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H. R. 5898

To require the Secretary of State to develop a strategy on administration policy regarding UNRWA, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2018

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself and Mr. ZELDIN) 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 “UNRWA Account-
5 ability Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
8 should—

9 (1) continue to oppose anti-Israel bias at the
10 United Nations and in United Nations agencies;

1 (2) define and convey to the United Nations
2 and appropriate United Nations agencies reform pri-
3 orities that should be met in order to facilitate fu-
4 ture United States funding for the United Nations
5 Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees
6 (UNRWA); and

7 (3) support greater transparency in ongoing re-
8 form efforts at UNRWA.

9 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY ON ADMINISTRA-**
10 **TION POLICY REGARDING UNRWA.**

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

20 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
21 section (a) shall include the following:

22 (1) A detailed strategy regarding future United
23 States contributions to UNRWA, including the an-
24 ticipated United States contributions to UNRWA for

1 the five fiscal years after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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