

provided to each fusion center; whether deploying additional personnel would enhance intelligence and information sharing between DHS and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners; fusion centers located in jurisdictions along land and maritime borders of the United States and the degree to which deploying personnel from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Coast Guard to such centers would enhance the integrity and security at such borders; and fusion centers located in jurisdictions with large and medium hub airports and the degree to which deploying personnel from the Transportation Security Administration to such centers would enhance aviation security.

The Under Secretary must submit such assessment to specified congressional committees, together with a report on: the number of personnel assigned to fusion centers from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis; the number of personnel assigned to the National Network of Fusion Centers from components and offices of DHS and the methodology for determining the fusion centers to which such personnel are assigned; and an implementation plan for determining how DHS's personnel resources will be allocated to fusion centers in the future.

H.R. 3503 will help to ensure the safety of our fusion centers and the personnel that work within these centers.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 3503.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3503, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER ANTI-ISRAEL AND ANTI-SEMITIC INCITEMENT WITHIN THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 293) expressing concern over anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 293

Whereas the 1995 Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, commonly referred to as Oslo II, specifically details that Israel and the Palestinian Authority shall "abstain from incitement, including hostile propaganda, against each other and, without derogating from the principle of freedom of expression, shall take legal measures to prevent such incitement by any organizations, groups or individuals within their jurisdiction";

Whereas the Oslo II agreement further states that Israel and the Palestinian Authority "will ensure that their respective educational systems contribute to the peace

between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples and to peace in the entire region";

Whereas Palestinian Authority incitement against Israelis has continued unabated for many years despite periods of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas this incitement takes on many forms, and has included the glorification of terrorists who have murdered Israeli civilians; advocating struggle against Israel despite entering into negotiations with Israel; the demonization of Jews and Israelis, including by the use of anti-Semitic motifs; the denial of Israel's existence and its delegitimization as evidenced by the absence of Israel on official maps used in Palestinian Authority institutions; and false claims that Israel or the Jews are endangering Muslim holy sites, such as the Al-Aqsa mosque/Temple Mount in Jerusalem;

Whereas in June 2013, Abbas referenced Israeli acts which "indicate an evil and dangerous plot to destroy Al-Aqsa and build the alleged temple";

Whereas on September 16, 2015, Abbas stated on Palestinian television that "we welcome every drop of blood spilled in Jerusalem. This is pure blood, clean blood, blood on its way to Allah. With the help of Allah, every martyr will be in heaven, and every wounded will get his reward";

Whereas since mid-September 2015 there has been a wave of Palestinian violence in Israel and the West Bank, including stabbings, shootings, and other terrorist acts;

Whereas this situation has been inflamed by statements made by Palestinian President Abbas, other Palestinian officials, clerics, and official Palestinian Authority media, and frequently amplified on social media platforms;

Whereas these statements have included repeated false claims that Israel seeks to change the "status quo" on the Temple Mount/al-Aqsa Mosque compound;

Whereas despite the incitement-induced wave of terrorism, the Palestinian Authority security forces and the Israel Defense Forces have continued security cooperation;

Whereas section 7038 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 states that "none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to provide equipment, technical support, consulting services, or any other form of assistance to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation";

Whereas section 7040(e) of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 requires the Secretary of State, if the President waives section 7040(a) of that Act, to "certify and report to the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of funds that . . . the Palestinian Authority is acting to counter incitement of violence against Israelis and is supporting activities aimed at promoting peace, coexistence, and security cooperation with Israel"; and

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has not fully lived up to its prior agreements with Israel to end incitement and should do more to prepare the Palestinian people for peace with Israel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) expresses support and admiration for individuals and organizations working to encourage cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians;

(2) strongly condemns the wave of violent attacks in Israel and the West Bank;

(3) reiterates the strong condemnation of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement to violence in the Palestinian Authority as antithetical to the cause of peace;

