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To make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions
and to authorize assistance for Israel, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs, 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 make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize assistance for Israel, and for other purposes.

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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “United States-Israel Cooperation Enhancement and Re-
6 gional Security Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

TITLE I—ENHANCED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

- Sec. 101. Coordinator of United States-Israel Research and Development.
 Sec. 102. Cooperation on directed energy capabilities.
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TITLE III—JUSTICE FOR UNITED STATES VICTIMS OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISM

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 Sec. 302. Facilitation of the settlement of terrorism-related claims of nationals of the United States.
 Sec. 303. Modification to consent of certain parties to personal jurisdiction.

1 **TITLE I—ENHANCED COOPERA-**
2 **TION BETWEEN THE UNITED**
3 **STATES AND ISRAEL**

4 **SEC. 101. COORDINATOR OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL RE-**
5 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President is encouraged to
7 designate the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau
8 of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific
9 Affairs to act as Coordinator of United States-Israel Re-
10 search and Development (in this section referred to as the
11 “Coordinator”).

12 (b) **AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.**—The Coordinator, in
13 conjunction with the heads of relevant Federal Govern-
14 ment departments and agencies and in coordination with
15 the Israel Innovation Authority, shall oversee civilian
16 science and technology programs on a joint basis with
17 Israel.

18 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the
20 Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate congressional
21 committees a report on the implementation of this section.

22 (d) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**
23 **DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
24 gressional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
2 Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the
3 House of Representatives; and

4 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
5 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
6 portation of the Senate.

7 **SEC. 102. COOPERATION ON DIRECTED ENERGY CAPABILI-**
8 **TIES.**

9 (a) **AUTHORITY.—**

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense,
11 upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel
12 and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,
13 is authorized to carry out research, development,
14 test, and evaluation activities, on a joint basis with
15 Israel, to establish directed energy capabilities that
16 address threats to the United States, deployed forces
17 of the United States, or Israel. Any activities carried
18 out pursuant to such authority shall be conducted in
19 a manner that appropriately protects sensitive infor-
20 mation and the national security interests of the
21 United States and the national security interests of
22 Israel.

23 (2) **REPORT.—**The activities described in para-
24 graph (1) may be carried out after the Secretary of

1 Defense submits to the appropriate congressional
2 committees a report setting forth the following:

3 (A) A memorandum of agreement between
4 the United States and Israel regarding sharing
5 of research and development costs for the capa-
6 bilities described in paragraph (1), and any
7 supporting documents.

8 (B) A certification that the memorandum
9 of agreement—

10 (i) requires sharing of costs of
11 projects, including in-kind support, be-
12 tween the United States and Israel;

13 (ii) establishes a framework to nego-
14 tiate the rights to any intellectual property
15 developed under the memorandum of
16 agreement; and

17 (iii) requires the United States Gov-
18 ernment to receive semiannual reports on
19 expenditure of funds, if any, by the Gov-
20 ernment of Israel, including a description
21 of what the funds have been used for,
22 when funds were expended, and an identi-
23 fication of entities that expended the
24 funds.

25 (b) SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is
2 authorized to provide maintenance and sustainment
3 support to Israel for the directed energy capabilities
4 research, development, test, and evaluation activities
5 authorized in subsection (a)(1). Such authority in-
6 cludes authority to install equipment necessary to
7 carry out such research, development, test, and eval-
8 uation.

9 (2) REPORT.—The support described in para-
10 graph (1) may not be provided until 15 days after
11 the Secretary of Defense submits to the appropriate
12 congressional committees a report setting forth a de-
13 tailed description of the support to be provided.

14 (3) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—The support
15 described in paragraph (1) may not be provided un-
16 less the Secretary of Defense certifies to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees that the Govern-
18 ment of Israel will contribute to such support—

19 (A) an amount equal to not less than the
20 amount of support to be so provided; or

21 (B) an amount that otherwise meets the
22 best efforts of Israel, as mutually agreed to by
23 the United States and Israel.

24 (c) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
25 designate an appropriate research and development entity

1 of a military department as the lead agency of the Depart-
2 ment of Defense in carrying out this section.

