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To establish reform criteria to permit payment of United States arrearages
in assessed contributions to the United Nations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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States arrearages in assessed contributions to the United
Nations.

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 Re-
5 form Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF UNITED STATES ARREARAGES IN AS-** 7 **SESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NA-** 8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
10 sion of law, for each of the fiscal years 2000 through

1 2004, no funds shall be available for obligation or expendi-
2 ture to the United Nations for the payment of United
3 States assessed contributions to the United Nations more
4 than one year in arrears as of the date of enactment of
5 this Act, as determined by the United States Government,
6 except as provided for under procedures described in sub-
7 section (b).

8 (b) PROCEDURES FOR THE RELEASE OF UNITED
9 STATES ARREARAGES TO THE UNITED NATIONS.—In ac-
10 cordance with procedures applicable to reprogramming no-
11 tifications under section 34 of the State Department Basic
12 Authorities Act of 1956, for each fiscal year 2000 through
13 2004, the President may make available for obligation or
14 expenditure to the United Nations an amount not to ex-
15 ceed 20 percent of United States assessed contributions
16 to the United Nations more than one year in arrears as
17 of the date of enactment of this Act, as determined by
18 the United States Government, if on January 31 of the
19 respective fiscal year the President determines and cer-
20 tifies to the relevant committees of the Congress that the
21 applicable reform criteria for that fiscal year has been
22 met.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

24 (1) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF THE CON-
25 GRESS.—The term “relevant committees of the Con-

gress” means the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) APPLICABLE REFORM CRITERIA.—The term “applicable reform criteria” means—

(A) for fiscal year 2000 that the United Nations has maintained a zero nominal growth budget in United States dollar terms and has made all of its programs, offices and activities open to auditing by the national auditing and inspecting agencies of its member states to include, but not be limited to the United States General Accounting Office and the State Department Office of Inspector General, that the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services has been fully funded at its request level, and that all products of the Office of Internal Oversight Services relevant to United Nations budgetary and administrative matters are available to all United Nations member states;

(B) for fiscal year 2001 that all criteria for fiscal year 2000 continue to be met and that

1 United States representation on the United Na-
2 tions Advisory Committee on Administrative
3 and Budgetary Questions has been restored;

4 (C) for fiscal year 2002 that all criteria for
5 fiscal years 2000 and 2001 continue to be met
6 and that procedures for assessing contributions
7 for United Nations peacekeeping activities have
8 been reformed to ensure that for all logistical,
9 in-kind, and non-cash aid provided by the
10 United States to support United Nations as-
11 sessed peacekeeping activities that the United
12 States either receives from the United Nations
13 cash reimbursement for the full value of such
14 aid or credit toward the payment of assessed
15 contributions for peacekeeping operations;

16 (D) for fiscal year 2003 that all criteria
17 for fiscal years 2000 through 2002 continue to
18 be met and that the United Nations has divided
19 its regular budget into a small “core” assessed
20 budget representing only those activities deter-
21 mined by the General Accounting Office to be
22 necessary for the United Nations to maintain
23 its existence under the terms of the United Na-
24 tions Charter and a voluntary “program” budg-
25 et that would include all United Nations pro-

1 grams, developmental activities, regional activi-
2 ties, economic and social activities, and related
3 staff; and

4 (E) for fiscal year 2004 that all criteria for
5 fiscal years 2000 through 2003 continue to be
6 met and that the United Nations has approved
7 and implemented systemwide structural reform,
8 entailing a significant reduction in staff, that
9 would eliminate all outdated activities and pro-
10 gram duplication and would encompass all rel-
11 evant United Nations specialized agencies.

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