

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 1837, With an  
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a  
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# H. R. 1837

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize assistance for Israel, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
3 “United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Re-  
4 gional Security Act”.

5 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for  
6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

**TITLE I—ENHANCED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL**

- Sec. 101. Coordinator of United States-Israel Research and Development.
- Sec. 102. Cooperation on directed energy capabilities.
- Sec. 103. Cooperation on cybersecurity.
- Sec. 104. Report on potential benefits and impact to the United States of establishing a joint United States-Israel Cybersecurity Center of Excellence.
- Sec. 105. Cyber diplomacy officer.
- Sec. 106. United States Agency for International Development Memorandum-Israel enhanced cooperation.
- Sec. 107. Cooperative projects among the United States, Israel, and developing countries.
- Sec. 108. Joint cooperative program related to innovation and high-tech for the Middle East region.
- Sec. 109. Sense of Congress on Eastern Mediterranean energy cooperation.
- Sec. 110. Cooperation on other matters.

**TITLE II—SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL**

- Sec. 201. Findings.
- Sec. 202. Statement of policy.
- Sec. 203. Contingency plans to provide Israel with necessary defense articles and services.
- Sec. 204. Waiver for existing or imminent military threat to Israel.
- Sec. 205. Security assistance for Israel.
- Sec. 206. Joint assessment of quantity of precision guided munitions for use by Israel.
- Sec. 207. Transfer of precision guided munitions to Israel.
- Sec. 208. Sense of Congress on rapid acquisition and deployment procedures.
- Sec. 209. Extension of War Reserves Stockpile authority.
- Sec. 210. Eligibility of Israel for the strategic trade authorization exception to certain export control licensing requirements.
- Sec. 211. Extension of loan guarantees to Israel.
- Sec. 212. Definition.

**TITLE III—JUSTICE FOR UNITED STATES VICTIMS OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISM**

- Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. Facilitation of the settlement of terrorism-related claims of nationals of the United States.

Sec. 303. Modification to consent of certain parties to personal jurisdiction.

1 **TITLE I—ENHANCED COOPERA-**  
2 **TION BETWEEN THE UNITED**  
3 **STATES AND ISRAEL**

4 **SEC. 101. COORDINATOR OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL RE-**  
5 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is encouraged to  
7 designate the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau  
8 of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific  
9 Affairs to act as Coordinator of United States-Israel Re-  
10 search and Development (in this section referred to as the  
11 “Coordinator”).

12 (b) AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.—The Coordinator, in  
13 conjunction with the heads of relevant Federal Govern-  
14 ment departments and agencies and in coordination with  
15 the Israel Innovation Authority, shall oversee civilian  
16 science and technology programs on a joint basis with  
17 Israel.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the  
20 Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
21 committees a report on the implementation of this section.

22 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
23 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
24 gressional committees” means—

1           (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
2           Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the  
3           House of Representatives; and

4           (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
5           the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
6           portation of the Senate.

7   **SEC. 102. COOPERATION ON DIRECTED ENERGY CAPABILI-**  
8                                   **TIES.**

9           (a) **AUTHORITY.**—

10           (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense,  
11           upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel  
12           and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,  
13           is authorized to carry out research, development,  
14           test, and evaluation activities, on a joint basis with  
15           Israel, to establish directed energy capabilities that  
16           address threats to the United States, deployed forces  
17           of the United States, or Israel. Any activities carried  
18           out pursuant to such authority shall be conducted in  
19           a manner that appropriately protects sensitive infor-  
20           mation and the national security interests of the  
21           United States and the national security interests of  
22           Israel.

23           (2) **REPORT.**—The activities described in para-  
24           graph (1) may be carried out after the Secretary of

1 Defense submits to the appropriate congressional  
2 committees a report setting forth the following:

3 (A) A memorandum of agreement between  
4 the United States and Israel regarding sharing  
5 of research and development costs for the capa-  
6 bilities described in paragraph (1), and any  
7 supporting documents.

8 (B) A certification that the memorandum  
9 of agreement—

10 (i) requires sharing of costs of  
11 projects, including in-kind support, be-  
12 tween the United States and Israel;

13 (ii) establishes a framework to nego-  
14 tiate the rights to any intellectual property  
15 developed under the memorandum of  
16 agreement; and

17 (iii) requires the United States Gov-  
18 ernment to receive semiannual reports on  
19 expenditure of funds, if any, by the Gov-  
20 ernment of Israel, including a description  
21 of what the funds have been used for,  
22 when funds were expended, and an identi-  
23 fication of entities that expended the  
24 funds.

25 (b) SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is  
2           authorized to provide maintenance and sustainment  
3           support to Israel for the directed energy capabilities  
4           research, development, test, and evaluation activities  
5           authorized in subsection (a)(1). Such authority in-  
6           cludes authority to install equipment necessary to  
7           carry out such research, development, test, and eval-  
8           uation.

