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Urging the discontinuance of financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority unless and until the Palestinian Authority demonstrates a 100-percent maximum effort to curtail terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Urging the discontinuance of financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority unless and until the Palestinian Authority demonstrates a 100-percent maximum effort to curtail terrorism.

Whereas United States law requires the Palestinian Authority to exert a maximum 100-percent effort to fight terrorism in order to continue to receive United States foreign assistance;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has failed to make that 100-percent maximum effort as evidenced by Chairman Yassir Arafat's open embrace of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi on August 20, 1997;

Whereas a Palestinian terrorist bombed a Tel Aviv restaurant on March 21, 1997, killing 3 Israelis and wounding 12 others;

Whereas 2 Hamas suicide bombers attacked a crowded outdoor market in Jerusalem on July 30, 1997, killing 13 Israelis and wounding over 150 others;

Whereas 3 Hamas suicide bombers detonated their bombs in a popular pedestrian mall in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997, killing 5 Israelis and wounding approximately 170 others;

Whereas Secretary of State Madeleine Albright conceded in testimony before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations on May 22, 1997, that Chairman Arafat had not given a red light to stop Palestinian terrorism;

Whereas in fact the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority are at war with Israel;

Whereas the PLO has built up a police force of more than 30,000 men and armed it with sophisticated weapons; and

Whereas continued United States assistance and assistance from allies of the United States will only strengthen the ability of the PLO to continue terrorism and ultimately wage an all-out war: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the United States should discontinue
- 2 all financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority, and
- 3 the United States should urge allies of the United States
- 4 to do the same, unless and until the Palestinian Authority

- 1 demonstrates a 100-percent maximum effort to curtail ter-
- 2 rorism.

