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H. R. 769

To prohibit voluntary or assessed contributions to the United Nations until the President certifies to Congress that United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 has been repealed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2017

Ms. GRANGER (for herself and Mr. ZELDIN) 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 “Safeguard Israel Act
5 of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) On December 23, 2016, President Barack
2 Obama instructed United States Permanent Rep-
3 resentative to the United Nations Samantha Power
4 to abstain from United Nations Security Council
5 Resolution 2334, which condemns our close friend
6 and ally Israel.

7 (2) The failure to veto United Nations Security
8 Council Resolution 2334, which attempts to pre-
9 judge the basis for negotiations, predetermine the
10 outcome of negotiations, and dictate terms and con-
11 ditions on this issue, was an abandonment of long-
12 standing policy of the United States and previous
13 commitments made to Israel.

14 (3) United Nations Security Council Resolution
15 2334 falsely claims that Israel’s sovereignty over the
16 eastern part of Jerusalem and Jewish communities
17 in the West Bank are illegal under international law,
18 and that the Old City of Jerusalem, along with the
19 Temple Mount, the holiest site for the Jewish peo-
20 ple, and the Western Wall are “occupied Palestinian
21 territory”.

22 (4) United Nations Security Council Resolution
23 2334 encourages the International Criminal Court to
24 open an illegitimate formal investigation against
25 Israel.

1 (5) United Nations Security Council Resolution
2 2334 will help to strengthen the Palestinian diplo-
3 matic, economic, and legal warfare campaign against
4 Israel, particularly because of a paragraph that calls
5 upon states to make a distinction in their dealings
6 with Israel between pre-1967 Israel and Israel be-
7 yond the 1967 lines, encouraging boycotts, divest-
8 ments, and sanctions against Israel.

9 (6) Senate Resolution 6 and House Resolution
10 11 (115th Congress) object to United Nations Secu-
11 rity Council Resolution 2334 and rebuke the Obama
12 Administration for permitting the adoption of this
13 biased, anti-Israel resolution.

14 (7) On December 16, 2016, outgoing United
15 Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon admitted
16 the United Nations bias against Israel in his final
17 address to the United Nations Security Council
18 when he stated, “Decades of political maneuverings
19 have created a disproportionate volume of resolu-
20 tions, reports, and conferences criticizing Israel.”.

21 (8) The United Nations passes more resolutions
22 condemning Israel than any other country in the
23 world.

24 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
25 gress that—

1 (1) the United States needs to hold the United
2 Nations accountable for its hostile actions to
3 delegitimize Israel; and

4 (2) Congress should respond with concrete con-
5 sequences to the United Nations for the adoption of
6 United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334
7 and the overt bias of the United Nations against
8 Israel.

9 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON FUNDING TO THE UNITED NA-**
10 **TIONS.**

11 The United States Government may not make any
12 voluntary or assessed contributions to the United Nations
13 or any United Nations organization, including any United
14 Nations specialized agency, fund, or program and any
15 other body or entity affiliated with the United Nations or
16 founded by a United Nations treaty, convention, or agree-
17 ment, until the President certifies to the appropriate con-
18 gressional committees that United Nations Security Coun-
19 cil Resolution 2334 (2016) has been repealed.

20 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
21 **FINED.**

22 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees” means—

24 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
25 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on

1 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
2 Senate; and

3 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
4 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
5 Oversight and Government Reform of the House of
6 Representatives.

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