9           (2) REPORT.—The support described in para-  
10          graph (1) may not be provided until 15 days after  
11          the Secretary of Defense submits to the appropriate  
12          congressional committees a report setting forth a de-  
13          tailed description of the support to be provided.

14          (3) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—The support  
15          described in paragraph (1) may not be provided un-  
16          less the Secretary of Defense certifies to the appro-  
17          priate congressional committees that the Govern-  
18          ment of Israel will contribute to such support—

19                 (A) an amount equal to not less than the  
20                 amount of support to be so provided; or

21                 (B) an amount that otherwise meets the  
22                 best efforts of Israel, as mutually agreed to by  
23                 the United States and Israel.

24          (c) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
25          designate an appropriate research and development entity

1 of a military department as the lead agency of the Depart-  
2 ment of Defense in carrying out this section.

3 (d) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of De-  
4 fense shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees on a semiannual basis a report that contains a  
6 copy of the most recent semiannual report provided by the  
7 Government of Israel to the Department of Defense pur-  
8 suant to subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii).

9 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
10 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congress-  
11 sional committees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
13 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on  
14 Homeland Security, and the Committee on Appro-  
15 priations of the House of Representatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
17 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on  
18 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and  
19 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

20 **SEC. 103. COOPERATION ON CYBERSECURITY.**

21 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in ac-  
23 cordance with the agreement entitled the “Agree-  
24 ment between the Government of the United States  
25 of America and the Government of the State of

1 Israel on Cooperation in Science and Technology for  
2 Homeland Security Matters”, dated May 29, 2008  
3 (or successor agreement), and the requirements  
4 specified in paragraph (2), shall establish a grant  
5 program at the Department to support—

6 (A) cybersecurity research and develop-  
7 ment; and

8 (B) demonstration and commercialization  
9 of cybersecurity technology.

10 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

11 (A) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding any  
12 other provision of law, in carrying out a re-  
13 search, development, demonstration, or com-  
14 mercial application program or activity that is  
15 authorized under this section, the Secretary  
16 shall require cost sharing in accordance with  
17 this paragraph.

18 (B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
20 in clause (ii), the Secretary shall require  
21 not less than 50 percent of the cost of a  
22 research, development, demonstration, or  
23 commercial application program or activity  
24 described in subparagraph (A) to be pro-  
25 vided by a non-Federal source.

1 (ii) REDUCTION.—The Secretary may  
2 reduce or eliminate, on a case-by-case  
3 basis, the percentage requirement specified  
4 in clause (i) if the Secretary determines  
5 that such reduction or elimination is nec-  
6 essary and appropriate.

7 (C) MERIT REVIEW.—In carrying out a re-  
8 search, development, demonstration, or com-  
9 mercial application program or activity that is  
10 authorized under this section, awards shall be  
11 made only after an impartial review of the sci-  
12 entific and technical merit of the proposals for  
13 such awards has been carried out by or for the  
14 Department.

15 (D) REVIEW PROCESSES.—In carrying out  
16 a review under subparagraph (C), the Secretary  
17 may use merit review processes developed under  
18 section 302(14) of the Homeland Security Act  
19 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 182(14)).

20 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—An applicant shall  
21 be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection  
22 if the project of such applicant—

23 (A) addresses a requirement in the area of  
24 cybersecurity research or cybersecurity tech-  
25 nology, as determined by the Secretary; and

1 (B) is a joint venture between—

2 (i)(I) a for-profit business entity, aca-  
3 demic institution, National Laboratory (as  
4 defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy  
5 Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)), or non-  
6 profit entity in the United States; and

7 (II) a for-profit business entity, aca-  
8 demic institution, or nonprofit entity in  
9 Israel; or

10 (ii)(I) the Federal Government; and

11 (II) the Government of Israel.

12 (4) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a  
13 grant under this subsection, an applicant shall sub-  
14 mit to the Secretary an application for such grant  
15 in accordance with procedures established by the  
16 Secretary, in consultation with the advisory board  
17 established under paragraph (5).

18 (5) ADVISORY BOARD.—

19 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary  
20 shall establish an advisory board to—

21 (i) monitor the method by which  
22 grants are awarded under this subsection;  
23 and

1 (ii) provide to the Secretary periodic  
2 performance reviews of actions taken to  
3 carry out this subsection.

4 (B) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board  
5 established under subparagraph (A) shall be  
6 composed of three members, to be appointed by  
7 the Secretary, of whom—

8 (i) one shall be a representative of the  
9 Federal Government;

10 (ii) one shall be selected from a list of  
11 nominees provided by the United States-  
12 Israel Binational Science Foundation; and

13 (iii) one shall be selected from a list  
14 of nominees provided by the United States-  
15 Israel Binational Industrial Research and  
16 Development Foundation.