(4) calls on the Palestinian Authority to—

(A) immediately discontinue incitement to violence in all Palestinian Authority-controlled media outlets, and officially and publicly repudiate attacks against Israelis and engage in a sustained effort to publicly and officially rebuke anti-Israel incitement to violence;

(B) continue important security cooperation with Israel; and

(C) agree to unconditionally renew direct talks with the Israelis, including the reconstitution of the Trilateral Commission on Incitement;

(5) encourages responsible nations to condemn in the strongest possible terms incitement to violence by the Palestinian Authority;

(6) expresses support for the Government of Israel in its fight against terror;

(7) directs the Department of State to regularly monitor and publish information on all official incitement by the Palestinian Authority against Jews and the State of Israel; and

(8) calls on the Administration to continue publicly repudiating and raising the issue of Palestinian anti-Israel incitement to violence in all appropriate bilateral and international forums.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the esteemed chairman of our full committee, Chairman ROYCE, and Ranking Member ENGEL, who is before us today, for their leadership and for helping us to mark up and vote on this resolution at the subcommittee and at the full committee, thereby landing us right here on the floor this afternoon.

I would also like to thank my friend and dear south Florida colleague, ranking member of the Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee, Mr. DEUTCH, for joining me in introducing this important resolution condemning the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement from within the Palestinian Authority.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, as we have seen over the past 2 months in Israel, violence and terror are on the rise, and hardly a day goes by when we don't hear about yet another attack against innocent Israelis.

Since the most recent round of attacks began on the Jewish New Year in mid-September, there have been nearly 60 stabbing attacks, 5 shootings, and 6 car-ramming attacks, resulting in 10 deaths and scores more injured.

Let me repeat that again, Mr. Speaker: 60 stabbing attacks, 5 shootings,

and 6 car-ramming attacks, resulting in 10 deaths and many people injured, not to mention the psychological toll that these acts of terror have taken on Israelis.

Today—today—Mr. Speaker, there were two separate stabbing attacks in two different cities. An 80-year-old woman was among the victims, showing that these random attacks can happen anywhere, at any time, to anyone.

When Israeli citizens cannot walk out of their homes to go to work or they cannot walk out of their homes to go to the grocery store for fear of yet another terrorist attack, we must hold the Palestinian leadership accountable for its incitement and its unwillingness to ease tensions in the region.

The resolution before us, Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 293, unfortunately is the consequence of the continued failure of the Palestinian leadership. Instead of working toward achieving lasting peace with Israel, what is Abu Mazen, the leader of the Palestinian Authority, doing? He is undermining the peace process.

Instead of encouraging the Palestinian people and leading them toward a better future, Abu Mazen's divisive actions are tearing the Palestinians apart, leading them into despair, into hatred, into violence.

Instead of calling for an emergency meeting with Palestinian leaders to discuss a way to walk back the rhetoric, a way to calm the tensions, no, Abu Mazen called for an emergency meeting at the United Nations Human Rights Council, the preferred platform to spew anti-Israel hatred.

Why? In an effort to delegitimize the Jewish state where he further fanned the flames of violence once again, as he has been doing, Mr. Speaker, since he assumed leadership.

Already the perpetrators of these acts of terror are being glorified—yes, glorified—hailed as heroes, hailed as martyrs.

Last week, in fact, the Palestinian Authority named a street after a Palestinian terrorist. What did that person do? He fatally stabbed two innocent Israelis in Jerusalem.

But where is the world's condemnation of this? What is the response from the international community? Silence. Too often we see attempts to place this false moral equivalence between the Israelis' actions and the Palestinians' because too many are unwilling to accept the truth, and that is that the Palestinian leadership is the problem, not the solution, to the peace process.

We cannot allow Abu Mazen's words and Abu Mazen's actions to continue to go unpunished because, as we have seen over the past month and a half, they have consequences and innocent people have died.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to send a clear message to Abu Mazen, that his words and actions are unacceptable, that we condemn these actions, and that we hold the Palestinian Authority responsible for

inciting these recent acts of terror against Israeli citizens.

