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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on International Relations

AN ACT

To require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world.

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 “Global Anti-Semitism
5 Review Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Acts of anti-Semitism in countries through-
4 out the world, including some of the world's strong-
5 est democracies, have increased significantly in fre-
6 quency and scope over the last several years.

7 (2) During the first 3 months of 2004, there
8 were numerous instances of anti-Semitic violence
9 around the world, including the following incidents:

10 (A) In Australia on January 5, 2004, poi-
11 son was used to ignite, and burn anti-Semitic
12 slogans into, the lawns of the Parliament House
13 in the state of Tasmania.

14 (B) In St. Petersburg, Russia, on Feb-
15 ruary 15, 2004, vandals desecrated approxi-
16 mately 50 gravestones in a Jewish cemetery,
17 painting the stones with swastikas and anti-Se-
18 mitic graffiti.

19 (C) In Toronto, Canada, over the weekend
20 of March 19 through March 21, 2004, vandals
21 attacked a Jewish school, a Jewish cemetery,
22 and area synagogues, painting swastikas and
23 anti-Semitic slogans on the walls of a syna-
24 gogue and on residential property in a nearby,
25 predominantly Jewish, neighborhood.

1 (D) In Toulon, France, on March 23,
2 2004, a Jewish synagogue and community cen-
3 ter were set on fire.

4 (3) Anti-Semitism in old and new forms is also
5 increasingly emanating from the Arab and Muslim
6 world on a sustained basis, including through books
7 published by government-owned publishing houses in
8 Egypt and other Arab countries.

9 (4) In November 2002, state-run television in
10 Egypt broadcast the anti-Semitic series entitled
11 “Horseman Without a Horse,” which is based upon
12 the fictitious “Protocols of the Learned Elders of
13 Zion”. The Protocols have been used throughout the
14 last century by despots such as Adolf Hitler to jus-
15 tify violence against Jews.

16 (5) In November 2003, Arab television featured
17 an anti-Semitic series, entitled “Ash-Shatat” (or
18 “The Diaspora”), which depicts Jewish people
19 hatching a plot for Jewish control of the world.

20 (6) The sharp rise in anti-Semitic violence has
21 caused international organizations such as the Orga-
22 nization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
23 (OSCE) to elevate, and bring renewed focus to, the
24 issue, including the convening by the OSCE in June

1 2003 of a conference in Vienna dedicated solely to
2 the issue of anti-Semitism.

3 (7) The OSCE will again convene a conference
4 dedicated to addressing the problem of anti-Semi-
5 tism on April 28–29, 2004, in Berlin, with the
6 United States delegation to be led by former Mayor
7 of New York City Ed Koch.

8 (8) The United States Government has strongly
9 supported efforts to address anti-Semitism through
10 bilateral relationships and interaction with inter-
11 national organizations such as the OSCE, the Euro-
12 pean Union, and the United Nations.

13 (9) Congress has consistently supported efforts
14 to address the rise in anti-Semitic violence. During
15 the 107th Congress, both the Senate and the House
16 of Representatives passed resolutions expressing
17 strong concern with the sharp escalation of anti-Se-
18 mitic violence in Europe and calling on the Depart-
19 ment of State to thoroughly document the phe-
20 nomenon.

21 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that—

23 (1) the United States Government should con-
24 tinue to strongly support efforts to combat anti-
25 Semitism worldwide through bilateral relationships

1 and interaction with international organizations such
2 as the OSCE; and

3 (2) the Department of State should thoroughly
4 document acts of anti-Semitism that occur around
5 the world.

6 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

7 (a) ONE-TIME REPORT.—Not later than November
8 15, 2004, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
9 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
10 mittee on International Relations of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the
12 world, including a description of—

13 (1) acts of physical violence against, or harass-
14 ment of, Jewish people, and acts of violence against,
15 or vandalism of, Jewish community institutions,
16 such as schools, synagogues, or cemeteries, that oc-
17 curred in each country;

18 (2) the responses of the governments of those
19 countries to such actions;

20 (3) the actions taken by such governments to
21 enact and enforce laws relating to the protection of
22 the right to religious freedom of Jewish people; and

23 (4) the efforts by such governments to promote
24 anti-bias and tolerance education.

1 (b) INFORMATION REQUIRED IN ANNUAL DEPART-
2 MENT OF STATE REPORTS.—The Secretary of State shall
3 include the information required under subsection (a) in
4 the annual reports of the Department of State known as
5 the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom
6 and the Annual Human Rights Report.

Passed the Senate May 7, 2004.

Attest:

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