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H. R. 6797

To provide for enhanced United States leadership at international organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Ms. JACOBS) 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 “Restoring U.S. Leader-
5 ship in International Organizations Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING SERVICE AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-**
7 **ZATIONS.**

8 Section 603(b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
9 (22 U.S.C. 4003) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” after the
2 semi-colon at the end;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
4 graph (5); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(4) experience serving at an international or-
8 ganization, multilateral institution, or engaging in
9 multinational negotiations; or”.

10 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

11 It is the policy of the United States that—

12 (1) the Special Representative of the United
13 States to the United Nations serves as a standing
14 member of the cabinet;

15 (2) assessed dues to multilateral organizations
16 be paid in full in a timely fashion;

17 (3) Federal agencies utilize all the authorities
18 under section 3343 of title 5, United States Code,
19 or subpart C of part 352 of title 5, Code of Federal
20 Regulations (or any successor regulations) to detail
21 or transfer employees to relevant international orga-
22 nizations; and

23 (4) that the Secretary of State shall assist the
24 Department of State and other Federal agencies in
25 carrying out paragraph (3) to the fullest extent.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORTING ON DETAILS AND TRANSFERS TO**
2 **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter,
5 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of
6 other Federal departments and agencies as appropriate,
7 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
9 Relations of the Senate a report on the total number of
10 Federal employees detailed or transferred to an inter-
11 national organization during the immediately preceding
12 12-month period. The first such report shall include a
13 strategy for increasing the number of Federal employees
14 who are so detailed or transferred to such an international
15 organization.

16 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report re-
17 quired under subsection (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) The number of Federal employees detailed
19 or transferred during the applicable 12-month period
20 to an international organization under section 3343
21 of title 5, United States Code, or subpart C of part
22 352 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
23 successor regulations), disaggregated by—

24 (A) an identification of the Federal agency
25 from which such employees were so detailed or
26 transferred; and

1 (B) an identification of the international
 2 organizations to and from which such employ-
 3 ees have been so detailed or transferred.

4 (2) A list of international organizations to and
 5 from which a Federal agency previously so detailed
 6 or transferred Federal employees.

7 **SEC. 5. TRAINING FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

8 (a) TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Section 708 of the For-
 9 eign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended
 10 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

11 “(e) TRAINING IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State,
 13 with the assistance of other relevant officials, shall
 14 establish a series of training courses on—

15 “(A) the conduct of diplomacy at inter-
 16 national organizations and other multilateral in-
 17 stitutions; and

18 “(B) broad-based multilateral negotiations
 19 of international instruments.

20 “(2) REQUIRED TRAINING.—Members of the
 21 Service, including appropriate chiefs of mission and
 22 other officers who are assigned to United States
 23 missions representing the United States to inter-
 24 national organizations and other multilateral institu-
 25 tions or who are assigned in Washington, DC, to po-

1 sitions that have as their primary responsibility for-
2 mulation of policy toward such organizations and in-
3 stitutions, or toward participation in broad-based
4 multilateral negotiations of international instru-
5 ments, shall receive specialized training in the areas
6 described in paragraph (1) prior to beginning service
7 for such assignment or, if receiving such training at
8 such time is not practical, within the first year of
9 beginning such assignment.”.

10 (b) TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.—The
11 Secretary of State shall ensure that employees of the De-
12 partment of State who are assigned to positions described
13 in paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of section 708 of the
14 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (as added by subsection (a)
15 of this section), including members of the civil service or
16 general service, or who are detailed or transferred to inter-
17 national organizations or other multilateral institutions
18 for a period of at least one year, receive training described
19 in such subsection (e) and participate in other such
20 courses or trainings as the Secretary may recommend to
21 build or augment identifiable skills that would be useful
22 for such employees representing United States interests
23 at such organizations and institutions.

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