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# H. R. 1054

To prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries that consistently oppose the United States position in the United Nations General Assembly.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1999

Mr. GOODLING (for himself, Mr. METCALF, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BRADY of Texas, and Mr. BAKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

To prohibit certain foreign assistance to countries that consistently oppose the United States position in the United Nations General Assembly.

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 “United Nations Voting  
5 Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT**  
2 **CONSISTENTLY OPPOSE THE UNITED STATES**  
3 **POSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL**  
4 **ASSEMBLY.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—United States assistance may not  
6 be provided to a country that consistently opposed the  
7 United States position in the United Nations General As-  
8 sembly during the most recent session of the General As-  
9 sembly.

10 (b) CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.—If—

11 (1) the Secretary of State determines that,  
12 since the beginning of the most recent session of the  
13 General Assembly, there has been a fundamental  
14 change in the leadership and policies of the govern-  
15 ment of a country to which the prohibition in sub-  
16 section (a) applies, and

17 (2) the Secretary believes that because of that  
18 change the government of that country will no  
19 longer consistently oppose the United States position  
20 in the General Assembly,

21 the Secretary may exempt that country from that prohibi-  
22 tion. Any such exemption shall be effective only until sub-  
23 mission of the next report under section 406 of the For-  
24 eign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and  
25 1991 (22 U.S.C. 2414a). The Secretary shall submit to  
26 the Congress a certification of each exemption made under

1 this subsection. Such certification shall be accompanied by  
2 a discussion of the basis for the Secretary's determination  
3 and belief with respect to such exemption.

4 (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of State  
5 may waive the requirement of subsection (a) if the Sec-  
6 retary determines and reports to the Congress that despite  
7 the United Nations voting pattern of a particular country,  
8 the provision of United States assistance to that country  
9 is necessary to promote United States foreign policy objec-  
10 tives.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

12 (1) the term “consistently opposed the United  
13 States position” means, in the case of a country,  
14 that the country's votes in the United Nations Gen-  
15 eral Assembly coincided with the United States posi-  
16 tion less than 25 percent of the time, using for this  
17 purpose the overall percentage-of-voting coincidences  
18 set forth in the annual report submitted to the Con-  
19 gress pursuant to section 406 of the Foreign Rela-  
20 tions Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and  
21 1991;

22 (2) the term “most recent session of the Gen-  
23 eral Assembly” means the most recently completed  
24 plenary session of the General Assembly for which  
25 overall percentage-of-voting coincidences is set forth

1 in the most recent report submitted to the Congress  
2 pursuant to section 406 of the Foreign Relations  
3 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991; and

4 (3) the term “United States assistance” means  
5 assistance under—

6 (A) chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign As-  
7 sistance Act of 1961 (relating to the economic  
8 support fund),

9 (B) chapter 5 of part II of that Act (relat-  
10 ing to international military education and  
11 training), or

12 (C) the “Foreign Military Financing Pro-  
13 gram” account under section 23 of the Arms  
14 Export Control Act.

15 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect  
16 upon the date of the submission to the Congress of the  
17 report pursuant to section 406 of the Foreign Relations  
18 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, that is  
19 required to be submitted by March 31, 2000.

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