

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 277

To prohibit assistance to the Palestinian Authority until it withdraws its request to join the International Criminal Court.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Defend Israel by
5 Defunding Palestinian Foreign Aid Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) On December 31, 2014, Mahmoud Abbas,
9 the President of the Palestinian Authority, signed

1 several international conventions in an attempt to
2 join the International Criminal Court.

3 (2) The Palestinian Authority has indicated
4 that it will seek to use the International Criminal
5 Court as a means to pursue charges against Israel.

6 (3) The Palestinian Authority remains engaged
7 in a unity government with Hamas, a terrorist orga-
8 nization responsible for countless deaths and whose
9 charter declares that “there is no solution to the
10 Palestinian question except by Jihad”.

11 (4) The United States provides more than
12 \$400,000,000 in assistance to the Palestinian Au-
13 thority each year.

14 (5) Section 7041(i)(2) of the Department of
15 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
16 Appropriations Act, 2015 (division J of Public Law
17 113–235) includes limitations on assistance to the
18 Palestinian Authority if it seeks to join the Inter-
19 national Criminal Court.

20 (6) The United States Government must make
21 immediately clear to the Palestinian Authority that
22 its attempts to join the International Criminal Court
23 will carry serious consequences.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING.**

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
3 amounts may be obligated or expended to provide any as-
4 sistance, loan guarantee, or debt relief to the Palestinian
5 Authority, or any affiliated governing entity, until the Pal-
6 estinian Authority withdraws its request to join the Inter-
7 national Criminal Court.

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