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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 2015

Mr. PAUL 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 “Defend Israel by Defunding Palestinian Foreign Aid Act of 2015”.

5 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

6 Congress makes the following findings:

7 (1) On December 31, 2014, Mahmoud Abbas, the President of the Palestinian Authority, signed
several international conventions in an attempt to
join the International Criminal Court.

(2) The Palestinian Authority has indicated
that it will seek to use the International Criminal
Court as a means to pursue charges against Israel.

(3) The Palestinian Authority remains engaged
in a unity government with Hamas, a terrorist orga-
nization responsible for countless deaths and whose
charter declares that “there is no solution to the
Palestinian question except by Jihad”.

(4) The United States provides more than
$400,000,000 in assistance to the Palestinian Au-
thority each year.

(5) Section 7041(i)(2) of the Department of
State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
Appropriations Act, 2015 (division J of Public Law
133–235) includes limitations on assistance to the
Palestinian Authority if it seeks to join the Inter-
national Criminal Court.

(6) The United States Government must make
immediately clear to the Palestinian Authority that
its attempts to join the International Criminal Court
will carry serious consequences.
SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no amounts may be obligated or expended to provide any assistance, loan guarantee, or debt relief to the Palestinian Authority, or any affiliated governing entity, until the Palestinian Authority withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court.