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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “United Nations Evic-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF THE UNITED NA-**
2 **TIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—Notwithstanding
4 section 3 of article II and section 23 of article IX of Public
5 Law 80–357 (61 Stat. 756), not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney Gen-
7 eral shall institute condemnation proceedings to acquire
8 in the name of the United States all right, title, and inter-
9 est of the United Nations in and to any real property in
10 the United States, including the headquarters district of
11 the United Nations.

12 (b) JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.—The Attorney General
13 shall institute such condemnation proceedings in the name
14 of the United States in the district court of the United
15 States for the district in which such property is situated
16 and such court shall have full jurisdiction of such pro-
17 ceedings.

18 (c) SALE OF PROPERTY.—Not later than 30 days
19 after such property has been acquired by the United
20 States, the Administrator of General Services shall dispose
21 of such property through a competitive sale to the general
22 public. The Administrator shall make every effort to re-
23 ceive from such sale an amount that equals or exceeds the
24 fair market value of such property. The Administrator
25 shall deposit in the general fund of the Treasury the pro-
26 ceeds from such sale.

1 (d) FAIR MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY.—The fair
2 market value of the real property to be sold under sub-
3 section (c) shall be determined by an appraisal acceptable
4 to the Administrator.

5 (e) PROHIBITION ON FURTHER ACQUISITION OF
6 PROPERTY.—It shall be unlawful for the United Nations
7 to acquire, or to attempt to acquire, whether through pur-
8 chase, lease, rental, exchange, or any other method of ac-
9 quisition, in the name of the United Nations, any right,
10 title, and interest in and to any real property in the United
11 States.

12 (f) REVOCATION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND
13 IMMUNITIES.—Notwithstanding sections 11 and 13 of ar-
14 ticle IV of such Law, the diplomatic privileges and immu-
15 nities to which a representative, official, or any other indi-
16 vidual of a Member State of the United Nations is entitled
17 in the United States are hereby revoked.

18 (g) REPEALER.—On the date that the sale of prop-
19 erty under subsection (c) is completed, Public Law 80-
20 357 (61 Stat. 756) is repealed.

21 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

22 (1) HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT.—The term
23 “headquarters district” means the real property of
24 the United Nations in the Borough of Manhattan in
25 the City of New York in the State of New York.

1 (2) UNITED NATIONS.—The term “United Na-
2 tions” means the international organization estab-
3 lished by the Charter of the United Nations and in-
4 cludes the specialized agencies of the United Na-
5 tions.

6 (3) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
7 States” includes the several States, the District of
8 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
9 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
10 American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and
11 any other territory or possession of the United
12 States.

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