

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 5898  
OFFERED BY MR. ZELDIN OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “UNRWA Account-  
3 ability Act of 2018”.

**4 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5       It is the sense of Congress that—

6           (1) the United States should continue to oppose  
7 anti-Israel bias at the United Nations and in United  
8 Nations agencies;

9           (2) Hamas’ use of civilians as human shields,  
10 its failure to govern, and its use of resources to pro-  
11 mote and perpetrate terrorism contribute to the hu-  
12 manitarian crisis in Gaza;

13           (3) the Administration should complete the re-  
14 views of United States assistance programs for the  
15 West Bank and Gaza and the United Nations Relief  
16 and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the  
17 Near East (UNRWA), which are ongoing according  
18 to congressional testimony by Department of State

1 and United States Agency for International Develop-  
2 ment officials on June 13, 2018, as expeditiously as  
3 possible, and work with the international community  
4 to take action to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in  
5 Gaza and to prevent further destabilization; and

6 (4) the Administration should define and con-  
7 vey to the United Nations, United Nations member  
8 states, and appropriate United Nations agencies any  
9 reform priorities that the Administration believes  
10 should be met in order to facilitate United States  
11 contributions to UNRWA.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR POLICY**  
13 **TOWARDS UNRWA.**

14 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 45 days after the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in  
16 consultation with the Administrator of the United States  
17 Agency for International Development, shall submit to the  
18 Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Appro-  
19 priations of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
20 mittee on Foreign Relations and Committee on Appropria-  
21 tions of the Senate a report on the long-term strategy for  
22 policy towards UNRWA.

23 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-  
24 section (a) shall include the following:

1           (1) A detailed strategy regarding the Adminis-  
2           tration's planned budget requests for future United  
3           States contributions to UNRWA.

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

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

15          (4) The current definition of "refugee" that is  
16          used by UNRWA, and how and why that definition  
17          corresponds with, or differs from, the definition used  
18          by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refu-  
19          gees (UNHCR) or any other United Nations agen-  
20          cies, if applicable, and the United States Govern-  
21          ment.

22          (5) A description of any reforms to UNRWA  
23          that have been, or are planned to be, submitted by  
24          the United States to the United Nations, United Na-  
25          tions member states, or UNRWA.

1           (6) An assessment of compliance with financial,  
2           transparency, efficiency, oversight, and neutrality  
3           guidelines agreed to by the United States and  
4           UNRWA as part of the Framework for Cooperation  
5           Between UNRWA and the United States for 2018–  
6           2019, and prior frameworks.

7           (7) An evaluation of options outside of the cur-  
8           rent UNRWA structure for meeting the humani-  
9           tarian needs of Palestinians currently served by  
10          UNRWA, including costs associated with such op-  
11          tions.

12          (8) The impact of changes to United States pol-  
13          icy towards, and funding for, UNRWA on United  
14          States national security and regional stability in the  
15          Middle East, including associated security impacts  
16          on Israel.

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

20       **SEC. 4. REPORT ON REVIEW OF UNITED STATES ASSIST-**  
21                               **ANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE WEST BANK AND**  
22                               **GAZA.**

23          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the  
24          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
25          in consultation with the Administrator of the United

1 States Agency for International Development, shall submit  
2 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on  
3 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
4 Committee on Foreign Relations and Committee on Ap-  
5 propriations of the Senate a report detailing the status  
6 of, and any conclusions produced by, the Administration's  
7 review of United States assistance programs for the West  
8 Bank and Gaza.

9 (b) FORM.—The report shall be submitted in an un-  
10 classified form, but may include a classified annex.