17 (6) CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding  
18 any other provision of law, the Secretary may accept  
19 or retain funds contributed by any person, govern-  
20 ment entity, or organization for purposes of carrying  
21 out this subsection. Such funds shall be available,  
22 subject to appropriation, without fiscal year limita-  
23 tion.

24 (7) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
25 the date of completion of a project for which a grant

1 is provided under this subsection, the grant recipient  
2 shall submit to the Secretary a report that con-  
3 tains—

4 (A) a description of how the grant funds  
5 were used by the recipient; and

6 (B) an evaluation of the level of success of  
7 each project funded by the grant.

8 (8) CLASSIFICATION.—Grants shall be awarded  
9 under this subsection only for projects that are con-  
10 sidered to be unclassified by both the United States  
11 and Israel.

12 (b) TERMINATION.—The grant program and the ad-  
13 visory board established under this section terminate on  
14 the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment  
15 of this Act.

16 (c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-  
17 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements  
18 of this section. Such requirements shall be carried out  
19 using amounts otherwise authorized.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

21 (1) the term “cybersecurity research” means re-  
22 search, including social science research, into ways  
23 to identify, protect against, detect, respond to, and  
24 recover from cybersecurity threats;

1           (2) the term “cybersecurity technology” means  
2           technology intended to identify, protect against, de-  
3           tect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity  
4           threats;

5           (3) the term “cybersecurity threat” has the  
6           meaning given such term in section 102 of the  
7           Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (en-  
8           acted as title I of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015 (di-  
9           vision N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
10          2016 (Public Law 114–113)));

11          (4) the term “Department” means the Depart-  
12          ment of Homeland Security; and

13          (5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
14          of Homeland Security.

15 **SEC. 104. REPORT ON POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND IMPACT**  
16                                   **TO THE UNITED STATES OF ESTABLISHING A**  
17                                   **JOINT           UNITED           STATES-ISRAEL**  
18                                   **CYBERSECURITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

19          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
20          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
21          shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
22          a report examining the potential benefits and impact to  
23          the United States of establishing a joint United States-  
24          Israel Cybersecurity Center of Excellence based in the  
25          United States and Israel to leverage the experience, knowl-

1 edge, and expertise of institutions of higher education (as  
2 such term is defined in subsection (a) or (b) of section  
3 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
4 1001)), private sector entities, and government entities in  
5 the area of cybersecurity and protection of critical infra-  
6 structure (as such term is defined in subsection (e) of sec-  
7 tion 1016 of the Critical Infrastructures Protection Act  
8 of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c; enacted in title X of the USA  
9 PATRIOT Act (Public Law 20 107–56))).

10 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
11 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
12 gressional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
14 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of  
15 Representatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
17 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
18 mental Affairs of the Senate.

19 **SEC. 105. CYBER DIPLOMACY OFFICER.**

20 The Secretary of State is encouraged to appoint a  
21 qualified individual to assume the role of cyber diplomacy  
22 officer at the United States Embassy in Israel.

1 **SEC. 106. UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL**  
2 **DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM-ISRAEL EN-**  
3 **HANCED COOPERATION.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It should be the policy  
5 of the United States Agency for International Develop-  
6 ment to cooperate with Israel in order to advance common  
7 goals across a wide variety of sectors, including energy,  
8 agriculture and food security, democracy, human rights  
9 and governance, economic growth and trade, education,  
10 environment, global health and water and sanitation.

11 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-  
12 retary of State, acting through the Administrator of the  
13 United States Agency for International Development, is  
14 authorized to enter into memoranda of understanding with  
15 Israel in order to advance common goals on energy, agri-  
16 culture and food security, democracy, human rights and  
17 governance, economic growth and trade, education, envi-  
18 ronment, global health and water sanitation with a focus  
19 on strengthening mutual ties and cooperation with nations  
20 throughout the world.

21 **SEC. 107. COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AMONG THE UNITED**  
22 **STATES, ISRAEL, AND DEVELOPING COUN-**  
23 **TRIES.**

24 Section 106(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
25 (22 U.S.C. 2151d) is amended to read as follows:

1       “(f) There are authorized to be appropriated  
2 \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024  
3 to finance cooperative projects among the United States,  
4 Israel, and developing countries that identify and support  
5 local solutions to address sustainability challenges relating  
6 to water resources, agriculture, and energy storage, in-  
7 cluding for the following activities:

8               “(1) Establishing public-private partnerships.

9               “(2) Supporting the identification, research, de-  
10 velopment testing, and scaling of innovations that  
11 focus on populations that are vulnerable to environ-  
12 mental and resource-scarcity crises, such as subsist-  
13 ence farming communities.

