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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Cicilline (for himself and Mr. Zeldin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “UNRWA Accountability Act of 2018”.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should—
(1) continue to oppose anti-Israel bias at the United Nations and in United Nations agencies;

(2) define and convey to the United Nations and appropriate United Nations agencies reform priorities that should be met in order to facilitate future United States funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA); and

(3) support greater transparency in ongoing reform efforts at UNRWA.

SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY ON ADMINISTRATION POLICY REGARDING UNRWA.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report on the long term strategy for funding and policy towards UNRWA.

(b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A detailed strategy regarding future United States contributions to UNRWA, including the an-
ticipated United States contributions to UNRWA for
the five fiscal years after the date of the enactment
of this Act.

(2) An identification of the bureaus, entities,
and leadership positions and offices within the De-
partment of State or any other Executive branch
agencies that review United States contributions to
UNRWA, and an identification of the lead position
in each such agency who is overseeing each such cor-
responding review.

(3) The metrics, data, and other information
being used by the Department of State or any other
Executive branch agency to review United States
contributions to UNRWA.

(4) A description of any desired reforms the
Administration has submitted to or requested from
the United Nations or United Nations agencies that
UNRWA undertake as a condition for future fund-
ing.

(5) The national security impact of changes to
United States funding to UNRWA.

(c) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
(a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
clude a classified annex.