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H. R. 2411

To restore funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for
Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. CARSON (for himself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SIMON, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To restore funding for the United Nations Relief and Works
Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

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.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “UNRWA Funding
3 Emergency Restoration Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

5 Congress—

6 (1) recognizes that preventing further erosion
7 of civilian conditions in Gaza remains in the stra-
8 tegic and moral interests of the United States;

9 (2) supports UNRWA’s unique and indispen-
10 sable contribution to immediately addressing urgent
11 humanitarian needs in Gaza, especially in mitigating
12 and stopping the spread of famine and disease;

13 (3) reaffirms the imperative of UNRWA’s con-
14 tinued provision of humanitarian and human devel-
15 opment services to Palestinian refugees in all its cur-
16 rent fields of operation, including Jordan, Lebanon,
17 Syria, Gaza, and the West Bank (including East Je-
18 rusalem);

19 (4) urges the Government of Israel to assist
20 UNRWA in its neutrality efforts by providing
21 names, information, and evidence UNRWA can use
22 to aggressively pursue allegations related to staff
23 violations of UNRWA’s neutrality policies;

24 (5) urges the President—

25 (A) to join United States allies in restoring
26 funding to UNRWA in response to the respon-

1 sible actions taken by the United Nations and
2 the commitments made by UNRWA toward ad-
3 ditional accountability and transparency; and

4 (B) to ensure continued funding to
5 UNRWA is assessed based on UNRWA's ongo-
6 ing execution of the recommendations of the
7 Independent Review Group, led by Catherine
8 Colonna;

9 (6) recognizes the implementation of some of
10 the Independent Review Group's recommendations
11 will require United Nations member state coopera-
12 tion, including additional funding;

13 (7) urges the United States and Israel to assist
14 UNRWA in its implementation efforts of the Inde-
15 pendent Review Group's recommendations; and

16 (8) supports appropriating critical funds to
17 UNRWA for fiscal year 2025 and beyond.

18 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR UNRWA.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act—

21 (1) title III of division G of the Further Con-
22 solidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law
23 118–47) is hereby repealed;

1 (2) section 308 of the Israel Security Supple-
2 mental Appropriations Act, 2024 (division A of Pub-
3 lic Law 118–50) is hereby repealed;

4 (3) the Secretary of State shall, notwith-
5 standing any other provision of law and as soon as
6 practicable—

7 (A) resume the provision of funding to
8 UNRWA under current authorities of the De-
9 partment of State; and

10 (B) provide funding to UNRWA consistent
11 with the Secretary’s waiver for lifesaving hu-
12 manitarian aid; and

13 (4) the President shall rescind the Executive
14 order entitled “Withdrawing the United States From
15 and Ending Funding to Certain United Nations Or-
16 ganizations and Reviewing United States Support to
17 All International Organizations” of February 4,
18 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 9275).

19 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter
21 through December 31, 2028, the Secretary of State shall
22 submit to the appropriate congressional committees of ju-
23 risdiction a report on the steps UNRWA is taking to im-
24 plement any recommendations made by the independent

- 1 outside review led by former French Foreign Minister
- 2 Catherine Colonna.

