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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONDIT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Aid Reporting
5 Reform Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE JUSTIFICATION RE-**
2 **PORT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In conjunction with the submis-
4 sion of the annual requests for enactment of authoriza-
5 tions and appropriations for foreign assistance programs
6 for each fiscal year, the President shall submit to the Con-
7 gress a single report containing—

8 (1) an integrated justification for all foreign as-
9 sistance programs proposed by the President for the
10 coming fiscal year; and

11 (2) an assessment of when the objectives of
12 those programs will be achieved so that the assist-
13 ance can be terminated.

14 (b) SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED.—
15 Each such report shall include the following:

16 (1) INFORMATION REGARDING A FOREIGN AS-
17 SISTANCE PROGRAM GENERALLY.—For each foreign
18 assistance program taken as a whole—

19 (A) the total amount of assistance pro-
20 posed to be provided under that program;

21 (B) the justification for that amount;

22 (C) the objectives that assistance under
23 that program is intended to achieve;

24 (D) an explanation of the relationship of
25 assistance under that program to assistance
26 under other foreign assistance programs; and

1 (E) the President's estimation of the date
2 by which the objectives of that program will be
3 achieved and the program terminated.

4 (2) INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC ASSIST-
5 ANCE RECIPIENTS.—For each country or organiza-
6 tion which is a proposed recipient of assistance
7 under any foreign assistance program—

8 (A) the amount of each type of assistance
9 proposed;

10 (B) the justification for providing each
11 such type of assistance;

12 (C) the objectives that each such type of
13 assistance is intended to achieve;

14 (D) an explanation of the relationship of
15 each type of assistance proposed to other types
16 of assistance proposed for that recipient; and

17 (E) the President's estimation of the date
18 by which the objectives of assistance for such
19 recipient under each foreign assistance program
20 will be achieved and assistance under that pro-
21 gram to that recipient terminated.

22 The information required by subparagraphs (A)
23 through (E) shall be provided on a recipient-by-
24 recipient basis.

1 (3) INFORMATION REGARDING CENTRALLY-
2 FUNDED PROGRAMS.—For each centrally-funded
3 program under a foreign assistance program—

4 (A) the amount proposed for such pro-
5 gram;

6 (B) the justification for such program;

7 (C) the objectives each such program is in-
8 tended to achieve;

9 (D) an explanation of the relationship of
10 such program to other types of assistance pro-
11 posed under that foreign assistance program
12 and under other foreign assistance programs;
13 and

14 (E) the President's estimation of the date
15 by which the objectives of such program will be
16 achieved and such program terminated.

17 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL EXPLA-**
18 **NATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE**
19 **PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET.**

20 Any committee of the Congress reporting legislation
21 authorizing the enactment of new budget authority for, or
22 providing new budget authority for, foreign assistance pro-
23 grams shall include in the report accompanying that legis-
24 lation an explanation for any change proposed by that
25 committee—

1 (1) in the total amount of new budget authority
2 authorized or provided (as the case may be) for any
3 foreign assistance program as compared to the
4 amount proposed by the President; or

5 (2) in the amount of assistance for any specific
6 recipient of assistance, or for any centrally-funded
7 program, under any foreign assistance program as
8 compared to the amount proposed by the President.

9 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

10 As used in this Act, the term “foreign assistance pro-
11 gram” includes—

12 (1) any program of assistance authorized by the
13 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (such as the devel-
14 opment assistance program, the economic support
15 fund program, and the international military edu-
16 cation and training program) or authorized by the
17 African Development Foundation Act, section 401 of
18 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1969 (relating to the
19 Inter-American Development Foundation), or any
20 other foreign assistance legislation;

21 (2) any program of grant, credit, or guaranty
22 assistance under the Arms Export Control Act;

23 (3) assistance under the Migration and Refugee
24 Assistance Act of 1962;

1 (4) assistance under any title of the Agricul-
2 tural Trade Development and Assistance Act of
3 1954;

4 (5) contributions to the International Monetary
5 Fund;

6 (6) contributions to the International Bank for
7 Reconstruction and Development, the International
8 Development Association, or any other institution
9 within the World Bank group; and

10 (7) contributions to any regional multilateral
11 development bank.

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