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.

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

2 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

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

2 (2) Hamas’ use of civilians as human shields, its failure to govern, and its use of resources to promote and perpetrate terrorism contribute to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza;

3 (3) the Administration should complete the reviews of United States assistance programs for the West Bank and Gaza and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which are ongoing according to congressional testimony by Department of State
and United States Agency for International Development officials on June 13, 2018, as expeditiously as possible, and work with the international community to take action to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and to prevent further destabilization; and

(4) the Administration should define and convey to the United Nations, United Nations member states, and appropriate United Nations agencies any reform priorities that the Administration believes should be met in order to facilitate United States contributions to UNRWA.

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

(a) Report.—Not later than 45 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, 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 policy towards UNRWA.

(b) Contents.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:
(1) A detailed strategy regarding the Administration’s planned budget requests for future United States contributions to UNRWA.

(2) An identification of the bureaus, entities, and leadership positions and offices within the Department 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 overseeing review of United States contributions to UNRWA.

(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) The current definition of “refugee” that is used by UNRWA, and how and why that definition corresponds with, or differs from, the definition used by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) or any other United Nations agencies, if applicable, and the United States Government.

(5) A description of any reforms to UNRWA that have been, or are planned to be, submitted by the United States to the United Nations, United Nations member states, or UNRWA.
(6) An assessment of compliance with financial, transparency, efficiency, oversight, and neutrality guidelines agreed to by the United States and UNRWA as part of the Framework for Cooperation Between UNRWA and the United States for 2018–2019, and prior frameworks.

(7) An evaluation of options outside of the current UNRWA structure for meeting the humanitarian needs of Palestinians currently served by UNRWA, including costs associated with such options.

(8) The impact of changes to United States policy towards, and funding for, UNRWA on United States national security and regional stability in the Middle East, including associated security impacts on Israel.

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

SEC. 4. REPORT ON REVIEW OF UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 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, 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 detailing the status of, and any conclusions produced by, the Administration’s review of United States assistance programs for the West Bank and Gaza.

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