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# H. R. 4490

To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to extend diplomatic privileges and immunities to certain additional international and regional organizations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mrs. KIM, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CASE, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, and Mr. MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to extend diplomatic privileges and immunities to certain additional international and regional organizations, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Providing Appropriate  
5       Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations  
6       Act” or the “PARTNER Act”.

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Extension of diplomatic privileges and immunities to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Sec. 3. Extension of diplomatic privileges and immunities to the European Organization For Nuclear Research (CERN).

Sec. 4. Extension of diplomatic privileges and immunities to the Pacific Islands Forum.

Sec. 5. Extension of diplomatic privileges and immunities to the Caribbean Community.

Sec. 6. Extension of certain privileges and immunities to the African Union.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
 2 **MUNITIES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-**  
 3 **EAST ASIAN NATIONS.**

4 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22  
 5 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
 6 following new section:

7 **“SEC. 18. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
 8 **MUNITIES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-**  
 9 **EAST ASIAN NATIONS.**

10 “Under such terms and conditions as the President  
 11 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the  
 12 provisions of this title to the Association of Southeast  
 13 Asian Nations in the same manner, to the same extent,  
 14 and subject to the same conditions, as it may be extended  
 15 to a public international organization in which the United  
 16 States participates pursuant to any treaty or under the  
 17 authority of any Act of Congress authorizing such partici-  
 18 pation or making an appropriation for such participa-  
 19 tion.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
2 **MUNITIES TO THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZA-**  
3 **TION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN).**

4 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22  
5 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following new section:

7 **“SEC. 19. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
8 **MUNITIES TO THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZA-**  
9 **TION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (CERN).**

10 “Under such terms and conditions as the President  
11 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the  
12 provisions of this title to the European Organization for  
13 Nuclear Research (CERN) in the same manner, to the  
14 same extent, and subject to the same conditions, as it may  
15 be extended to a public international organization in which  
16 the United States participates pursuant to any treaty or  
17 under the authority of any Act of Congress authorizing  
18 such participation or making an appropriation for such  
19 participation.”.

20 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
21 **MUNITIES TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM.**

22 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22  
23 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
24 following new section:

1 **“SEC. 20. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
2 **MUNITIES TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM.**

3 “Under such terms and conditions as the President  
4 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the  
5 provisions of this title to the Pacific Islands Forum in the  
6 same manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same  
7 conditions, as it may be extended to a public international  
8 organization in which the United States participates pur-  
9 suant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of  
10 Congress authorizing such participation or making an ap-  
11 propriation for such participation.”.

12 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
13 **MUNITIES TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY.**

14 The International Organizations Immunities Act (22  
15 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
16 following new section:

17 **“SEC. 21. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IM-**  
18 **MUNITIES TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY.**

19 “Under such terms and conditions as the President  
20 shall determine, the President is authorized to extend the  
21 provisions of this title to the Caribbean Community in the  
22 same manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same  
23 conditions, as it may be extended to a public international  
24 organization in which the United States participates pur-  
25 suant to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of

1 Congress authorizing such participation or making an ap-  
2 propriation for such participation.”.

3 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNI-**  
4 **TIES TO THE AFRICAN UNION.**

5 Section 12(b) of the International Organizations Im-  
6 munities Act (22 U.S.C. 288f–2(b)) is amended:

7 (1) by striking “to extend, or enter into an  
8 agreement to extend, to the African Union Mission”  
9 and inserting “to extend, or enter into an agreement  
10 to extend—”;

11 “(1) to the African Union Mission”;

12 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
13 ing “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
15 paragraph:

16 “(2) to the permanent observer mission of the  
17 African Union to the United Nations in New York,  
18 and to its members, the privileges and immunities  
19 enjoyed by the permanent missions to the United  
20 Nations of member states, and their members, sub-  
21 ject to corresponding conditions and obligations.”.

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