

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

**TO H.RES. 293**

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Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the 1995 Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, commonly referred to as Oslo II, specifically details that Israel and the Palestinian Authority shall `abstain from incitement, including hostile propaganda, against each other and, without derogating from the principle of freedom of expression, shall take legal measures to prevent such incitement by any organizations, groups or individuals within their jurisdiction';

Whereas in spite of the Oslo II agreement, the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas repeatedly describes released Palestinian terrorists as `heroes' and Fatah's military wing publicly threatens to kidnap soldiers and launch missiles at Israel on the Fatah Facebook page and website;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority pays monthly `salaries' to families of Palestinian terrorists incarcerated in Israel;

Whereas Palestinian Authority Deputy Minister of Information Al-Mutawakkil Taha told official Palestinian Authority daily newspaper Al Hayat Al Jadida in early 2012 that, `Israel has gone beyond all forms of oppression practiced by fascism throughout history' and that it `does more than racist discrimination and ethnic cleansing';

Whereas official Palestinian websites and Facebook pages, including those of Abbas' Presidential Guards and Palestinian Authority schools, recurrently show maps of the land between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River without reference to Israel and in November 2012, the Palestinian Authority erected a statue in central Bethlehem square that displayed a map of the `state of Palestine' covering all of Israel;

Whereas the Oslo II agreement further dictates that Israel and the Palestinian Authority `will ensure that their respective educational systems contribute to the peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples and to peace in the entire region';

Whereas Zayzafuna, a monthly educational magazine for children sponsored by the Palestinian National Committee for Education, Culture and Sciences, regularly presents Adolf Hitler as a role model and in January 2012, Facebook pages of several Palestinian Authority high schools posted images of Hitler with his quotation, `I could have killed all the Jews in the world, but I left a few so that you would know why I killed them';

Whereas in June 2013, Abbas referenced Israeli acts which `indicate an evil and dangerous plot to destroy Al-Aqsa and build the alleged temple';

Whereas in July 2013, Palestinian official television aired a video of two girls reciting a poem that calls Jews 'barbaric monkeys, wretched pigs' and asserts that Jerusalem is not for Jews, because Jerusalem 'vomits' out the Jews who are said to be 'filth' and 'impure';

Whereas in a November 2014 address commemorating the 10th anniversary of Yasser Arafat's death, Abbas said that as Israel has no claim to Jerusalem, he will not allow the Temple Mount to be 'contaminated by Jews', and threatened that Jewish prayer at the site would cause a 'devastating religious war';

Whereas on January 29, 2015, two days after a bombing in northern Israel by U.S. designated foreign terror organization Hezbollah left two Israeli soldiers dead, the official daily newspaper of the Palestinian National Authority, Al-Hayat al-Jadida published a column by Palestine Liberation Organization Ambassador to India, Adli Sadeq, encouraging Palestinians to capture more Israeli soldiers and exchange them for Palestinian prisoners, stating, 'The Palestinians followed the developments of yesterday's event together, full of hope that the resistance fighters would capture Israeli soldiers and would hold them in order to exchange them,' and that Palestinians 'do not deny [their] joy' at the fact that Hezbollah killed two Israeli soldiers;

Whereas on July 17, 2015, the Palestinian Authority dedicated a city square in Nablus after Palestinian terrorist Naif Abu Sharakh, who was Nablus' commander of Fatah's military wing, the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, and who played a role in several terror attacks against Israelis, including the January 5, 2003 double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that left 23 people murdered and dozens more wounded;

Whereas section 7038 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act states that 'none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to provide equipment, technical support, consulting services , or any other form of assistance to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation;'

Whereas section 7040 (e) of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, requires the Secretary of State, if the President waives section 7040 (a) of that same Act, to 'certify and report to the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of funds that . . . the Palestinian Authority is acting to counter incitement of violence against Israelis and is supporting activities aimed at promoting peace, coexistence, and security cooperation with Israel';

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has not fully lived up to its prior agreements with Israel to end incitement and should do more to prepare the Palestinian people for peace with Israel: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives--

- (1) expresses support and admiration for individuals and organizations working to encourage cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians;
- (2) reiterates the strong condemnation of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement to violence in the Palestinian Authority as antithetical to the cause of peace;

- (3) calls on the Palestinian Authority to immediately discontinue incitement to violence in all state controlled media outlets, and officially and publicly repudiate purveyors of anti-Israel incitement to violence;
- (4) directs the United States Department of State to regularly monitor and publish information on all official incitement by the Palestinian Authority against Jews and the State of Israel; and
- (5) calls on the Administration to continue publicly repudiating and raising the issue of Palestinian anti-Israel incitement to violence in all appropriate bilateral and international forums.