14              “(3) Seed or transition-to-scale funding, pub-  
15 licity and marketing promotional support, or  
16 mentorship and partnership brokering support.

17              “(4) Acceleration of demonstrations or applica-  
18 tions of local solutions to sustainability challenges,  
19 or the further refinement, testing, or implementation  
20 of innovations that have previously effectively ad-  
21 dressed sustainability challenges.”.

1 **SEC. 108. JOINT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RELATED TO IN-**  
2 **NOVATION AND HIGH-TECH FOR THE MIDDLE**  
3 **EAST REGION.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
5 gress that—

6 (1) the United States should help foster co-  
7 operation in the Middle East region by financing  
8 and, where appropriate, cooperating in projects re-  
9 lated to innovation and high-tech; and

10 (2) such projects should—

11 (A) contribute to development and the  
12 quality of life in the Middle East region  
13 through the application of research and tech-  
14 nology; and

15 (B) contribute to Arab-Israeli cooperation  
16 by establishing strong working relationships  
17 that last beyond the life of such projects.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State, act-  
19 ing through the Administrator of the United States Agen-  
20 cy for International Development, is authorized to seek to  
21 establish a program between the United States, Israel,  
22 Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, and the West  
23 Bank and Gaza Strip to provide for cooperation in the  
24 Middle East region by financing and, where appropriate,  
25 cooperating in, projects related to innovation and high-  
26 tech.

1 (c) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—Each project carried  
2 out under the program established by subsection (b)—

3 (1) shall include participation from at least one  
4 entity of Israel and one entity of Egypt, Jordan,  
5 Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, and the West Bank and  
6 Gaza Strip; and

7 (2) should include participation from a total of  
8 three or more such entities to the maximum extent  
9 practicable.

10 **SEC. 109. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON EASTERN MEDITERRA-**  
11 **NEAN ENERGY COOPERATION.**

12 It is the sense of Congress that cooperation between  
13 the United States and Israel for the purpose of research  
14 and development of energy sources would be in the na-  
15 tional interests of not only the United States and Israel,  
16 but also of the other nations in the Eastern Mediterranean  
17 and North Africa with similar natural gas finds.

18 **SEC. 110. COOPERATION ON OTHER MATTERS.**

19 (a) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ENERGY CENTER.—  
20 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
21 of Energy \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020,  
22 2021, and 2022 to carry out the activities of the United  
23 States-Israel Energy Center established pursuant to sec-  
24 tion 917(d) of the Energy Independence and Security Act  
25 of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17337(d)).

1 (b) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUS-  
2 TRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.—It  
3 is the sense of Congress that grants to promote covered  
4 energy projects conducted by or in conjunction with the  
5 United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and  
6 Development Foundation should continue to be funded at  
7 not less than \$2,000,000 annually under section 917(b)  
8 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42  
9 U.S.C. 17337(b)).

10 (c) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION ON EN-  
11 ERGY, WATER, HOMELAND SECURITY, AGRICULTURE,  
12 AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL TECHNOLOGIES.—Section 7 of  
13 the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of  
14 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8606) is amended by adding at the end  
15 the following:

16 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
18 \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020, 2021, and  
19 2022.”.

20 (d) ANNUAL POLICY DIALOGUE.—It is the sense of  
21 Congress that the Department of Transportation and  
22 Israel’s Ministry of Transportation should engage in an  
23 annual policy dialogue to implement the 2016 Memo-  
24 randum of Cooperation signed by the Secretary of Trans-  
25 portation and the Israeli Minister of Transportation.

1           (e) COOPERATION ON SPACE EXPLORATION AND  
2 SCIENCE INITIATIVES.—The Administrator of the Na-  
3 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration shall con-  
4 tinue to work with the Israel Space Agency to identify and  
5 cooperatively pursue peaceful space exploration and  
6 science initiatives in areas of mutual interest, taking all  
7 appropriate measures to protect sensitive information, in-  
8 tellectual property, trade secrets, and economic interests  
9 of the United States.

10           (f) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL BINATIONAL AGRICUL-  
11 TURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1458(e)(2) of the  
13 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and  
14 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3291(e)(2))  
15 is amended—

16           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
17 “and” at the end;

18           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
19 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

20           (C) by adding at the end the following:

21           “(C) include food and nutrition research  
22 and development and the commercialization of  
23 the best practices identified through such re-  
24 search and development.”.

1           (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3           subparagraph (C) of section 1458(e)(2) of the Na-  
4           tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teach-  
5           ing Policy Act of 1977, as added by paragraph  
6           (1)(C), \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020,  
7           2021, and 2022.

8           (3) REPORT.—

9           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
10          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
11          Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the ap-  
12          propriate congressional committees a report on  
13          activities of the United States-Israel Binational  
14          Agricultural Research and Development Fund  
15          under section 1458(e) of the Food and Agri-  
16          culture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3291(e)).