Palestinian leaders have been indoctrinating the Palestinian people with incitement against Israel for generations, and that is not something that is easily reversed.

But by passing this resolution tonight, Mr. Speaker, we are sending a message to the Palestinian leader that this behavior will not be tolerated and it will not be unaddressed. This is an opportunity to start to hold Abu Mazen and the PA accountable for their words, accountable for their deadly actions.

I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement in all of its forms.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of this measure.

Let me start by thanking our former chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, LEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, for sponsoring this resolution. I agree with every word she just said.

She has been a good friend to the state and people of Israel, and this measure, which I am happy to cosponsor, shows once again that support for Israel in Congress is not a partisan issue. Israel has much bipartisan support in this Congress, and we intend to keep it this way.

As the Congresswoman has mentioned, the violence in Israel has gone from bad to worse in recent days. Day after day, we hear new reports of innocent Israeli victims of stabbings or shootings at the hands of Palestinian terrorists.

I use the word "terrorist," Mr. Speaker, because what they are doing are acts of terrorism. If random people, average citizens, have nothing to do with policy, have nothing to do with politics—they are just civilians that are walking in the street—if they are attacked by a knife or something else that harms them, that is a terrorist attack.

Imagine if we had such things going on in the United States. It would have a chilling effect on what people can do, and whether they can move around or can't move around as a result of it.

So this is not something that is random. It is not something that is confined. It can strike anybody at any time, any place, and it is terrorism.

I have often said that while I support a two-state solution, if the Palestinians continue to use terrorism because they think it will get them closer to their state, they are wrong. It will prevent them from ever having a state if they don't renounce terrorism.

That is what this is all about. It is the incitement. It is the encouraging of hatred for Israelis and the Jews and for the United States as well.

This goes on time and time and time again, and then we wonder why we have these acts of violence, because you cannot fan the fires and be a leader

in it and then suddenly look the other way and say, "Well, you know, we are not encouraging it."

The Palestinian Authority has been irresponsible, and they have been irresponsible for many, many years. So, as it has every right to do, Israel has defended itself against these attacks, these stabbings and shootings. But this bloodshed must be brought to an end.

I have no doubt, Mr. Speaker, that it could be in a hurry if Palestinian leaders would do the right thing: repudiate the violence and, most importantly, the ceaseless campaign of incitement that demonizes Jews and Israelis and glorifies terrorists.

Chairman ROYCE and I will soon send a bipartisan letter signed by more than 350 of our colleagues in both parties. I am very, very happy with the overwhelming support we have gotten from our colleagues on both sides of the aisle for this letter.

That is why Chairman ROYCE and I try to do things in a bipartisan manner: because something like this is bipartisan; support for Israel is bipartisan; support against terror is bipartisan.

We have to stand together as Americans, regardless of party affiliation, and say: we will not countenance terror. And we are going to point fingers at the Palestinian Authority, who has been utterly irresponsible in this whole thing.

So if Palestinian leaders would do the right thing and repudiate the violence and, most importantly, end the ceaseless campaign of incitement that demonizes Jews and Israelis and glorifies terrorists, this could stop.

This letter that Chairman ROYCE and I have done, signed by more than 350 of our colleagues, to Palestinian President Abbas urges him to take that course, but I cannot say that I have high hopes. After all, this type of rhetoric by Palestinians against Jews and Israelis and even just Americans, in general, is nothing new.

In Palestinian books and newspapers, on the television and radio, we see and hear a constant message of hatred and incitement.

From a young age, Palestinians are taught that the people of Israel are their enemies and those who use violence are heroes, and this is very, very infuriating.

It is the fuel that fires the violence we are seeing today, and it is a roadblock, as I said before, on the path towards a two-state solution.

Palestinians will never build their own state on the backs of terrorists. It is a dead end for them, and it is counterproductive. They ought to know it. They are doing their people a tremendous disservice.

