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To direct the Secretary of State to establish a unit within the Office of the Inspector General to audit United States contributions to multilateral and international organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana) 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 “International Spending
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUDIT OF UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO**
2 **MULTILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGA-**
3 **NIZATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
6 establish within the Office of Audits of the Office of the
7 Inspector General of the Department of State a unit to
8 be known as the “Unit to Audit US Contributions to Mul-
9 tilateral and International Organizations”.

10 (b) ANNUAL AUDIT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31
12 of each year, the unit established pursuant to sub-
13 section (a) shall submit to the Secretary an audit of
14 United States contributions to multilateral and
15 international organizations during the immediately
16 preceding fiscal year.

17 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each audit under paragraph
18 (1) shall include the following:

19 (A) Information relating to—

20 (i) the aggregate amount of United
21 States contributions to recipient multilat-
22 eral and international organizations;

23 (ii) the amount of contributions spent
24 on administrative costs in comparison to
25 projects; and

1 (iii) the purposes for each such con-
2 tribution.

3 (B) An analysis relating to—

4 (i) whether each such organization
5 achieved the purpose for the contributions;

6 (ii) fraud, waste, or abuse of such
7 contributions by each such organization;
8 and

9 (iii) whether the contributions re-
10 ceived by each such organization were in
11 turn provided directly or indirectly to—

12 (I) the People's Republic of
13 China;

14 (II) the Russian Federation;

15 (III) the Islamic Republic of
16 Iran;

17 (IV) the Democratic People's Re-
18 public of Korea;

19 (V) the Bolivarian Republic of
20 Venezuela;

21 (VI) the Syrian Arab Republic;
22 or

23 (VII) an organization designated
24 as a foreign terrorist organization
25 pursuant to section 219 of the Immi-

1 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
2 1189).

3 (C) Information relating to the challenges
4 of citizens of the United States seeking employ-
5 ment in the United Nations.

6 (D) Information relating to the whistle-
7 blower protection standards of multilateral and
8 international organizations receiving contribu-
9 tions.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the re-
11 ceipt of each audit under subsection (a), the Secretary
12 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
13 a report based on the information and analysis in each
14 such audit.

15 (d) LIMITATION.—No additional appropriations are
16 authorized to carry out this section, which shall be carried
17 out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appro-
18 priated to the Department of State.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—the term “appropriate congressional commit-
22 tees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs in
24 the House of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations in
2 the Senate.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of State.

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