17          (B) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
18          MITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the  
19          term “appropriate congressional committees”  
20          means—

21                 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
22                 and the Committee on Agriculture of the  
23                 House of Representatives; and

1 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
2 tions and the Committee on Agriculture,  
3 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

4 (g) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION  
5 RELATING TO DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
8 White House Office of Science and Technology Pol-  
9 icy shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
10 committees a report on research and development  
11 cooperation with international partners, such as the  
12 State of Israel, in the area of desalination tech-  
13 nology as required under section 9(b)(3) of the  
14 Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301  
15 note).

16 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
17 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
18 propriate congressional committees” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
20 the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
21 House of Representatives; and

22 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
23 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
24 sources of the Senate.

1           (h)       RESEARCH       AND       TREATMENT       OF  
2 POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.—It is the sense of  
3 Congress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should  
4 seek to explore collaboration between the Mental Illness  
5 Research, Education and Clinical Centers and Centers of  
6 Excellence and Israeli institutions with expertise in re-  
7 searching and treating posttraumatic stress disorder.

8           (i) DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—

9               (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
10 appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human  
11 Services \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020,  
12 2021, and 2022 to establish a bilateral cooperative  
13 program with Israel for the development of health  
14 technologies, including health technologies described  
15 in paragraph (2), with an emphasis on collabo-  
16 ratively advancing the use of technology, personal-  
17 ized medicine, and data in relation to aging.

18               (2) TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—The  
19 health technologies described in this paragraph may  
20 include technologies such as artificial intelligence,  
21 biofeedback, sensors, monitoring devices, and kidney  
22 care.

23           (j) OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE  
24 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress  
2           that the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Ad-  
3           ministration should seek to explore collaboration  
4           with Israel through the Office of International Pro-  
5           grams.

6           (2) REPORT.—

7           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
8           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
9           Commissioner, acting through the head of the  
10          Office of International Programs, shall submit  
11          to the appropriate congressional committees a  
12          report on the benefits to the United States and  
13          to Israel of opening an office in Israel for the  
14          Office of International Programs.

15          (B) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
16          MITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the  
17          term “appropriate congressional committees”  
18          means—

19               (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
20               and the Committee on Energy and Com-  
21               merce of the House of Representatives;  
22               and

23               (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
24               tions and the Committee on Health, Edu-  
25               cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

1 (k) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES-  
2 ISRAEL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.—It is the sense of  
3 Congress that—

4 (1) the United States-Israel economic partner-  
5 ship has achieved great tangible and intangible bene-  
6 fits to both countries and is a foundational compo-  
7 nent of the strong alliance;

8 (2) science and technology innovations present  
9 promising new frontiers for United States-Israel eco-  
10 nomic cooperation, particularly in light of wide-  
11 spread drought, cybersecurity attacks, and other  
12 major challenges impacting the United States; and

13 (3) the President should regularize and expand  
14 existing forums of economic dialogue with Israel and  
15 foster both public and private sector participation.

## 16 **TITLE II—SECURITY** 17 **ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL**

### 18 **SEC. 201. FINDINGS.**

19 Congress makes the following findings:

20 (1) On September 14, 2016, the United States  
21 and Israel signed a 10-year Memorandum of Under-  
22 standing reaffirming the importance of continuing  
23 annual United States military assistance to Israel  
24 and cooperative missile defense programs in a way

1 that enhances Israel's security and strengthens the  
2 bilateral relationship between the two countries.

3 (2) The 2016 Memorandum of Understanding  
4 reflected United States support of Foreign Military  
5 Financing (FMF) grant assistance to Israel over the  
6 10-year period beginning in fiscal year 2019 and  
7 ending in fiscal year 2028. Such FMF grant assist-  
8 ance would equal \$3.3 billion annually, totaling \$33  
9 billion.

10 (3) The 2016 Memorandum of Understanding  
11 also reflected United States support for funding for  
12 cooperative programs to develop, produce, and pro-  
13 cure missile, rocket and projectile defense capabili-  
14 ties over a 10-year period beginning in fiscal year  
15 2019 and ending in fiscal year 2028 at a level of  
16 \$500 million annually, totaling \$5 billion.

17 **SEC. 202. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

18 It is the policy of the United States to provide assist-  
19 ance to the Government of Israel in order to help enable  
20 Israel to defend itself by itself and develop long-term ca-  
21 pacity, primarily through the acquisition of advanced ca-  
22 pabilities that are available from the United States.

1 **SEC. 203. CONTINGENCY PLANS TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH**  
2 **NECESSARY DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERV-**  
3 **ICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting through the  
5 Secretary of Defense and in consultation with the Sec-  
6 retary of State, shall establish and update as appropriate  
7 contingency plans to provide Israel with defense articles  
8 and services that are determined by the Secretary of De-  
9 fense to be necessary for the defense of Israel.

