

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4051

To address hostile and antisemitic conduct by the Republic of South Africa.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2025

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

A BILL

To address hostile and antisemitic conduct by the Republic
of South Africa.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Addressing Hostile and
5 Antisemitic Conduct by the Republic of South Africa Act
6 of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Government of the Republic of South
2 Africa has, in recent years, engaged in repeated dip-
3 lomatic and legal actions targeting the State of
4 Israel and Jewish communities under the guise of
5 international law.

6 (2) These actions include the misuse of inter-
7 national legal institutions to advance politically moti-
8 vated and antisemitic narratives inconsistent with
9 objective human rights norms.

10 (3) The Government of South Africa has in-
11 creasingly aligned itself with authoritarian regimes
12 and global actors hostile to United States national
13 interests and democratic values.

14 (4) United States taxpayer dollars must not be
15 used to subsidize governments that engage in or le-
16 gitimize such conduct.

17 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

18 It is the policy of the United States to—

19 (1) oppose antisemitic actions and rhetoric in
20 any international forum;

21 (2) hold foreign governments accountable for
22 abuse of international institutions for political tar-
23 geting; and

1 (3) respond proportionately to governments that
2 engage in hostility toward United States allies and
3 international stability.

4 **SEC. 4. SUSPENSION OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE GOV-**
5 **ERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, no funds may be obligated or expended to pro-
8 vide direct assistance to the Government of South Africa
9 unless the Secretary of State certifies to Congress that
10 such Government—

11 (1) has ceased all formal support for inter-
12 national legal actions that unfairly target the State
13 of Israel or Jewish individuals based solely on reli-
14 gious or ethnic identity;

15 (2) has implemented meaningful reforms to ad-
16 dress corruption within state institutions; and

17 (3) has engaged constructively with United
18 States diplomats regarding the normalization of
19 international legal standards and the protection of
20 religious minorities.

21 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in subsection (a)
22 shall not apply with respect to the following:

23 (1) Humanitarian aid.

24 (2) Public health programs administered by
25 nongovernmental organizations.

1 **SEC. 5. TARGETED SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN**
2 **OFFICIALS.**

3 The President shall impose sanctions under the Glob-
4 al Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act against
5 any current or former official of the Government of South
6 Africa who—

7 (1) promotes or implements antisemitic policies
8 or rhetoric in an official capacity;

9 (2) uses public office to unjustly target the
10 State of Israel or Jewish individuals through inter-
11 national courts or diplomatic platforms; or

12 (3) engages in gross corruption, including the
13 misuse of foreign aid or public funds.

14 **SEC. 6. REPORT.**

15 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
17 State shall submit to Congress a report detailing—

18 (1) all legal, diplomatic, or rhetorical actions
19 taken by the Government of South Africa in the past
20 five years targeting the State of Israel, Jews, or
21 Jewish institutions; and

22 (2) a summary of United States assistance pro-
23 vided to South Africa, including military training,
24 law enforcement support, and financial assistance.

1 (b) ANNUAL UPDATE.—The report required by sub-
2 section (a) shall be updated and resubmitted annually for
3 3 years following the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

5 The provisions of sections 4 and 5 shall terminate
6 upon certification by the President to Congress that the
7 Government of South Africa has—

8 (1) ceased participation in politically motivated
9 international legal actions against allies of the
10 United States;

11 (2) implemented institutional reforms sufficient
12 to prevent further abuse of international law and re-
13 duction of corruption; and

14 (3) taken concrete steps to improve diplomatic
15 and security cooperation with the United States and
16 its democratic allies.

17 **SEC. 8. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

18 Nothing in this Act may be construed to—

19 (1) prohibit United States diplomatic engage-
20 ment with the Government of South Africa;

21 (2) restrict private humanitarian or charitable
22 assistance; or

23 (3) affect trade agreements or tariffs not di-
24 rectly linked to the behavior addressed in this Act.

○