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S. 2682

To direct United States funding to the United Nations Population Fund
for certain purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 29, 2008

Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read
twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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Population Fund for certain purposes.

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 Popu-
5 lation Fund Restoration Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) More than 500,000 women worldwide die
9 during childbirth every year, with the overwhelming

1 majority of these deaths occurring in the developing
2 world.

3 (2) More than 10,000,000 women annually ex-
4 perience serious complications from pregnancy, such
5 as obstetric fistula.

6 (3) Ensuring skilled attendants at birth, backed
7 by emergency obstetric care, could reduce maternal
8 deaths by about 75 percent, yet one-third of preg-
9 nant women in low-income countries do not have
10 contact with health personnel prior to giving birth.

11 (4) Approximately 3,000,000 girls face female
12 genital mutilation and cutting on an annual basis.
13 These practices have both short- and long-term
14 physical and mental health consequences.

15 (5) At least 200,000,000 women want to use
16 safe and effective family planning methods, but are
17 unable to do so because they lack access to health
18 care services and information about family planning.

19 (6) Women and children account for more than
20 75 percent of the refugees and displaced persons at
21 risk from war, famine, persecution, and natural dis-
22 aster. In a crisis or refugee situation, one in five
23 women of childbearing age is likely to be pregnant.

24 (7) Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are
25 the second leading cause of health problems for

1 women of reproductive age, causing pregnancy-re-
2 lated pelvic inflammatory disease and cervical can-
3 cer.

4 (8) The United Nations Population Fund,
5 which is supported by contributions from more than
6 180 countries from all regions of the world, carries
7 out activities in more than 150 countries to reduce
8 maternal mortality and morbidity, end female gen-
9 ital mutilation and cutting, reduce transmission of
10 STIs and HIV/AIDS, and ensure access to health
11 care and essential supplies for women and families
12 impacted by emergencies.

13 **SEC. 3. USE OF FUNDS.**

14 Funds appropriated or otherwise made available for
15 a United States contribution to the United Nations Popu-
16 lation Fund shall be used for the following purposes:

17 (1) To provide and distribute equipment, medi-
18 cine, and supplies, including safe delivery kits and
19 hygiene kits, to ensure safe childbirth and emer-
20 gency obstetric care.

21 (2) To make available supplies of contraceptives
22 for the prevention of unintended pregnancies and
23 the spread of sexually transmitted infections, includ-
24 ing HIV/AIDS.

1 (3) To prevent and treat cases of obstetric fis-
2 tula.

3 (4) To reestablish maternal health services in
4 areas where medical infrastructure and such services
5 have been destroyed or limited by natural disasters,
6 armed conflict, or other factors.

7 (5) To promote abandonment of harmful tradi-
8 tional practices, including female genital mutilation
9 and cutting and child marriage.

10 (6) To promote the access of unaccompanied
11 women and other vulnerable people to vital services,
12 including access to water, sanitation facilities, food,
13 and health care.

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