10 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one  
11 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-  
12 ally thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation  
13 with the Secretary of State, shall brief the appropriate  
14 congressional committees on the status of the contingency  
15 plans required under subsection (a).

16 **SEC. 204. WAIVER FOR EXISTING OR IMMINENT MILITARY**  
17 **THREAT TO ISRAEL.**

18 Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act is amend-  
19 ed by adding at the end the following:

20 “(1) WAIVER FOR EXISTING OR IMMINENT MILITARY  
21 THREAT TO ISRAEL.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon receiving information  
23 that Israel is under an existing or imminent threat  
24 of military attack, the President may waive the re-  
25 quirements of this Act and direct the immediate  
26 transfer to Israel of such defense articles or services

1 the President determines to be necessary to assist  
2 Israel in its defense against such threat. Amounts  
3 obligated or expended to carry out this paragraph  
4 shall not be subject to any limitation in law, or pro-  
5 vision of any bilateral agreement, relating to the  
6 amount of United States assistance authorized to be  
7 made available to Israel.

8 “(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—As soon as  
9 practicable after a transfer of defense articles or  
10 services pursuant to the authority provided by para-  
11 graph (1), the President shall provide a notification  
12 in writing to Congress of the details of such trans-  
13 fer, consistent with the requirements of section 36 of  
14 this Act.”.

15 **SEC. 205. SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.**

16 Section 513(c) of the Security Assistance Act of 2000  
17 (Public Law 106–280; 114 Stat. 856) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2002 and  
19 2003” and inserting “2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and  
20 2024”;

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “equal to—”  
22 and all that follows and inserting “not less than  
23 \$3,300,000,000.”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “Funds au-  
25 thorized” and all that follows through “later.” and

1 inserting “Funds authorized to be available for  
2 Israel under subsection (b)(1) and paragraph (1) of  
3 this subsection for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022,  
4 2023, and 2024 shall be disbursed not later than 30  
5 days after the date of the enactment of an Act mak-  
6 ing appropriations for the Department of State, for-  
7 eign operations, and related programs for the re-  
8 spective fiscal year, or October 31 of the respective  
9 fiscal year, whichever is later.”.

10 **SEC. 206. JOINT ASSESSMENT OF QUANTITY OF PRECISION**

11 **GUIDED MUNITIONS FOR USE BY ISRAEL.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting through the  
13 Secretary of Defense and in consultation with the Sec-  
14 retary of State, is authorized to conduct a joint assess-  
15 ment with the Government of Israel with respect to the  
16 matters described in subsection (b).

17 (b) MATTERS DESCRIBED.—The matters described  
18 in this subsection are the following:

19 (1) The quantity and type of precision guided  
20 munitions that are necessary for Israel to combat  
21 Hezbollah in the event of a sustained armed con-  
22 frontation between Israel and Hezbollah.

23 (2) The quantity and type of precision guided  
24 munitions that are necessary for Israel in the event

1 of a sustained armed confrontation with other armed  
2 groups and terrorist organizations such as Hamas.

3 (3) The resources the Government of Israel can  
4 plan to dedicate to acquire such precision guided  
5 munitions.

6 (4) United States planning to assist Israel to  
7 prepare for the sustained armed confrontations de-  
8 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) as well as the abil-  
9 ity of the United States to resupply Israel in the  
10 event of such confrontations described in paragraphs  
11 (1) and (2), if any.

12 (c) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
14 the date on which the joint assessment authorized  
15 under subsection (a) is completed, the Secretary of  
16 Defense shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
17 sional committees a report that contains the joint  
18 assessment.

19 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-  
20 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
21 but may contain a classified annex.

22 **SEC. 207. TRANSFER OF PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS TO**  
23 **ISRAEL.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of  
25 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h),

1 the President is authorized to transfer to Israel precision  
2 guided munitions from reserve stocks for Israel in such  
3 quantities as necessary for legitimate self-defense of Israel  
4 and is otherwise consistent with the purposes and condi-  
5 tions for such transfers under the Arms Export Control  
6 Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

7 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Except in the case of an emer-  
8 gency as determined by the President, not later than 5  
9 days before making a transfer under subsection (a), the  
10 President shall certify to the appropriate congressional  
11 committees that the transfer of the precision guided muni-  
12 tions—

13 (1) does not affect the ability of the United  
14 States to maintain a sufficient supply of precision  
15 guided munitions;

16 (2) does not harm the combat readiness of the  
17 United States or the ability of the United States to  
18 meet its commitment to allies for the transfer of  
19 such munitions;

20 (3) is necessary for Israel to counter the threat  
21 of rockets in a timely fashion; and

22 (4) is in the national security interest of the  
23 United States.

