

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3979

To provide for the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2002

Mr. PITTS (for himself and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The Republic of Uzbekistan has been found
6 to be in full compliance with the freedom of emigra-
7 tion requirements under title IV of the Trade Act of
8 1974.

1 (2) Since its independence from the Soviet
2 Union in 1991, Uzbekistan has made progress to-
3 ward a free-market economy system.

4 (3) The United States and Uzbekistan reached
5 agreement on a draft bilateral investment treaty in
6 1994 and the treaty was subsequently ratified by
7 both countries.

8 (4) Uzbekistan has the potential to play a key
9 stabilizing and cooperative role in enhancing the
10 independence and security of the countries of the
11 Central Asia region.

12 (5) Engaging Uzbekistan through free and fair
13 trade is important for fostering continued progress
14 in democratic reforms and human rights.

15 (6) The extension of unconditional normal trade
16 relations treatment to the products of Uzbekistan
17 will enable the United States to avail itself of all
18 rights under the World Trade Organization with re-
19 spect to Uzbekistan.

20 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
21 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO UZBEKISTAN.**

22 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
23 SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-
24 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
25 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

1 (1) determine that such title should no longer
2 apply to the Republic of Uzbekistan; and

3 (2) after making a determination under para-
4 graph (1) with respect to Uzbekistan, proclaim the
5 extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal
6 trade relations treatment) to the products of that
7 country.

8 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—

9 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
10 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
11 ucts of Uzbekistan, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
12 cease to apply to that country.

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