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To prohibit United States assistance to foreign countries that oppose the position of the United States in the United Nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. OTTER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HALL, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MARCHANT, and Ms. FOXX) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To prohibit United States assistance to foreign countries that oppose the position of the United States in 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 Voting
5 Accountability Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT**
2 **OPPOSE THE POSITION OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—United States assistance may not
5 be provided to a country that opposed the position of the
6 United States in the United Nations.

7 (b) EXEMPTION DUE TO CHANGE IN GOVERN-
8 MENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may
10 exempt a country from the prohibition described in
11 subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that since
12 the beginning of the most recent session of the Gen-
13 eral Assembly—

14 (A) there has been a fundamental change
15 in the leadership and policies of the government
16 of a country to which the prohibition in such
17 subsection applies; and

18 (B) as a result of such change the govern-
19 ment of such country will no longer oppose the
20 position of the United States in the United Na-
21 tions.

22 (2) DURATION OF EXEMPTION.—An exemption
23 under paragraph (1) shall be effective only until sub-
24 mission of the next report required under section
25 406 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fis-
26 cal Years 1990 and 1991 (22 U.S.C. 2414a) that is

1 submitted after the Secretary makes such an exemp-
2 tion.

3 (3) NOTIFICATION AND DISCUSSION.—The Sec-
4 retary shall notify Congress with respect to an ex-
5 emption made under paragraph (1), together with a
6 discussion of the basis for the Secretary’s determina-
7 tion with respect to each such exemption.

8 (c) EXEMPTION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY INTER-
9 ESTS.—The President may exempt a country from the
10 prohibition described in subsection (a) if the President de-
11 termines that such exemption is in the national security
12 interests of the United States.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act—

14 (1) the term “opposed the position of the
15 United States” means, in the case of a country, that
16 the country’s votes in the United Nations General
17 Assembly during the most recent session of the Gen-
18 eral Assembly and, in the case of a country which
19 is a member of the United Nations Security Council,
20 the country’s votes in the Security Council during
21 the most recent session of the General Assembly,
22 were the same as the position of the United States
23 less than 50 percent of the time, using for this pur-
24 pose a comparison of the vote cast by each member
25 country with the vote cast by the United States, as

1 described in the annual report submitted to Con-
2 gress pursuant to section 406 of the Foreign Rela-
3 tions Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and
4 1991;

5 (2) the term “most recent session of the Gen-
6 eral Assembly” means the most recently completed
7 plenary session of the General Assembly for which a
8 comparison of the vote cast by each member country
9 with the vote cast by the United States is described
10 in the most recent report submitted to Congress
11 pursuant to section 406 of the Foreign Relations
12 Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991; and

13 (3) the term “United States assistance” means
14 assistance under—

15 (A) chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign As-
16 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.;
17 relating to the economic support fund);

18 (B) chapter 5 of part II of such Act (22
19 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.; relating to international
20 military education and training); or

21 (C) the “Foreign Military Financing Pro-
22 gram” account under section 23 of the Arms
23 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763).

24 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect
25 upon the date of the submission to Congress of the report

1 required under section 406 of the Foreign Relations Au-
2 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991, that is re-
3 quired to be submitted by March 31, 2006.

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