1 **SEC. 208. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RAPID ACQUISITION**  
2 **AND DEPLOYMENT PROCEDURES.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that the President should  
4 prescribe procedures for the rapid acquisition and deploy-  
5 ment of precision guided munitions for United States  
6 counterterrorism missions, or to assist an ally of the  
7 United States, including Israel, that is subject to direct  
8 missile threat.

9 **SEC. 209. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVES STOCKPILE AU-**  
10 **THORITY.**

11 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS  
12 ACT, 2005.—Subsection (d) of section 12001 of the De-  
13 partment of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public  
14 Law 108–287; 118 Stat. 1011) is amended by striking  
15 “after September 30, 2020” and inserting “after Sep-  
16 tember 30, 2025”.

17 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section  
18 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22  
19 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “2013,  
20 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020” and in-  
21 serting “2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025”.

22 **SEC. 210. ELIGIBILITY OF ISRAEL FOR THE STRATEGIC**  
23 **TRADE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION TO CER-**  
24 **TAIN EXPORT CONTROL LICENSING RE-**  
25 **QUIREMENTS.**

26 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Israel has adopted high standards in the  
2 field of export controls.

3           (2) Israel has declared its unilateral adherence  
4 to the Missile Technology Control Regime, the Aus-  
5 tralia Group, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

6           (3) Israel is a party to—

7                 (A) the Protocol for the Prohibition of the  
8 Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or  
9 Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of  
10 Warfare, signed at Geneva June 17, 1925; and

11                 (B) the Convention on the Physical Protec-  
12 tion of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on  
13 October 26, 1979.

14           (4) Section 6(b) of the United States-Israel  
15 Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8603  
16 note) directs the President, consistent with the com-  
17 mitments of the United States under international  
18 agreements, to take steps so that Israel may be in-  
19 cluded in the list of countries eligible for the stra-  
20 tegic trade authorization exception under section  
21 740.20(c)(1) of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-  
22 tions, to the requirement for a license for the export,  
23 re-export, or in-country transfer of an item subject  
24 to controls under the Export Administration Regula-  
25 tions.

1 (b) REPORT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR STRATEGIC TRADE  
2 AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
5 President shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
6 sional committees a report that describes the steps  
7 taken to include Israel in the list of countries eligible  
8 for the strategic trade authorization exception under  
9 section 740.20 (c) (1) of title 15, Code of Federal  
10 Regulations section, as required under 6(b) of the  
11 United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of  
12 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8603 note).

13 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-  
14 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
15 but may contain a classified annex.

16 **SEC. 211. EXTENSION OF LOAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL.**

17 Chapter 5 of title I of the Emergency Wartime Sup-  
18 plemental Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108–11;  
19 117 Stat. 576) is amended under the heading “Loan  
20 Guarantees to Israel”—

21 (1) in the matter preceding the first proviso, by  
22 striking “September 30, 2020” and inserting “Sep-  
23 tember 30, 2025”; and

1           (2) in the second proviso, by striking “Sep-  
2           tember 30, 2020” and inserting “September 30,  
3           2025”.

4 **SEC. 212. DEFINITION.**

5           In this title, the term “appropriate congressional  
6 committees” means—

7           (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
8           Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
9           resentatives; and

10           (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
11           the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

12 **TITLE III—JUSTICE FOR UNITED**  
13 **STATES VICTIMS OF PALES-**  
14 **TINIAN TERRORISM**

15 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

16           This title may be cited as the “Justice for United  
17 States Victims of Palestinian Terrorism Act”.

18 **SEC. 302. FACILITATION OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TER-**  
19 **RORISM-RELATED CLAIMS OF NATIONALS OF**  
20 **THE UNITED STATES.**

21           (a) **COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS TO FACILITATE THE**  
22 **RESOLUTION OF ANTI-TERRORISM ACT CLAIMS.**—The  
23 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney Gen-  
24 eral, shall, not later than 30 days after the date of enact-  
25 ment of this Act, develop and initiate a comprehensive

1 process for the Department of State to facilitate the reso-  
2 lution and settlement of covered claims.

3 (b) ELEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS.—The  
4 comprehensive process developed under subsection (a)  
5 shall include, at a minimum, the following:

6 (1) Not later than 45 days after the date of en-  
7 actment of this Act, the Department of State shall  
8 publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying  
9 the method by which a national of the United  
10 States, or a representative of a national of the  
11 United States, who has a covered claim, may contact  
12 the Department of State to give notice of the cov-  
13 ered claim.

14 (2) Not later than 120 days after the date of  
15 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, or a  
16 designee of the Secretary, shall meet (and make  
17 every effort to continue to meet on a regular basis  
18 thereafter) with any national of the United States,  
19 or a representative of a national of the United  
20 States, who has a covered claim and has informed  
21 the Department of State of the covered claim using  
22 the method established pursuant to paragraph (1) to  
23 discuss the status of the covered claim, including the  
24 status of any settlement discussions with the Pales-

1       tinian Authority or the Palestine Liberation Organi-  
2       zation.

