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To withhold United States contributions to the United Nations until the United Nations formally retracts the final report of the "United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict".

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

#### MAY 9, 2011

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. KYL, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign 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. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

- 4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
- 5 (1) On April 3, 2009, the President of the
  6 Human Rights Council established the United Na7 tions Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict
  8 with the directive "to investigate all violations of

international human rights law and international hu manitarian law that might have been committed at
 any time in the context of the military operations
 that were conducted in Gaza during the period from
 27 December 2008 and 18 January 2009, whether
 before, during or after".

7 (2) On September 29, 2009, the United Na8 tions Human Rights Council presented a report on
9 the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the
10 Gaza Conflict, a report most often referred to as the
11 "Goldstone Report", that accused Israel of potential
12 war crimes under the Rome Statute of the Inter13 national Criminal Court.

14 (3)On April 1, 2011,Justice Richard 15 Goldstone, the author of the Goldstone Report, 16 wrote an op-ed in the Washington Post about the 17 Goldstone Report and stated that more information 18 is now available regarding the Gaza War of 2008– 19 2009 and that, "If I had known then what I know 20 now, the Goldstone Report would have been a dif-21 ferent document.".

(4) Justice Goldstone reiterated the following
well known fact: "That the crimes allegedly committed by Hamas were intentional goes without say-

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1	ing—its rockets were purposefully and indiscrimi-
2	nately aimed at civilian targets.".
3	(5) Evidence that was made available following
4	the Goldstone Report confirms that Israel as a mat-
5	ter of policy did not intentionally target civilians.
6	(6) Justice Goldstone reiterated the well known
7	fact that the United Nations Human Rights Council
8	has long held a bias against Israel.
9	(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10	gress that now that evidence is available that undoubtedly
11	nullifies the most controversial aspects of the Goldstone
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turned to the general fund of the Treasury to be used for
 debt reduction purposes.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "formally 4 retracts" means a resolution adopted by the United Na-5 tions stating that insufficient information relating to the 6 subject matter of the report referred to in subsection (a) 7 was available before the release of such report and such 8 report is annulled.

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