3 (d) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees on a semiannual basis a report that contains a
6 copy of the most recent semiannual report provided by the
7 Government of Israel to the Department of Defense pur-
8 suant to subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii).

9 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
10 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congress-
11 sional committees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
14 Homeland Security, and the Committee on Appro-
15 priations of the House of Representatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
17 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
18 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and
19 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

20 **SEC. 103. COOPERATION ON CYBERSECURITY.**

21 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

22 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in ac-
23 cordance with the agreement entitled the “Agree-
24 ment between the Government of the United States
25 of America and the Government of the State of

1 Israel on Cooperation in Science and Technology for
2 Homeland Security Matters”, dated May 29, 2008
3 (or successor agreement), and the requirements
4 specified in paragraph (2), shall establish a grant
5 program at the Department to support—

6 (A) cybersecurity research and develop-
7 ment; and

8 (B) demonstration and commercialization
9 of cybersecurity technology.

10 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

11 (A) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, in carrying out a re-
13 search, development, demonstration, or com-
14 mercial application program or activity that is
15 authorized under this section, the Secretary
16 shall require cost sharing in accordance with
17 this paragraph.

18 (B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
20 in clause (ii), the Secretary shall require
21 not less than 50 percent of the cost of a
22 research, development, demonstration, or
23 commercial application program or activity
24 described in subparagraph (A) to be pro-
25 vided by a non-Federal source.

1 (ii) REDUCTION.—The Secretary may
2 reduce or eliminate, on a case-by-case
3 basis, the percentage requirement specified
4 in clause (i) if the Secretary determines
5 that such reduction or elimination is nec-
6 essary and appropriate.

7 (C) MERIT REVIEW.—In carrying out a re-
8 search, development, demonstration, or com-
9 mercial application program or activity that is
10 authorized under this section, awards shall be
11 made only after an impartial review of the sci-
12 entific and technical merit of the proposals for
13 such awards has been carried out by or for the
14 Department.

15 (D) REVIEW PROCESSES.—In carrying out
16 a review under subparagraph (C), the Secretary
17 may use merit review processes developed under
18 section 302(14) of the Homeland Security Act
19 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 182(14)).

20 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—An applicant shall
21 be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection
22 if the project of such applicant—

23 (A) addresses a requirement in the area of
24 cybersecurity research or cybersecurity tech-
25 nology, as determined by the Secretary; and

1 (B) is a joint venture between—

2 (i)(I) a for-profit business entity, aca-
3 demic institution, National Laboratory (as
4 defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy
5 Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)), or non-
6 profit entity in the United States; and

7 (II) a for-profit business entity, aca-
8 demic institution, or nonprofit entity in
9 Israel; or

10 (ii)(I) the Federal Government; and

11 (II) the Government of Israel.

12 (4) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
13 grant under this subsection, an applicant shall sub-
14 mit to the Secretary an application for such grant
15 in accordance with procedures established by the
16 Secretary, in consultation with the advisory board
17 established under paragraph (5).

18 (5) ADVISORY BOARD.—

19 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
20 shall establish an advisory board to—

21 (i) monitor the method by which
22 grants are awarded under this subsection;
23 and

1 (ii) provide to the Secretary periodic
2 performance reviews of actions taken to
3 carry out this subsection.

4 (B) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board
5 established under subparagraph (A) shall be
6 composed of three members, to be appointed by
7 the Secretary, of whom—

8 (i) one shall be a representative of the
9 Federal Government;

10 (ii) one shall be selected from a list of
11 nominees provided by the United States-
12 Israel Binational Science Foundation; and

13 (iii) one shall be selected from a list
14 of nominees provided by the United States-
15 Israel Binational Industrial Research and
16 Development Foundation.

17 (6) CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
18 any other provision of law, the Secretary may accept
19 or retain funds contributed by any person, govern-
20 ment entity, or organization for purposes of carrying
21 out this subsection. Such funds shall be available,
22 subject to appropriation, without fiscal year limita-
23 tion.

24 (7) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
25 the date of completion of a project for which a grant

1 is provided under this subsection, the grant recipient
2 shall submit to the Secretary a report that con-
3 tains—

4 (A) a description of how the grant funds
5 were used by the recipient; and

6 (B) an evaluation of the level of success of
7 each project funded by the grant.

