the Palestinian Author-
19 ity (including Force 17) as a foreign terrorist orga-
20 nization, in accordance with section 219(a) of the
21 Immigration and Nationality Act.

22 (b) TRANSMISSION.—The initial report required
23 under subsection (a) shall be transmitted not later than
24 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act. Each sub-
25 sequent report shall be submitted on the date on which

1 the President is next required to submit a report under
 2 the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 (title VIII
 3 of Public Law 101–246) and may be combined with such
 4 report.

5 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—If, in any report transmitted pur-
 7 suant to section 3, the President determines that the PLO
 8 or Palestinian Authority, as appropriate, has not substan-
 9 tially complied with the commitments specified in section
 10 2(1), the following sanctions shall apply:

11 (1) SUSPENSION OF ASSISTANCE.—The Presi-
 12 dent shall suspend all United States assistance to
 13 the West Bank and Gaza except for humanitarian
 14 assistance.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL SANCTION OR SANCTIONS.—
 16 The President shall impose one or more of the fol-
 17 lowing sanctions:

18 (A) DENIAL OF VISAS TO PLO AND PALES-
 19 TINIAN AUTHORITY FIGURES.—The President
 20 shall prohibit the Secretary of State from
 21 issuance of any visa for any member of the
 22 PLO or any official of the Palestinian Author-
 23 ity.

24 (B) DOWNGRADE IN STATUS OF PLO OF-
 25 FICE IN THE UNITED STATES.—Notwith-

1 standing any other provision of law, the Presi-
2 dent shall withdraw or terminate any waiver by
3 the President of the requirements of section
4 1003 of the Foreign Relations Authorization
5 Act of 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5202) (pro-
6 hibiting the establishment or maintenance of a
7 Palestinian information office in the United
8 States), and such section shall apply so as to
9 prohibit the operation of a PLO or Palestinian
10 Authority office in the United States from car-
11 rying out any function other than those func-
12 tions carried out by the Palestinian information
13 office in existence prior to the Oslo Accord.

14 (b) DURATION OF SANCTIONS.—The period of time
15 referred to in subsection (a) is the period of time com-
16 mencing on the date that the report pursuant to section
17 3 was transmitted and ending on the later of—

18 (1) the date that is 6 months after such date;

19 (2) the date that the next report under section
20 3 is required to be transmitted; or

21 (3) the date, if any, on which the President de-
22 termines and informs Congress that the conditions
23 that were the basis for imposing the sanctions are
24 no longer valid.

1 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The President may waive
2 any or all of the sanctions imposed under this Act if the
3 President determines that such a waiver is in the national
4 security interest of the United States, and reports such
5 a determination to the appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress.

7 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE; TERMINATION DATE.**

8 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
9 the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (b) TERMINATION DATE.—This Act shall cease to be
11 effective 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

