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# H. R. 8050

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. POCAN, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. CARSON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Israeli Annexation  
5 Non-Recognition Act”.

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

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) unilateral annexation of any part of the oc-  
9 cupied West Bank by the Government of Israel—

1 (A) is a flagrant violation of international  
2 law and a prohibited act of aggression under  
3 Article 2(4) of the UN Charter;

4 (B) is contrary to the values of the Amer-  
5 ican people and the long-standing policy of the  
6 United States to support and promote equality,  
7 human rights, and dignity for both Palestinians  
8 and Israelis; and

9 (C) undermines United States national se-  
10 curity interests in the Middle East as well as  
11 diplomatic efforts by the United States and the  
12 international community to achieve a just and  
13 lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinian  
14 people;

15 (2) promoting human rights, human dignity,  
16 and democratic rights for all Palestinians and  
17 Israelis are foreign policy priorities of the United  
18 States;

19 (3) the United States rejects any undemocratic  
20 system or act of aggression in which Israel unilater-  
21 ally exercises permanent rule over a Palestinian peo-  
22 ple denied self-determination and human rights; and

23 (4) any annexation of the occupied West Bank  
24 by the Government of Israel is condemned by Con-  
25 gress as the illegal annexation of occupied territory

1 and should not be recognized as legitimate by the  
2 United States.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNITED STATES RECOGNITION OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WEST BANK.**

6 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
7 United States not to recognize any claim by the Govern-  
8 ment of Israel of sovereignty over any part of the occupied  
9 West Bank including its airspace.

10 (b) PROHIBITION.—No Federal department or agen-  
11 cy may take any action or extend any assistance in a man-  
12 ner that extends or implies United States recognition of  
13 such a claim of sovereignty in violation of international  
14 humanitarian law or customary international law.

15 (c) WAIVER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive  
17 the prohibition in subsection (b) on a case-by-case  
18 basis beginning 30 days after the date on which the  
19 President certifies to Congress that such waiver is  
20 vital to the national security interests of the United  
21 States.

22 (2) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—A  
23 waiver certified pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not  
24 take effect if, during the 30-day period described in

1 paragraph (1), there is enacted a joint resolution  
2 disapproving such waiver.

3 (d) FUNDING LIMITATION.—No Federal funds ap-  
4 propriated or otherwise made available to the “Foreign  
5 military financing program” account, or otherwise author-  
6 ized to be appropriated or made available to carry out sec-  
7 tion 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763),  
8 may be made available to deploy or support the deploy-  
9 ment of personnel, training, services, lethal materials,  
10 equipment, facilities, logistics, transportation, or any other  
11 activity in territory in the West Bank unilaterally annexed  
12 by Israel, or to facilitate or support the unilateral annex-  
13 ation of such territory.

14 (e) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than September 30,  
15 2021, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall  
16 certify to the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
17 of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations  
18 of the Senate one of the following with respect to the pre-  
19 ceding fiscal year:

20 (1) A certification that none of the funds obli-  
21 gated or expended in the previous fiscal year for as-  
22 sistance to the Government of Israel have been used  
23 by such Government to support personnel, training,  
24 lethal materials, equipment, facilities, logistics,  
25 transportation or any other activity that supports or

1 is associated with any of the activities prohibited  
2 under subsection (d).

3 (2) A certification that funds obligated or ex-  
4 pended in the previous fiscal year have supported or  
5 been associated with an activity prohibited under  
6 subsection (d), along with a report describing in de-  
7 tail the amount of such funds used by the Govern-  
8 ment of Israel in violation of such subsection and  
9 each activity supported by such funds.

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