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# H. R. 965

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRA-**  
2 **TION ACT.**

3 Section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act  
4 of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611(c)), is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(iv), by striking “and”  
6 after the semicolon;

7 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and  
8 inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) any Senator or Member of the House of  
11 Representatives (including a Delegate or Resident  
12 Commissioner to the Congress) who enters into any  
13 written agreement with any foreign person to modify  
14 any law or regulation of the United States that  
15 would result in easing any restriction imposed on  
16 any country the government of which has been de-  
17 termined by the Secretary of State, for purposes of  
18 section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of  
19 1979, section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
20 1961, section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act,  
21 or other provision of law, is a government that has  
22 repeatedly provided support for acts of international  
23 terrorism.”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT EN-**  
2 **HANCEMENT ACT OF 2000.**

3 Section 908(a) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and  
4 Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7207(a)) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
6 graph:

7 “(4) CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement or ac-  
9 tion on behalf of a foreign person which is de-  
10 scribed in subparagraph (B) shall be deemed to  
11 be United States export assistance prohibited  
12 under paragraph (1).

13 “(B) AGREEMENT OR ACTION DE-  
14 SCRIBED.—An agreement or action referred to  
15 in subparagraph (A) is a written agreement be-  
16 tween any United States person, including a  
17 Senator or Member of the House of Represent-  
18 atives (including a Delegate or Resident Com-  
19 missioner to the Congress), and a foreign per-  
20 son or any business concern, or any agent or  
21 representative thereof, or action by any such  
22 United States person on behalf of such foreign  
23 person, concern, agent, or representative, for  
24 the purpose of influencing or seeking a change  
25 in any law or regulation of the United States  
26 that would result in—

1 “(i) easing any restriction imposed on  
 2 any country the government of which has  
 3 been determined by the Secretary of State,  
 4 for purposes of section 6(j) of the Export  
 5 Administration Act of 1979, section 620A  
 6 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, sec-  
 7 tion 40 of the Arms Export Control Act, or  
 8 other provision of law, is a government  
 9 that has repeatedly provided support for  
 10 acts of international terrorism; and

11 “(ii) a financial benefit accruing to  
 12 the foreign person or business concern.”.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ETHICS VIOLA-**  
 14 **TIONS.**

15 It is the sense of the Congress that any Senator or  
 16 Member of the House of Representatives who enters into  
 17 any agreement or takes any action on behalf of a foreign  
 18 person which is described in paragraph (4)(B) of section  
 19 908(a) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export En-  
 20 hancement Act of 2000 (as added by section 2 of this Act)  
 21 should be sanctioned under the rules of the Senate or the  
 22 House of Representatives, as the case may be.

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