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Purpose: To provide for restrictions on foreign assistance related to the status of the Palestinian mission to the United Nations.

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AMENDMENT INTENDED TO BE PROPOSED BY MR. BARRASSO (FOR himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. INHOFE)

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1 At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 1246. STATUS OF PALESTINIAN MISSION TO UNITED**
4 **NATIONS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) The Oslo II Agreement, Wye River Memo,
8 and Sharm el-Sheikh Memo all prohibit either party
9 from “chang[ing] the status of the West Bank and

1 the Gaza Strip” prior to the completion of perma-
2 nent status negotiations.

3 (2) According to the Congressional Research
4 Service, the United States has committed over
5 \$4,000,000,000 in bilateral assistance to the Pal-
6 estinians since the mid-1990s.

7 (3) According to at least one media report, the
8 number of rockets and mortars fired at Israel from
9 Gaza as of November 22, 2012, is more than 2,300.

10 (b) REDUCED ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN AU-
11 THORITY FOR UNDERMINING ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PER-
12 MANENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.—The President shall
13 reduce by 50 percent the total United States assistance
14 provided to the Palestinian Authority if it seeks at any
15 time after November 25, 2012, at the United Nations
16 General Assembly or any other United Nations entity sta-
17 tus different than the status it held on November 25,
18 2012.

19 (c) REDUCED ASSISTANCE TO ANY UNITED NATIONS
20 ENTITY UNDERMINING ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PERMA-
21 NENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.—The President shall with-
22 hold 50 percent of the total appropriated contributions to
23 any United Nations entity if that entity grants at any time
24 after November 25, 2012, to the Palestinian mission a sta-

1 tus different than the status the Palestinian mission held
2 on November 25, 2012.

3 (d) REDUCED ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES UNDER-
4 MINING ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PERMANENT STATUS NE-
5 GOTIATIONS.—The President shall reduce by 20 percent
6 the total United States assistance provided to any country
7 voting after November 25, 2012, at the United Nations
8 in favor of—

9 (1) granting a Palestinian entity status as a
10 Member State;

11 (2) granting a Palestinian entity observer sta-
12 tus as a non-Member State; or

13 (3) otherwise altering the status of the Perma-
14 nent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United
15 Nations so as to grant it a status that interferes
16 with the resolution of permanent status issues be-
17 tween Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

18 (e) DURATION OF REDUCED AID.—

19 (1) FIRST FISCAL YEAR.—Assistance shall be
20 reduced under subsection (b), (c), or (d) for the fis-
21 cal year in which the conditions of such subsection
22 are met.

23 (2) SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—

24 (A) ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN AU-
25 THORITY OR UNITED NATIONS ENTITY.—Assist-

1 ance shall continue to be reduced pursuant to
2 subsections (b) and (c) in each subsequent fis-
3 cal year until permanent status issues between
4 Israel and the Palestinian Authority are fully
5 resolved.

6 (B) ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES UNDER-
7 MINING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.—Assistance
8 shall continue to be reduced pursuant to sub-
9 section (d) until the country subject to the re-
10 striction subsequently votes at the United Na-
11 tions to revert the status of the Palestinian mis-
12 sion back to the status it held on November 25,
13 2012.

14 (f) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.—The President may ex-
15 empt a country from the restriction described in sub-
16 section (d) if the President determines such exemption is
17 in the national security interests of the United States and
18 submits to Congress a written statement explaining such
19 national security interest.