This resolution calls on Palestinian leaders to show real responsibility to reject the violence and end incitement and to return to the negotiating table with no preconditions, sit down and negotiate.

It reaffirms our commitment to our Israeli allies and our desire to see

peace for both Israelis and Palestinians.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE), who is the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Florida for yielding on this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians has reached new levels of terror. Over the past month, Palestinians have stabbed, shot, or run over innocent Israelis almost every day. The cause of these tragedies is simple: the incitement by Palestinian leaders.

Of course, our government is on the wrong side of this issue. Our government stands by while Palestinian Authority President Abbas praises violent riots on the Temple Mount.

But the problem is bigger than speeches. Palestinian leaders have turned their schools into terrorist breeding grounds that teach hate.

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Israel reacted to this violence how any other country should react; but the United States State Department callously calls Israel's self-defense executive force. Like I said, the State Department has got it wrong.

The Palestinians should be called out for what they are doing: inciting violence and committing violence. They are responsible for their criminal acts, not the Israelis. We can stand side by side with Israel by condemning these terrorist acts, and the Palestinian leaders should be held personally accountable for inciting violence in the Palestinian community. The State Department and the world need to quit making excuses for Palestinian terrorists and hold them accountable for the crimes that they commit.

I am glad to be an original cosponsor of House Resolution 293. I urge its passage so that America and the rest of the world understand that we stand by Israel and not by the terrorists.

And that is just the way it is.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTCH), the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa.

Mr. DEUTCH. I thank my friend, Mr. ENGEL.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman ROYCE and Ranking Member ENGEL and their staffs for working to bring this bipartisan resolution to the floor. I want to thank my friend and colleague and neighbor, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, for partnering with me on this effort.

In the month of October, there have been more than 50 stabbings in Israel, there have been attempted stabbings,

there have been shootings, there have been cars rammed into civilians. Terrorists have killed 11 and have wounded more than 10 times that number. In a span of just 12 hours today, there were 4 separate terror attacks.

This resolution is important because these attacks aren't a protest or a political statement about holy sites or politics. It is terrorism, and it flows from incitement at the highest levels of the Palestinian Government.

Now, I have said many times that all attacks on innocent civilians should be condemned and that they should be condemned regardless of who commits them. Yet I have to point out that, when a revenge attack occurs, committed by Israelis, the Prime Minister of Israel himself condemns that action on national television; but when there are attempted stabbings every single day for nearly 8 weeks, Palestinian leadership does not condemn even one single attack. Instead, we continue to see officials trying to justify acts of terror as an expected part of a religious conflict.

False accusations about changes at the Temple Mount, when they have been repeatedly denied by Israeli leadership, send a very dangerous message that violence is necessary to preserve Muslim holy sites when, in fact, those holy sites are not threatened at all.

Unfortunately, incitement from officials within the Palestinian Authority is not new. Despite statements from President Abbas that he is committed and has been committed for years to nonviolence, there are still countless examples in official textbooks, on social media pages, and in television speeches that call for an armed conflict and that depict Jews as dirty pigs.

Mr. Speaker, Secretary Kerry was right when he recently said, "President Abbas has been committed to non-violence. He needs to be condemning this loudly and clearly, and he needs to not engage in the incitement that his voice has sometimes been heard to encourage; so that has to stop."

If President Abbas remains committed to his stated vision of a peaceful, stable Palestinian state, living side by side with a safe and secure Israel, then now is the time for real leadership. Now is the time to go on national television and condemn these attacks. Now is the time to accept the Jordanian plan for surveillance at the Temple Mount to ensure that religious freedom is, in fact, being protected.

Now is the time to stop dangerous rhetoric, like when he said that he would "welcome every drop of blood spilled in Jerusalem" or when he accused Israel of the "summary execution of children" when, in fact, the 13-year-old whom he referenced was receiving medical care in an Israeli hospital after he stabbed two Israeli teenagers.

