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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REPORTS ON TRAVEL OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH**
2 **OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) REPORTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—(1) Ex-
4 cept as provided in paragraph (2), each officer and em-
5 ployee of an Executive Branch agency who travels abroad
6 to attend an international conference shall submit to the
7 Director of the Office of International Conferences of the
8 Department of State a report with respect to such travel
9 under subsection (b) not later than 30 days after the com-
10 pletion of such travel.

11 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of travel
12 by the following:

13 (A) The President.

14 (B) The Vice President.

15 (C) Any officer or employee who is—

16 (i) carrying out an intelligence or intel-
17 ligence-related activity;

18 (ii) performing a protective function; or

19 (iii) engaged in a sensitive diplomatic mis-
20 sion.

21 (b) REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall
22 set forth the following:

23 (1) The name and agency of the officer or em-
24 ployee concerned.

25 (2) The duration and cost of the travel in-
26 volved.

1 (3) The name of the official who authorized the
2 travel.

3 (c) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—(1) Not
4 later than April 1, 1999, and every six months thereafter,
5 the Director shall submit to the Committees on Foreign
6 Relations and Appropriations of the Senate and the Com-
7 mittees on International Relations and Appropriations of
8 the House of Representatives a report regarding the travel
9 covered by the reports submitted to the Director under
10 subsection (a) during the 6-month period ending on the
11 date of the report under this paragraph.

12 (2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall set forth
13 with respect to the period covered by such report the fol-
14 lowing:

15 (A) The names and agencies of the officers and
16 employees who traveled abroad to attend an inter-
17 national conference during such period.

18 (B) Each official who authorized the travel cov-
19 ered by subparagraph (A) and the total number of
20 officers and employees whose travel was authorized
21 by such official.

22 (C) The total cost of the travel covered by sub-
23 paragraph (A).

24 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
25 than six months after the date of enactment of this Act,

1 and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the
2 committees referred to in subsection (c) a report setting
3 forth—

4 (1) the total expenditures by the Federal Gov-
5 ernment on all official travel abroad by each Execu-
6 tive Branch agency during the preceding fiscal year;
7 and

8 (2) the total number of officials, officers, and
9 employees of each such agency who engaged in such
10 travel during that fiscal year.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “Executive Branch agency” has
13 the meaning given the term “Executive agency” in
14 section 105 of title 5, United States Code, except
15 that the term also includes the Executive Office of
16 the President but does not include the General Ac-
17 counting Office.

18 (2) The term “international conference” means
19 any meeting held under the auspices of an inter-
20 national organization or foreign government at
21 which representatives of more than two foreign gov-
22 ernments are expected to be in attendance and to

- 1 which one or more Executive Branch agencies will
- 2 send an aggregate of 10 or more representatives.

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Attest:

Clerk.