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# S. 1583

To restrict the use of United States Assessed Contributions to the United Nations under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023) to support the African Union’s peacekeeping mission in Somalia.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2025

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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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 “AUSSOM Funding  
5       Restriction Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

1           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2       TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3       mittees” means—

4           (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
5       and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
6       Senate; and

7           (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
8       the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
9       of Representatives.

10       (2) AUSSOM.—The term “AUSSOM” means  
11       the African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission  
12       in Somalia, established as the successor mission to  
13       the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia  
14       under United Nations Security Council Resolution  
15       2767 (2024).

16       (3) RESOLUTION 2719.—The term “Resolution  
17       2719” means United Nations Security Council Reso-  
18       lution 2719, adopted on December 21, 2023.

19 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

20       It is the policy of the United States—

21           (1) to support Somali- and African partner-led  
22       initiatives—

23           (A) to contain and defeat al-Shabaab and  
24       ISIS-Somalia;

1 (B) to foster peace, security, stability, and  
2 economic development within Somalia; and

3 (C) to support the development of func-  
4 tional Somali state institutions at the national  
5 and federal member state level;

6 (2) to ensure appropriate and fair burden shar-  
7 ing at the United Nations, including for United Na-  
8 tions peacekeeping missions and United Nations  
9 support to African Union peace support operations;

10 (3) to uphold the conditions set forth in Resolu-  
11 tion 2719 for the application of United Nations as-  
12 sessed contributions to African Union peace support  
13 operations on a case-by-case basis, including condi-  
14 tions that require—

15 (A) that funding from assessed contribu-  
16 tions cannot exceed 75 percent of the annual  
17 budget of an African Union peace support oper-  
18 ation under a “one mission, one budget” model,  
19 with the remaining 25 percent mobilized by the  
20 African Union and United Nations “from the  
21 international community as extra-budgetary re-  
22 sources”;

23 (B) compliance with—

1 (i) the Human Rights Due Diligence  
 2 Policy on United Nations support to non-  
 3 United Nations security forces;

4 (ii) the African Union Compliance  
 5 Framework on International Human  
 6 Rights Law;

7 (iii) the African Union Policy on Con-  
 8 duct and Discipline for Peace Support Op-  
 9 erations; and

10 (iv) the African Union Policy on Pre-  
 11 vention and Response to Sexual Exploi-  
 12 tation and Abuse;

13 (C) the prioritization of protection of civil-  
 14 ians; and

15 (D) the existence and application of appro-  
 16 priate accountability mechanisms of African  
 17 Union-led peace support operations to member  
 18 states of the United Nations;

19 (4) to judiciously consider United States sup-  
 20 port for the application of United Nations assessed  
 21 contributions to African Union peace support oper-  
 22 ations, including the selection of an appropriate first  
 23 application of Resolution 2719 that—

1 (A) responds to a new crisis or threat with  
 2 the demonstrable need for a multi-lateral re-  
 3 sponse led by the African Union; and

4 (B) has clear and achievable objectives;  
 5 and

6 (5) to encourage the exploration and utilization  
 7 of alternative funding mechanisms for AUSSOM  
 8 that do not rely on United Nations assessed con-  
 9 tributions to diversify AUSSOM's financial burden  
 10 and promote international responsibility-sharing.

11 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTION ON FUNDING.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds appropriated  
 13 or otherwise made available for assessed contributions of  
 14 the United States to the United Nations, including any  
 15 organ, agency, or entity of the United Nations, may be  
 16 obligated or expended for—

17 (1) any activity related to the implementation  
 18 of Resolution 2719 in support of AUSSOM or any  
 19 other African Union-led peace support mission in  
 20 Somalia; or

21 (2) any program, project, or initiative for So-  
 22 malia directly linked to the mandate outlined in Res-  
 23 olution 2719.