Even before these recent terror attacks, incitement within the Palestinian Authority has been well documented. If these are the messages that

are sent to Palestinian youth, if they never see the State of Israel on a map in their textbooks or if they watch television programs that glorify attacks on Israelis and Jews, how can we ever expect him to be committed to peace?

By passing today's resolution, the United States House of Representatives is sending a message. It is a very simple message to the world, that we stand with the people of Israel as they face this onslaught of terror and that incitement spurred by inflammatory, violent rhetoric will not be tolerated.

We won't tolerate officials using religion as a means to spur violence, and we won't tolerate actions like the recent Palestinian-backed resolution at UNESCO that attempted to rewrite history and inflame tension on the ground.

Our resolution also expresses support for individuals and organizations that are working to encourage cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians. Unfortunately, President Abbas and his government are doing just the opposite.

Mr. Speaker, there must be an end to this wave of terrorism. It is time to stop the spread of incitement. This resolution puts the House on record that incitement leads to violence, and it must end if there is to be a chance for peace.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN), who is a member of our Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. ZELDIN. I thank Ms. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN for her inspiring leadership in bringing forth this bipartisan resolution.

I am inspired as I listen to the words of Mr. DEUTCH and Mr. ENGEL as this is something that allows Americans to unite for a cause of strengthening our relationships with our friends, like Israel, ensuring that we treat our enemies as our enemies.

Mr. Speaker, according to the Maariv daily, Palestinian Authority President Abbas said in a Ramallah address:

We will not forsake our country, and we will keep every inch of our land. Every drop of blood spilled in Jerusalem is pure. Every Shahid will reach paradise, and every injured person will be rewarded by God.

The Palestinian Authority President said he would insist that a future Palestinian state include East Jerusalem as its capital. He said:

The Al-Aqsa Mosque is ours. The church is ours as well. They have no right to desecrate the mosque with their dirty feet. We won't allow them to do that.

A top Hamas official in the Gaza Strip called on all of the Palestinians to turn their weapons against the Israelis, saying that Allah created man only to wage jihad and to plunge knives into the chests of the enemies.

We hear a lot of talk about the pursuit of a viable two-state solution. It is not just about Israel and its recognizing the Palestinians' right to exist.

It is also about the Palestinians and its recognizing Israel's right to exist. Yet the Palestinian Authority, by the day, is under more and more influence of an element that will not rest until the other side is wiped off the map.

I was disturbed when the Secretary of State's spokesperson, John Kirby, said:

Individuals on both sides of this divide are, have been proven capable of, and, in our view, are guilty of acts of terrorism.

Last month the State Department claimed that the Temple Mount status quo was violated. I was just there a couple of months back. I was at a place called Decks Restaurant in Tiberias. It is right on the Sea of Galilee.

The owner of the restaurant got on the microphone—the place was crowded with locals—and she started preaching about her love of America, about her appreciation of the strength of that bond between the U.S. and Israel.

As she is saying this, a boat pulls in off the Sea of Galilee and starts setting off fireworks. As the fireworks start blowing off, they start playing “God Bless America” over the loud speaker. All the locals stood up and were singing along, and if they didn't know the words, they were lip-syncing it.

It was such a proud moment. Where else in the world can you go where you will find a restaurant at which the owner will get on the microphone and start talking about her love of America?

I value the relationship that we have with our friends, such as Israel. We didn't see the Israeli Prime Minister going on international TV trying to embarrass the President of the United States after there was a hospital strike, which the President took responsibility for.

It is important that we don't embarrass our allies and that we stand with them in tough times. Right now we stand with innocent victims in Israel, who are being targeted by terrorist attacks through the incitement of violence by the leadership of the Palestinian Authority.

That is why I am so proud to stand here today with Ms. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN for, again, her consistent and strong dedication and leadership and for her determination in ensuring that this body stands united with Israel every single day.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In closing, as you have heard from everyone who has spoken, the recent surge of Palestinian violence against Israel must stop. It must stop to save innocent lives. It must stop so that negotiations can go forward. It must stop because acts of terrorism are not to be tolerated.