8 (8) CLASSIFICATION.—Grants shall be awarded
9 under this subsection only for projects that are con-
10 sidered to be unclassified by both the United States
11 and Israel.

12 (b) TERMINATION.—The grant program and the ad-
13 visory board established under this section terminate on
14 the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act.

16 (c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
17 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
18 of this section. Such requirements shall be carried out
19 using amounts otherwise authorized.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

21 (1) the term “cybersecurity research” means re-
22 search, including social science research, into ways
23 to identify, protect against, detect, respond to, and
24 recover from cybersecurity threats;

1 (2) the term “cybersecurity technology” means
2 technology intended to identify, protect against, de-
3 tect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity
4 threats;

5 (3) the term “cybersecurity threat” has the
6 meaning given such term in section 102 of the Cy-
7 bersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (en-
8 acted as title I of the Cybersecurity Act of 2015 (di-
9 vision N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
10 2016 (Public Law 114–113)));

11 (4) the term “Department” means the Depart-
12 ment of Homeland Security; and

13 (5) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security.

15 **SEC. 104. REPORT ON POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND IMPACT**
16 **TO THE UNITED STATES OF ESTABLISHING A**
17 **JOINT UNITED STATES-ISRAEL CYBERSECU-**
18 **RITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
21 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
22 a report examining the potential benefits and impact to
23 the United States of establishing a joint United States-
24 Israel Cybersecurity Center of Excellence based in the
25 United States and Israel to leverage the experience, knowl-

1 edge, and expertise of institutions of higher education (as
2 such term is defined in subsection (a) or (b) of section
3 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 1001)), private sector entities, and government entities in
5 the area of cybersecurity and protection of critical infra-
6 structure (as such term is defined in subsection (e) of sec-
7 tion 1016 of the Critical Infrastructures Protection Act
8 of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 5195c; enacted in title X of the USA
9 PATRIOT Act (Public Law 20 107–56))).

10 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
11 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
12 gressional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
14 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
15 Representatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
17 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
18 mental Affairs of the Senate.

19 **SEC. 105. CYBER ATTACHÉ.**

20 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
21 United States Ambassador to Israel, is encouraged to ap-
22 point a qualified individual to assume the role of cyber
23 attaché at the United States Embassy in Israel.

1 **SEC. 106. UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL**
2 **DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM-ISRAEL EN-**
3 **HANCED COOPERATION.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It should be the policy
5 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
6 ment to cooperate with Israel in order to advance common
7 goals across a wide variety of sectors, including energy,
8 agriculture and food security, democracy, human rights
9 and governance, economic growth and trade, education,
10 environment, global health and water and sanitation.

11 (b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-
12 retary of State, acting through the Administrator of the
13 United States Agency for International Development, is
14 authorized to enter into memoranda of understanding with
15 Israel in order to advance common goals on energy, agri-
16 culture and food security, democracy, human rights and
17 governance, economic growth and trade, education, envi-
18 ronment, global health and water sanitation with a focus
19 on strengthening mutual ties and cooperation with nations
20 throughout the world.

21 **SEC. 107. COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AMONG THE UNITED**
22 **STATES, ISRAEL, AND DEVELOPING COUN-**
23 **TRIES.**

24 Section 106(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
25 (22 U.S.C. 2151d) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(f) There are authorized to be appropriated
2 \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024
3 to finance cooperative projects among the United States,
4 Israel, and developing countries that identify and support
5 local solutions to address sustainability challenges relating
6 to water resources, agriculture, and energy storage, in-
7 cluding for the following activities:

8 “(1) Establishing public-private partnerships.

9 “(2) Supporting the identification, research, de-
10 velopment testing, and scaling of innovations that
11 focus on populations that are vulnerable to environ-
12 mental and resource-scarcity crises, such as subsist-
13 ence farming communities.

14 “(3) Seed or transition-to-scale funding, pub-
15 licity and marketing promotional support, or
16 mentorship and partnership brokering support.

17 “(4) Acceleration of demonstrations or applica-
18 tions of local solutions to sustainability challenges,
19 or the further refinement, testing, or implementation
20 of innovations that have previously effectively ad-
21 dressed sustainability challenges.”.