24 (b) DIRECTION TO UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO  
 25 THE UNITED NATIONS.—The United States Ambassador

1 to the United Nations, or their designee shall use the  
2 voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the  
3 United Nations—

4 (1) to oppose any United Nations Security  
5 Council resolution that would authorize funding pro-  
6 hibited under subsection (a); and

7 (2) to decline to join in consensus on any  
8 United Nations Security Council product, including  
9 letters from the United Nations Security Council  
10 President, that authorizes funding prohibited under  
11 subsection (a).

12 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—This restriction under subsection  
13 (a) shall not apply to—

14 (1) the use of United Nations assessed con-  
15 tributions to fund the United Nations Support Of-  
16 fice in Somalia (UNSOS) as approved by the United  
17 Nations Security Council;

18 (2) the use of voluntary contributions of the  
19 United States to the United Nations or funds ex-  
20 pressly appropriated by Congress to support  
21 AUSSOM;

22 (3) humanitarian assistance funded with United  
23 Nations assessed or voluntary contributions delivered  
24 through nongovernmental organizations or United

1 Nations agencies that operate independently of  
2 AUSSOM; and

3 (4) expenditures for salaries of United States  
4 personnel, administrative costs, or other support  
5 services directly associated with the oversight or  
6 monitoring of assessed contributions of the United  
7 States to the United Nations to ensure compliance  
8 with this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
12 the Secretary of State shall conduct an annual assessment  
13 of the African Union’s ability to meet the terms and condi-  
14 tions outlined in Resolution 2719 paragraphs 3 to 13 for  
15 African Union-led peace support operations to receive  
16 United Nations Security Council authorization to have ac-  
17 cess to United Nations assessed contributions.

18 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—The assessment  
19 required under subsection (a) shall be conducted inde-  
20 pendently of any assessment of the same conducted by the  
21 United Nations Secretary General and reported to the  
22 United Nations Security Council under paragraphs 15 and  
23 16 of Resolution 2719.

1 **SEC. 6. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

2 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary  
4 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
5 committees a report that includes—

6 (1) the findings of the assessment required  
7 under section 5;

8 (2) the total assessed contributions of the  
9 United States to the United Nations for peace-  
10 keeping;

11 (3) the allocations and expenditures for as-  
12 sessed contributions to the United Nations under  
13 Resolution 2719;

14 (4) an assessment of how United Nations as-  
15 sessed contributions are being used to implement  
16 Resolution 2719;

17 (5) an analysis of the performance and effec-  
18 tiveness of AUSSOM, including the types and im-  
19 pact of United States support to Somalia directly or  
20 indirectly impacting the mission and objectives of  
21 AUSSOM;

22 (6) a breakdown of financial and other support  
23 for AUSSOM provided by the United Nations, Afri-  
24 can Union, European Union, and other international  
25 and regional actors, including both bilateral and  
26 multilateral contributions;



1           (7) the status of and progress made toward  
2       finding alternative funding mechanisms for  
3       AUSSOM; and

4           (8) a description of measures taken to ensure  
5       compliance with section 4.

6   **SEC. 7. CONSULTATIONS.**

7       Section 4(d)(2) of the United Nations Participation  
8   Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287b(d)(2)) is amended—

9           (1) in subparagraph (A)—

10               (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
11       inserting “and African Union peace support op-  
12       erations receiving United Nations assessed con-  
13       tributions under United Nations Security Coun-  
14       cil Resolution 2719 (2023)(referred to in this  
15       paragraph as ‘Resolution 2719’)” after “peace-  
16       keeping operations”; and

17               (B) in clause (i), by inserting “or African  
18       Union peace support operation receiving United  
19       Nations assessed contributions under Resolu-  
20       tion 2719” after “peacekeeping operation”; and  
21       (2) in subparagraph (B)—

22               (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
23       inserting “and African Union peace support op-  
24       eration receiving United Nations assessed con-

1           tributions under Resolution 2719” after “peace-  
2           keeping operation”; and

3                   (B) in clause (v), by inserting “or African  
4           Union peace support operation receiving United  
5           Nations assessed contributions under Resolu-  
6           tion 2719, as the case may be” after “peace-  
7           keeping operation”.

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