Any way you look at it, these are terrorist acts, and the only way we can have peace and the only way we can have a two-state solution is if both parties sit opposite each other, with no preconditions, and start negotiating.

I do support a two-state solution—a Palestinian Arab state and an Israeli

Jewish state—living together in peace and harmony; but it is not going to happen if the Palestinian leadership, which is bankrupt in more ways than one, refuses to teach its people the right thing, if it refuses to repudiate acts of terror.

Mahmoud Abbas, or Abu Mazen—the leader of the Palestinians—is, I think, on the eighth year of his 4-year term. He is not really legitimate anymore. The more he talks with rhetoric and incitement, the less relevant he becomes.

It is really a shame because I do think that the Palestinians deserve better and I do think that, ultimately, they deserve their own state; but they will not have their own state if they resort to terror. It is bankrupt, and it is a dead end for them.

Instead of encouraging these kinds of acts of terror against innocent civilians, the leadership of the Palestinians ought to be dismissing it, ought to be condemning it, ought to be taking strong stands against it. We have yet to hear, and that is why this resolution is so important.

This resolution sends the signal that Palestinian leaders have a responsibility to repudiate this violence and put an end to the horrific campaign of incitement against Jews and Israelis.

Everyone who spoke today is saying the same thing. We are saying the same thing because it is clear as night and day what is going on over there. So I urge all of my colleagues to support this measure.

The United States will always stand with the people of Israel, and the United States will always stand against violence and terrorism wherever it rears its head around the world.

I again thank my good friend, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, for her leadership and Mr. DEUTCH for his leadership as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the chairman of our committee, Mr. ROYCE, for his help in bringing this resolution to the floor after the markup in the subcommittee and the full committee.

I want to thank Mr. ENGEL for his steadfast support of doing everything that is humanly possible to support efforts in getting peace in the Middle East and his support for the democratic Jewish state of Israel.

I want to thank Mr. DEUTCH, who is my partner on the Middle East and North Africa Subcommittee. He has been a person who understands the many obstacles to peace that the Palestinians encounter because of their failed leadership, and the responsibility lies in that leadership. I have had the opportunity to travel to Israel with Mr. DEUTCH, and I am very thankful for his friendship and for his guidance.

I also want to thank Mr. POE and Mr. ZELDIN—valued members of our Com-

mittee on Foreign Affairs—for their perspectives on how to reach peace, because, when all is said and done, this is what this resolution is all about.

We are condemning the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement to violence by the Palestinian Authority, but we do so because this is antithetical to the cause of peace, which is what this body is all about and what the United States' foreign policy is based on in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, securing a lasting peace between Israel and Palestine requires a commitment to humanizing the experiences of both peoples. Divisive rhetoric dehumanizes people and undermines the prospect of long-term peace. This resolution is divisive.

Incitement by either party, including Palestinian Authority leaders, is a serious issue and deserves to be condemned. But when we denounce the Palestinians and leave no mention of divisive rhetoric by the Israeli government, we do a disservice to Palestinians and Israelis. Just two weeks ago, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said “Hitler didn't want to exterminate the Jews.” He laid the blame for the Shoah at the feet of a Palestinian Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini. Al-Husseini was a virulent anti-Semite. But Prime Minister Netanyahu's blaming the idea of the Holocaust on a Palestinian, and by implication Palestinians, deserves to be condemned by this body just as Palestinian incitement does.

I oppose this resolution, not because the Palestinians are not inciting, and not because I believe this incitement should not be condemned. I oppose this resolution because any resolution that attacks one side while ignoring the other can only further tension and violence.

If Congress wants to be considered a legitimate arbiter of peace between Israel and Palestine we must pursue a balanced approach that calls for an end to incitement on both sides and both leaders to live up to their obligations under the Oslo Accords.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 293, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1853) to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.