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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 NO. 3139

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1 At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

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

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Oslo II Agreement, Wye River Memo, and Sharm el-Sheikh Memo all prohibit either party from “chang[ing] the status of the West Bank and
the Gaza Strip” prior to the completion of permanent status negotiations.

(2) According to the Congressional Research Service, the United States has committed over $4,000,000,000 in bilateral assistance to the Palestinians since the mid-1990s.

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

(b) Reduced Assistance to Palestinian Authority for Undermining Israeli-Palestinian Permanent Status Negotiations.—The President shall reduce by 50 percent the total United States assistance provided to the Palestinian Authority if it seeks at any time after November 25, 2012, at the United Nations General Assembly or any other United Nations entity status different than the status it held on November 25, 2012.

(e) Reduced Assistance to Any United Nations Entity Undermining Israeli-Palestinian Permanent Status Negotiations.—The President shall withhold 50 percent of the total appropriated contributions to any United Nations entity if that entity grants at any time after November 25, 2012, to the Palestinian mission a sta-
tus different than the status the Palestinian mission held
on November 25, 2012.

(d) REDUCED ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES UNDERMINING ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PERMANENT STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.—The President shall reduce by 20 percent the total United States assistance provided to any country voting after November 25, 2012, at the United Nations in favor of—

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

(2) granting a Palestinian entity observer status as a non-Member State; or

(3) otherwise altering the status of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations so as to grant it a status that interferes with the resolution of permanent status issues between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

(e) DURATION OF REDUCED AID.—

(1) FIRST FISCAL YEAR.—Assistance shall be reduced under subsection (b), (c), or (d) for the fiscal year in which the conditions of such subsection are met.

(2) SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—

(A) ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY OR UNITED NATIONS ENTITY.—Assist-
ance shall continue to be reduced pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) in each subsequent fiscal year until permanent status issues between Israel and the Palestinian Authority are fully resolved.

(B) ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES UNDERMINING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.—Assistance shall continue to be reduced pursuant to subsection (d) until the country subject to the restriction subsequently votes at the United Nations to revert the status of the Palestinian mission back to the status it held on November 25, 2012.

(f) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.—The President may exempt a country from the restriction described in subsection (d) if the President determines such exemption is in the national security interests of the United States and submits to Congress a written statement explaining such national security interest.