

Public Law 99-415
99th Congress**An Act**

To authorize United States contributions to the International Fund established pursuant to the November 15, 1985, agreement between the United Kingdom and Ireland, as well as other assistance.

Sept. 19, 1986
[H.R. 4329]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Anglo-Irish
Agreement
Support Act of
1986.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Congress finds that the Anglo-Irish Agreement is a clear demonstration of the determination of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland to make progress concerning the complex situation in Northern Ireland. The Congress strongly supports the Anglo-Irish Agreement and is particularly encouraged that these two neighboring countries, long-standing friends of the United States, have joined together to rebuild a land that has too often been the scene of economic hardship and where many have suffered severely from the consequences of violence in recent years. In recognition of our ties of kinship, history, and commitment to democratic values, the Congress believes the United States should participate in this renewed commitment to social and economic progress in Northern Ireland and affected areas of Ireland.

(b) **PURPOSES.**—It is, therefore, the purpose of this Act to provide for United States contributions in support of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, such contributions to consist of economic support fund assistance for payment to the International Fund established pursuant to the Anglo-Irish Agreement, as well as other assistance to serve as an incentive for economic development and reconciliation in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The purpose of these United States contributions shall be to support the Anglo-Irish Agreement in promoting reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the establishment of a society in Northern Ireland in which all may live in peace, free from discrimination, terrorism, and intolerance, and with the opportunity for both communities to participate fully in the structures and processes of government.

SEC. 3. UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND.

(a) **FISCAL YEAR 1986.**—Of the amounts made available for the fiscal year 1986 to carry out chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (relating to the economic support fund), \$50,000,000 shall be used for United States contributions to the International Fund. Pending the formal establishment of the International Fund and submission of the certification required by section 5(c) of this Act, these funds may, pursuant to an agreement

22 USC 2346.

with the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland, be disbursed into and maintained in a separate account.

(b) **FISCAL YEARS 1987 AND 1988.**—Of the amounts made available for each of the fiscal years 1987 and 1988 to carry out that chapter, \$35,000,000 shall be used for United States contributions to the International Fund; and that amount is hereby authorized to be appropriated for each of those fiscal years to carry out that chapter (in addition to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated). Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

SEC. 4. OTHER ASSISTANCE.

(a) **AVAILABLE AUTHORITIES.**—In addition to other available authorities, the following authorities may be used to provide assistance or other support to carry out the purposes of section 2 of this Act:

- 22 USC 2151f. (1) Section 108 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (relating to the Private Sector Revolving Fund).
- 22 USC 2181-2183. (2) Sections 221 through 223 of that Act (relating to the Housing Guaranty Program).
- 22 USC 2191. (3) Title IV of chapter 2 of part I of that Act (relating to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation), without regard to the limitation contained in paragraph (2) of the second undesignated paragraph of section 231 of that Act.
- 22 USC 2421. (4) Section 661 of that Act (relating to the Trade and Development Program).

(b) **OTHER LAWS.**—Assistance under this Act may be provided without regard to any other provision of law.

SEC. 5. CONDITIONS AND UNDERSTANDINGS RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) **PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.**—The United States contributions provided for in this Act may be used only to support and promote economic and social reconstruction and development in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The restrictions contained in sections 531(e) and 660(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 apply with respect to any such contributions.

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(b) **UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF THE FUND.**—The President shall make every effort, in consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland, to ensure that there is United States representation on the Board of the International Fund.

(c) **PRIOR CERTIFICATIONS.**—Each fiscal year, the United States may make contributions to the International Fund only if the President certifies to the Congress that he is satisfied that—

- (1) the Board of the International Fund, as a whole, is broadly representative of the interests of the communities in Ireland and Northern Ireland; and
- (2) disbursements from the International Fund—
 - (A) will be distributed in accordance with the principle of equality of opportunity and nondiscrimination in employment, without regard to religious affiliation; and
 - (B) will address the needs of both communities in Northern Ireland.

Each such certification shall include a detailed explanation of the basis for the President's decision.

SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORTS.

President of U.S.

At the end of each fiscal year in which the United States Government makes any contribution to the International Fund, the President shall report to the Congress on the degree to which—

(1) the International Fund has contributed to reconciliation between the communities in Northern Ireland;

(2) the United States contribution to the International Fund is meeting its objectives of encouraging new investment, job creation, and economic reconstruction on the basis of strict equality of opportunity; and

(3) the International Fund has increased respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all people in Northern Ireland.

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SEC. 7. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FUNDS FOR "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES".

(a) DISBURSEMENTS, AUDITS, AND REPORTS.—The provisions relating to disbursements on vouchers, audits, and submission of reports with respect to expenditures pursuant to the Joint Resolution of July 11, 1956 (Public Law 689), shall also apply with respect to expenditures pursuant to section 109(c) of the Act of November 22, 1983 (Public Law 98-164).

22 USC 1928a.

97 Stat. 1019.

(b) FUNDS SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS.—That section is amended—

(1) by striking out "In addition to" and inserting in lieu thereof "Of";

(2) by striking out "by section 102(2)" and all that follows through "1985" and inserting in lieu thereof "for each fiscal year";

(3) by inserting "may be used" before "for expenses"; and

(4) by striking out all that follows "participation in" through "such as".

SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act—

(1) the term "Anglo-Irish Agreement" means the Agreement Between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom dated November 15, 1985; and

(2) the term "International Fund" means the international fund for economic development projects in Northern Ireland and Ireland, established pursuant to Article 10 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

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