

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5501

To prohibit United States participation on the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and prohibit contributions to the United Nations for the purpose of paying for any United Nations investigation into the flotilla incident.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2010

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. McKEON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BILLRAKIS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. LEE of New York, Mr. CARTER, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. COBLE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. TERRY, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “America Stands with
3 Israel Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) A state of armed conflict exists between
7 Israel and the Hamas regime controlling Gaza.
8 Hamas has launched 10,000 rockets against Israeli
9 civilians, and is presently smuggling in arms and
10 military supplies into Gaza, by land and sea, in
11 order to fortify its positions and continue its attacks.

12 (2) Under international law, Israel has the
13 right to protect the lives of its civilians from Hamas
14 attacks, and, consequently, has undertaken measures
15 to defend itself, including the imposition of a mari-
16 time blockade to curb Hamas rearmament. Under
17 international maritime law, when a maritime block-
18 ade is in effect, no vessels can enter the blockaded
19 area. Its use of force for soldiers to defend them-
20 selves is also acceptable under international law.

21 (3) Hamas is a terrorist organization recog-
22 nized by the United States and the European Union
23 whose charter calls for the destruction of Israel.
24 Hamas has also illegally taken control of Gaza and
25 has used rockets, mortars, and suicide bombs to kill

1 hundreds of Israelis and Americans inside of Israel,
2 which it continues to this day.

3 (4) Hamas is funded and directly supported by
4 Iran which uses it as a proxy to fight Israel. In ad-
5 dition, Iran recently announced it would send Ira-
6 nian ships to escort future ships attempting to break
7 the Gaza blockade.

8 (5) In 2002, Israel intercepted the Karine A
9 which was found to be carrying 50 tons of weapons
10 destined for Hamas and, in 2009, Israel intercepted
11 the Francop carrying hundreds of tons of weapons
12 destined for Hezbollah.

13 (6) Israel allows approximately 15,000 tons of
14 supplies to enter Gaza on a daily basis. In the last
15 18 months over a million tons of humanitarian sup-
16 plies have entered Gaza from Israel.

17 (7) Even though Israel repeatedly warned the
18 flotilla it would not be allowed entry in to Gaza and
19 offered to deliver to Gaza the humanitarian goods
20 that the flotilla was carrying, Israel was rebuffed.

21 (8) Greta Berlin, one of the leaders of the flo-
22 tilla, admitted the purpose was not to bring humani-
23 tarian aid to Gaza but rather to end the blockade.

24 (9) The main organizer of the flotilla was the
25 Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation, which has

1 publicly affirmed its links to Hamas, maintains an
2 office in Gaza, and has ties to other terrorist organi-
3 zations, including al-Qaeda, and several of the pas-
4 sengers on the flotilla have links or have provided fi-
5 nancial support to Hamas, Palestinian Islamic
6 Jihad, and al-Qaeda.

7 (10) According to its Web site, the United Na-
8 tions Human Rights Council is an intergovernmental
9 body within the United Nations consisting of 47
10 countries responsible for strengthening the pro-
11 motion and protection of human rights around the
12 globe. However, its members include such notorious
13 violators of human rights as China, Cuba, Egypt,
14 Saudi Arabia, and Russia. In addition, the Human
15 Rights Council has produced the deeply flawed and
16 biased United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the
17 Gaza Conflict (Goldstone Report) which was rejected
18 by the Obama Administration and Congress, and at
19 least 27 resolutions specifically condemning Israel.

20 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.**

21 Congress declares that the United States stands with
22 the Government of Israel and the Israeli people.

23 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that the United States—

1 (1) supports Israel’s unconditional right to de-
2 fend itself;

3 (2) supports Israel’s naval blockade of Gaza;
4 and

5 (3) should oppose any United Nations inves-
6 tigation into the flotilla incident.

7 **SEC. 5. ACTIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS**
8 **COUNCIL; PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CON-**
9 **TRIBUTIONS.**

10 (a) CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary of
11 State shall direct the United States Permanent Represent-
12 ative to the United Nations to cease United States partici-
13 pation in and membership on the United Nations Human
14 Rights Council.

15 (b) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may
17 not contribute to the United Nations any funds to
18 be used to pay for an investigation into the flotilla
19 incident.

20 (2) RECAPTURE.—The Secretary of State shall
21 ensure that no United States contributions to the
22 United Nations are used for an investigation into
23 the flotilla incident, including, where necessary, by
24 withholding from United States contributions to the

1 regularly assessed biennial budget of the United Na-
2 tions amounts equal to any amounts so expended.

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