1 **SEC. 108. JOINT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RELATING TO**
2 **REGIONAL COOPERATION ON INNOVATION**
3 **AND HIGH-TECH.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that the United States should help foster regional
6 cooperation by financing and where appropriate, cooper-
7 ating in, projects related to innovation and high-tech in-
8 volving Israel, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and other
9 Middle Eastern countries wishing to participate.

10 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State, act-
11 ing through the Administrator of the United States Agen-
12 cy for International Development may establish a joint co-
13 operative program for the United States, Israel, Egypt,
14 Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, and the West Bank
15 and Gaza Strip to provide for cooperation in the fields of
16 innovation and high-tech.

17 **SEC. 109. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON EASTERN MEDITERRA-**
18 **NEAN ENERGY COOPERATION.**

19 It is the sense of Congress that cooperation between
20 the United States and Israel for the purpose of research
21 and development of energy sources would be in the na-
22 tional interests of not only the United States and Israel,
23 but also of the other nations in the Eastern Mediterranean
24 and North Africa with similar natural gas finds.

1 **SEC. 110. COOPERATION ON OTHER MATTERS.**

2 (a) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ENERGY CENTER.—

3 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
4 of Energy \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020,
5 2021, and 2022 to carry out the activities of the United
6 States-Israel Energy Center established pursuant to sec-
7 tion 917(d) of the Energy Independence and Security Act
8 of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17337(d)).

9 (b) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUS-
10 TRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.—It
11 is the sense of Congress that grants to promote covered
12 energy projects conducted by or in conjunction with the
13 United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and
14 Development Foundation should continue to be funded at
15 not less than \$2,000,000 annually under section 917(b)
16 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
17 U.S.C. 17337(b)).

18 (c) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION ON EN-
19 ERGY, WATER, HOMELAND SECURITY, AGRICULTURE,
20 AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL TECHNOLOGIES.—Section 7 of
21 the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of
22 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8606) is amended by adding at the end
23 the following:

24 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020, 2021, and
2 2022.”.

3 (d) ANNUAL POLICY DIALOGUE.—It is the sense of
4 Congress that the Department of Transportation and
5 Israel’s Ministry of Transportation should engage in an
6 annual policy dialogue to implement the 2016 Memo-
7 randum of Cooperation signed by the Secretary of Trans-
8 portation and the Israeli Minister of Transportation.

9 (e) COOPERATION ON SPACE EXPLORATION AND
10 SCIENCE INITIATIVES.—The Administrator of the Na-
11 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration shall con-
12 tinue to work with the Israel Space Agency to identify and
13 cooperatively pursue peaceful space exploration and
14 science initiatives in areas of mutual interest, taking all
15 appropriate measures to protect sensitive information, in-
16 tellectual property, trade secrets, and economic interests
17 of the United States.

18 (f) UNITED STATES-ISRAEL BINATIONAL AGRICUL-
19 TURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1458(e)(2) of the
21 National Agricultural Research, Extension, and
22 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3291(e)(2))
23 is amended—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “and” at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(C) include food and nutrition research
5 and development and the commercialization of
6 the best practices identified through such re-
7 search and development.”.

8 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
10 subparagraph (C) of section 1458(e)(2) of the Na-
11 tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teach-
12 ing Policy Act of 1977, as added by paragraph
13 (1)(C), \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2020,
14 2021, and 2022.

15 (3) REPORT.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
18 Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the ap-
19 propriate congressional committees a report on
20 activities of the United States-Israel Binational
21 Agricultural Research and Development Fund
22 under section 1458(e) of the Food and Agri-
23 culture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3291(e)).

24 (B) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-
25 MITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the

1 term “appropriate congressional committees”
2 means—

3 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
4 and the Committee on Agriculture of the
5 House of Representatives; and

6 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
7 tions and the Committee on Agriculture,
8 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

9 (g) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
10 RELATING TO DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
13 White House Office of Science and Technology Pol-
14 icy shall submit to the appropriate congressional
15 committees a report on research and development
16 cooperation with international partners, such as the
17 State of Israel, in the area of desalination tech-
18 nology as required under section 9(b)(3) of the
19 Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301
20 note).

