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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress on anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PERDUE

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ANTI-ISRAEL AND ANTI-**
3 **SEMITIC INCITEMENT WITHIN THE PALES-**
4 **TINIAN AUTHORITY.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) The 1995 Interim Agreement on the West
8 Bank and the Gaza Strip, commonly referred to as
9 Oslo II, specifically details that Israel and the Pales-
10 tinian Authority shall “abstain from incitement, in-
11 cluding hostile propaganda, against each other and,
12 without derogating from the principle of freedom of

1 expression, shall take legal measures to prevent such
2 incitement by any organizations, groups or individ-
3 uals within their jurisdiction”.

4 (2) In spite of the Oslo II agreement, the Presi-
5 dent of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas
6 repeatedly describes released Palestinian terrorists
7 as “heroes” and Fatah’s military wing publicly
8 threatens to kidnap soldiers and launch missiles at
9 Israel on the Fatah Facebook page and website.

10 (3) The Palestinian Authority pays monthly
11 “salaries” to families of Palestinian terrorists incar-
12 cerated in Israel.

13 (4) In an address to the United Nations Gen-
14 eral Assembly in September 2014, Abbas said, “This
15 last war against Gaza was a series of absolute war
16 crimes” and affirmed that “the Palestinian people
17 hold steadfast to their legitimate right to defend
18 themselves against the Israeli war machine and to
19 their legitimate right to resist this colonial, racist
20 Israeli occupation”.

21 (5) In June 2013, Abbas referenced Israeli acts
22 which “indicate an evil and dangerous plot to de-
23 stroy Al-Aqsa and build the alleged temple”.

24 (6) In a November 2014 address commemo-
25 rating the 10th anniversary of Yasser Arafat’s

1 death, Abbas said that as Israel has no claim to Je-
2 rusalem, he will not allow the Temple Mount to be
3 “contaminated by Jews”, and threatened that Jew-
4 ish prayer at the site would cause a “devastating re-
5 ligious war”.

6 (7) In November 2014, jailed terrorist and
7 Fatah leader Marwan Barghouti called for “com-
8 prehensive resistance and the rifle” against Israel.

9 (8) Palestinian Authority Deputy Minister of
10 Information Al-Mutawakkil Taha told official
11 Palestian Authority daily newspaper Al Hayat Al
12 Jadida in early 2012 that “Israel has gone beyond
13 all forms of oppression practiced by fascism through-
14 out history” and that it “does more than racist dis-
15 crimination and ethnic cleansing”.

16 (9) Official Palestinian websites and Facebook
17 pages, including those of Abbas’ Presidential Guards
18 and Palestinian Authority schools, recurrently show
19 maps of the land without reference to Israel and in
20 November 2012, the Palestinian Authority erected a
21 statue in central Bethlehem square that displayed a
22 map of the “state of Palestine” covering all of
23 Israel.

24 (10) The Oslo II agreement further dictates
25 that Israel and the Palestinian Authority “will en-

1 sure that their respective educational systems con-
2 tribute to the peace between the Israeli and Pales-
3 tinian peoples and to peace in the entire region”.

4 (11) Zayzafuna, a monthly educational maga-
5 zine for children sponsored by the Palestinian Na-
6 tional Committee for Education, Culture and
7 Sciences, regularly presents Adolf Hitler as a role
8 model and in January 2012, Facebook pages of sev-
9 eral Palestinian Authority high schools posted im-
10 ages of Hitler with his quotation, “I could have
11 killed all the Jews in the world, but I left a few so
12 that you would know why I killed them.”

13 (12) A teacher in a summer camp near Nablus
14 in July 2013 can be seen in video footage leading
15 children in a call and response saying, “Palestine is
16 an Arab land from the river to the sea. We want
17 Haifa, we want Acre.”

18 (13) In July 2013, Palestinian state television
19 aired a video of two girls reciting a poem that calls
20 Jews “barbaric monkeys, wretched pigs” and asserts
21 that Jerusalem is not for Jews, because Jerusalem
22 “vomits” out the Jews who are said to be “filth”
23 and “impure”.

24 (14) Section 7040(e) of the Consolidated and
25 Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, re-

1 quires the Secretary of State, if the President waives
2 section 7040(a) of that same Act, to “certify and re-
3 port to the Committees on Appropriations prior to
4 the obligation of funds that . . . the Palestinian Au-
5 thority is acting to counter incitement of violence
6 against Israelis and is supporting activities aimed at
7 promoting peace, coexistence, and security coopera-
8 tion with Israel”.

9 (15) The Palestinian Authority has not fully
10 lived up to its prior agreements with Israel to end
11 incitement and should do more to prepare the Pales-
12 tinian people for peace with Israel.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

14 (1) expresses support and admiration for indi-
15 viduals and organizations working to encourage co-
16 operation between Israeli Jews and Palestinians, in-
17 cluding—

18 (A) Professor Mohammed Dajani Daoudi,
19 who took students from al-Quds University in
20 Jerusalem to visit Auschwitz in March 2014
21 only to return to death threats by fellow Pal-
22 estinians and expulsion from his teacher’s
23 union;

1 (B) the Israel Palestine Center for Re-
2 search and Information, the only joint Israeli-
3 Palestinian public policy think-tank,

4 (C) United Hatzalah, a nonprofit, fully vol-
5 unteer Emergency Medical Services organiza-
6 tion that, mobilizing volunteers who are reli-
7 gious or secular Jews, Arabs, Muslims, and
8 Christians, provides EMS services to all people
9 in Israel regardless of race, religion, or national
10 origin; and

11 (D) Breaking the Impasse, an apolitical
12 initiative of Palestinian and Israeli business and
13 civil society leaders who advocate for a two-
14 state solution and an urgent diplomatic solution
15 to the conflict;

16 (2) reiterates strong condemnation of anti-
17 Israel and anti-Semitic incitement in the Palestinian
18 Authority as antithetical to the cause of peace;

19 (3) urges President Abbas and Palestinian Au-
20 thority officials to discontinue all official incitement
21 and exert influence to discourage anti-Israel and
22 anti-Semitic incitement in Palestinian civil society;
23 and

24 (4) directs the Department of State to regularly
25 monitor and publish information on state-sponsored

- 1 incitement by the Palestinian Authority against
- 2 Jews and the State of Israel.