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H. R. 3685

To prohibit United States assistance to foreign countries that oppose the position of the United States in the United Nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIDSON (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. BRECHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit United States assistance to foreign countries that oppose the position of the United States in the United Nations.

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 “United Nations Voting
5 Accountability Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT**
2 **OPPOSE THE POSITION OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—United States assistance may not
5 be provided to a country that opposed the position of the
6 United States in the United Nations.

7 (b) EXEMPTION DUE TO CHANGE IN GOVERN-
8 MENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may
10 exempt a country from the prohibition described in
11 subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that since
12 the beginning of the most recent session of the Gen-
13 eral Assembly—

14 (A) there has been a fundamental change
15 in the leadership and policies of the government
16 of a country to which the prohibition in such
17 subsection applies; and

18 (B) as a result of such change, the govern-
19 ment of such country will no longer oppose the
20 position of the United States in the United Na-
21 tions.

22 (2) DURATION OF EXEMPTION.—An exemption
23 under paragraph (1) shall be effective only until sub-
24 mission of the next report required under section
25 406 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fis-
26 cal Years 1990 and 1991 (22 U.S.C. 2414a) that is

1 submitted after the Secretary of State makes such
2 an exemption.

3 (3) NOTIFICATION AND DISCUSSION.—The Sec-
4 retary of State shall notify Congress with respect to
5 an exemption made under paragraph (1), together
6 with a discussion of the basis for the Secretary’s de-
7 termination with respect to each such exemption.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act—

9 (1) the term “opposed the position of the
10 United States” means, in the case of a country, that
11 the country’s recorded votes in the United Nations
12 General Assembly during the most recent session of
13 the General Assembly and, in the case of a country
14 which is a member of the United Nations Security
15 Council, the country’s recorded votes both in the Se-
16 curity Council and the General Assembly during the
17 most recent session of the General Assembly, were
18 the same as the position of the United States less
19 than 50 percent of the time, using for this purpose
20 a comparison of the recorded vote cast by each mem-
21 ber country with the recorded vote cast by the
22 United States, as described in the annual report
23 submitted to Congress pursuant to section 406 of
24 the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal
25 Years 1990 and 1991;

1 (2) the term “most recent session of the Gen-
2 eral Assembly” means the most recently completed
3 plenary session of the General Assembly for which a
4 comparison of the vote cast by each member country
5 with the vote cast by the United States is described
6 in the most recent report submitted to Congress
7 pursuant to section 406 of the Foreign Relations
8 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991; and

9 (3) the term “United States assistance” means
10 assistance under—

11 (A) chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign As-
12 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.;
13 relating to the economic support fund);

14 (B) chapter 5 of part II of such Act (22
15 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.; relating to international
16 military education and training);

17 (C) the “Foreign Military Financing Pro-
18 gram” account under section 23 of the Arms
19 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763); and

20 (D) any other monetary or physical assist-
21 ance.

22 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect
23 upon the date of the submission to Congress of the report
24 required under section 406 of the Foreign Relations Au-

1 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, that is re-
2 quired to be submitted by March 31, 2023.

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