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To provide for restrictions on travel by diplomatic representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization while in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No More Terror in
5 New York Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Yasser Arafat, in a letter sent to then
9 Israeli Prime Minister Rabin on September 9, 1993,

1 stated that the PLO “renounces the use of terrorism
2 and other acts of violence and will assume responsi-
3 bility over all PLO elements and personnel in order
4 to assure their compliance, prevent violations, and
5 discipline violators”.

6 (2) During the last 18 months of the
7 “Intifada” hundreds of Israelis have been killed in
8 numerous terrorist attacks committed by terrorists
9 belonging to Palestinian extremist organizations.

10 (3) The Department of State report of April
11 2001 on Palestinian compliance with the Oslo Ac-
12 cords details the involvement of the PLO’s Fatah
13 faction and Tanzim militant units in terrorism and
14 violent incitement, stating “Elements of Fatah, a
15 PLO faction, and members of the PA’s [Palestinian
16 Authority’s] security forces instigated and directly
17 participated in anti-Israel violence. . .”.

18 (4) According to the Israeli Government, more
19 than 70 percent of terrorist attacks in Israel have
20 been committed by the Fatah, Tanzim and its mili-
21 tary brigades, and by Force 17, Yasser Arafat’s
22 Presidential Guard.

23 (5) The PLO recently attempted to smuggle
24 more than 50 tons of arms from Iran into PLO-con-
25 trolled territory.

1 (6) President Bush said “Ordering up weapons
2 that were intercepted on a boat headed for that part
3 of the world is not part of fighting terror [. . .]
4 That’s enhancing terror.”.

5 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT REGARDING UNITED**
6 **STATES POLICY.**

7 The Congress—

8 (1) finds that the PLO is in violation of the
9 Oslo Accords under which the organization made a
10 commitment to abandon and renounce terrorism;

11 (2) urges the President to withdraw or termi-
12 nate any waiver by the President of the require-
13 ments of section 1003 of the Foreign Relations Au-
14 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989;

15 (3) urges the Secretary of State to designate
16 the PLO, appropriate constituent groups (including
17 Fatah and Tanzim), and appropriate groups oper-
18 ating as arms of the Palestinian Authority (includ-
19 ing Force 17) as a foreign terrorist organization
20 under section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
21 ality Act;

22 (4) urges the President to direct the United
23 States Representative to the United Nations to take
24 all appropriate measures to ensure termination of

1 the permanent observer status of the PLO at the
2 United Nations;

3 (5) calls upon the United Nations General As-
4 sembly to revoke the permanent observer status of
5 the PLO; and

6 (6) calls upon the United Nations General As-
7 sembly to revoke any status relating to the United
8 Nations under which the PLO is able to maintain an
9 office in New York City.

10 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF PLO**
11 **UNITED NATIONS MISSION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
13 sion of law, any alien admitted to the United States with
14 diplomatic status as a representative of the PLO shall be
15 subject to restrictions on travel while in the United States
16 under this section.

17 (b) RESTRICTED TRAVEL AREA.—PLO representa-
18 tives in the United States shall be restricted to travel with-
19 in a 25 mile radius of the United Nations Headquarters
20 Building.

21 (c) PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR OTHER TRAV-
22 EL.—PLO representatives shall submit a written request
23 to the Department of State concerning travel in the
24 United States outside of the area designated under sub-
25 section (b). Each request shall be accompanied by such

1 information as the Secretary of State shall require. PLO
2 representatives must obtain approval of travel not later
3 than 48 hours prior to the initiation of travel. Any nec-
4 essary tickets for transportation and accommodations dur-
5 ing such travel shall be arranged through the Office of
6 Foreign Missions of the Department of State.

7 **SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

8 (a) PLO INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISM.—Begin-
9 ning 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act
10 and every 6 months thereafter, the Secretary of State shall
11 submit a report on the PLO's involvement with acts of
12 terror and terrorist groups to the Committee on Inter-
13 national Relations of the House of Representatives and
14 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

15 (b) PLO TRAVEL.—Beginning 6 months after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act and every 6 months
17 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit a report
18 on travel by PLO diplomatic representatives in the United
19 States outside of the restricted travel area to the Com-
20 mittee on International Relations of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
22 the Senate.

23 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

24 For the purposes of this Act:

1 (1) The term “Oslo Accords” means all agree-
2 ments signed between the Government of Israel and
3 the Palestine Liberation Organization or Palestinian
4 Authority since September 13, 1993.

5 (2) The term “PLO” means Palestine Libera-
6 tion Organization.

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