3           (3) Not later than 180 days after the date of  
4       enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, or a  
5       designee of the Secretary, shall make every effort to  
6       meet (and make every effort to continue to meet on  
7       a regular basis thereafter) with representatives of  
8       the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Libera-  
9       tion Organization to discuss the covered claims iden-  
10      tified pursuant to paragraph (1) and potential settle-  
11      ment of the covered claims.

12      (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of State  
13      shall, not later than 240 days after the date of enactment  
14      of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, submit  
15      to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on  
16      Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on  
17      the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
18      the House of Representatives a report describing activities  
19      that the Department of State has undertaken to comply  
20      with this section, including specific updates regarding  
21      paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b).

22      (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
23      gress that—

24           (1) covered claims should be resolved in a man-  
25      ner that provides just compensation to the victims;

1           (2) covered claims should be resolved and set-  
2           tled in favor of the victim to the fullest extent pos-  
3           sible and without subjecting victims to unnecessary  
4           or protracted litigation;

5           (3) the United States Government should take  
6           all practicable steps to facilitate the resolution and  
7           settlement of all covered claims, including engaging  
8           directly with the victims or their representatives and  
9           the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Libera-  
10          tion Organization; and

11          (4) the United States Government should  
12          strongly urge the Palestinian Authority and the Pal-  
13          estine Liberation Organization to commit to good-  
14          faith negotiations to resolve and settle all covered  
15          claims.

16          (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “covered  
17          claim” means any pending action by, or final judgment  
18          in favor of, a national of the United States, or any action  
19          by a national of the United States dismissed for lack of  
20          personal jurisdiction, under section 2333 of title 18,  
21          United States Code, against the Palestinian Authority or  
22          the Palestine Liberation Organization.

1 **SEC. 303. MODIFICATION TO CONSENT OF CERTAIN PAR-**  
2 **TIES TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 18.—Section 2334 of title  
4 18, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
6 subsection (e)(1) and inserting the following:

7 “(A) beginning on the date that is 180  
8 days after the date of enactment of this sub-  
9 paragraph, makes, renews, promotes, or ad-  
10 vances any application in order to obtain the  
11 same standing as a member state in the United  
12 Nations or any specialized agency thereof, or  
13 accepts such standing, outside an agreement  
14 negotiated between Israel and the Palestinians;  
15 or

16 “(B) beginning on the date that is 15 days  
17 after the date of enactment of the Justice for  
18 United States Victims of Palestinian Terrorism  
19 Act—

20 “(i) continues to maintain any office,  
21 headquarters, premises, or other facilities  
22 or establishments in the United States; or

23 “(ii) establishes or procures any of-  
24 fice, headquarters, premises, or other fa-  
25 cilities or establishments in the United  
26 States.”; and

1           (2) And by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
2 following:

3           “(3) DEFENDANT DEFINED.—For purposes of  
4 paragraph (1) of this subsection, the term ‘defend-  
5 ant’ means—

6                   “(A) the Palestinian Authority;

7                   “(B) the Palestine Liberation Organiza-  
8 tion;

9                   “(C) any organization or other entity that  
10 is a successor to or affiliated with the Pales-  
11 tinian Authority or the Palestine Liberation Or-  
12 ganization; or

13                   “(D) any organization or other entity—

14                           “(i) identified in subparagraph (A),  
15 (B), or (C); and

16                           “(ii) that self-identifies as, holds itself  
17 out to be, or carries out conduct in the  
18 name of, the ‘State of Palestine’ or ‘Pal-  
19 estine’ in connection with official business  
20 of the United Nations.

21           “(4) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND  
22 LOCATIONS.—In determining whether a defendant  
23 shall be deemed to have consented to personal juris-  
24 diction under paragraph (1)(B), a court may not  
25 consider—

1           “(A) any office, headquarters, premises or  
2           other facility or establishment used exclusively  
3           for the purpose of conducting official business  
4           of the United Nations; or

5           “(B) any activity undertaken exclusively  
6           for the purpose of conducting official business  
7           of the United Nations.

8           “(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Notwith-  
9           standing any other law (including any treaty), any  
10          office, headquarters, premises, or other facility or es-  
11          tablishment within the territory of the United States  
12          that is not specifically exempted by paragraph  
13          (4)(A) shall be considered to be in the United States  
14          for purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) of paragraph  
15          (1)(B).”.

16          (b) PRIOR CONSENT NOT ABROGATED.—The amend-  
17          ments made by this section do not abrogate any consent  
18          deemed to have been given under section 2334(e) of title  
19          18, United States Code, as in effect on the day before  
20          the date of enactment of this Act.