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To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. BROWNBACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

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 “Equality for Israel at  
5       the United Nations Act of 1998”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FULL EQUALITY AT THE** 7       **UNITED NATIONS FOR ISRAEL.**

8       (a) CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT.—It is the sense of  
9       the Congress that—

10           (1) the United States must help promote an  
11           end to the persistent inequity experienced by Israel

1 in the United Nations whereby Israel is the only  
2 longstanding member of the organization to be de-  
3 nied acceptance into any of the United Nations re-  
4 gional blocs, which serve as the basis for participa-  
5 tion in important activities of the United Nations,  
6 including rotating membership on the United Na-  
7 tions Security Council; and

8 (2) the United States Ambassador to the  
9 United Nations should take all steps necessary to  
10 ensure Israel's acceptance in the Western Europe  
11 and Others Group (WEOG) regional bloc, whose  
12 membership includes the non-European countries of  
13 Canada, Australia, and the United States.

14 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act and on a quar-  
16 terly basis thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit  
17 to the appropriate congressional committees a report  
18 which includes the following information (in classified or  
19 unclassified form as appropriate):

20 (1) Actions taken by representatives of the  
21 United States, including the United States Amba-  
22 sador to the United Nations, to encourage the na-  
23 tions of the Western Europe and Others Group  
24 (WEOG) to accept Israel into their regional bloc.

1           (2) Efforts undertaken by the Secretary Gen-  
2       eral of the United Nations to secure Israel's full and  
3       equal participation in that body.

4           (3) Specific responses solicited and received by  
5       the Secretary of State from each of the nations of  
6       Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) on  
7       their position concerning Israel's acceptance into  
8       their organization.

9           (4) Other measures being undertaken, and  
10      which will be undertaken, to ensure and promote  
11      Israel's full and equal participation in the United  
12      Nations.

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