21 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
22 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
23 propriate congressional committees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Natural Resources of the
3 House of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
6 sources of the Senate.

7 (h) RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF
8 POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.—It is the sense of
9 Congress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should
10 seek to explore collaboration between the Mental Illness
11 Research, Education and Clinical Centers and Centers of
12 Excellence and Israeli institutions with expertise in re-
13 searching and treating posttraumatic stress disorder.

14 (i) DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
16 appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human
17 Services \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020,
18 2021, and 2022 to establish a bilateral cooperative
19 program with Israel for the development of health
20 technologies, including health technologies described
21 in paragraph (2), with an emphasis on collabo-
22 ratively advancing the use of technology, personal-
23 ized medicine, and data in relation to aging.

24 (2) TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—The
25 health technologies described in this paragraph may

1 include technologies such as artificial intelligence,
2 biofeedback, sensors, monitoring devices, and kidney
3 care.

4 (j) OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE
5 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress
7 that the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Ad-
8 ministration should seek to explore collaboration
9 with Israel through the Office of International Pro-
10 grams.

11 (2) REPORT.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
14 Commissioner, acting through the head of the
15 Office of International Programs, shall submit
16 to the appropriate congressional committees a
17 report on the benefits to the United States and
18 to Israel of opening an office in Israel for the
19 Office of International Programs.

20 (B) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-
21 MITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the
22 term “appropriate congressional committees”
23 means—

24 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
25 and the Committee on Energy and Com-

1 merce of the House of Representatives;
2 and

3 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
4 tions and the Committee on Health, Edu-
5 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

6 (k) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES-
7 ISRAEL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.—It is the sense of
8 Congress that—

9 (1) the United States-Israel economic partner-
10 ship has achieved great tangible and intangible bene-
11 fits to both countries and is a foundational compo-
12 nent of the strong alliance;

13 (2) science and technology innovations present
14 promising new frontiers for United States-Israel eco-
15 nomic cooperation, particularly in light of wide-
16 spread drought, cybersecurity attacks, and other
17 major challenges impacting the United States; and

18 (3) the President should regularize and expand
19 existing forums of economic dialogue with Israel and
20 foster both public and private sector participation.

21 **TITLE II—SECURITY**
22 **ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL**

23 **SEC. 201. FINDINGS.**

24 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) On September 14, 2016, the United States
2 and Israel signed a 10-year Memorandum of Under-
3 standing reaffirming the importance of continuing
4 annual United States military assistance to Israel
5 and cooperative missile defense programs in a way
6 that enhances Israel’s security and strengthens the
7 bilateral relationship between the two countries.

8 (2) The 2016 Memorandum of Understanding
9 reflected United States support of Foreign Military
10 Financing (FMF) grant assistance to Israel over the
11 10-year period beginning in fiscal year 2019 and
12 ending in fiscal year 2028. Such FMF grant assist-
13 ance would equal \$3.3 billion annually, totaling \$33
14 billion.

15 (3) The 2016 Memorandum of Understanding
16 also reflected United States support for funding for
17 cooperative programs to develop, produce, and pro-
18 cure missile, rocket and projectile defense capabili-
19 ties over a 10-year period beginning in fiscal year
20 2019 and ending in fiscal year 2028 at a level of
21 \$500 million annually, totaling \$5 billion.

22 **SEC. 202. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

23 It is the policy of the United States to provide assist-
24 ance to the Government of Israel in order to help enable
25 Israel to defend itself by itself and develop long-term ca-

1 capacity, primarily through the acquisition of advanced ca-
2 pabilities that are available from the United States.

3 **SEC. 203. CONTINGENCY PLANS TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH**
4 **NECESSARY DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERV-**
5 **ICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting through the
7 Secretary of Defense and in consultation with the Sec-
8 retary of State, shall establish and update as appropriate
9 contingency plans to provide Israel with defense articles
10 and services that are determined by the Secretary of De-
11 fense to be necessary for the defense of Israel.

12 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
14 ally thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation
15 with the Secretary of State, shall brief the appropriate
16 congressional committees on the status of the contingency
17 plans required under subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 204. WAIVER FOR EXISTING OR IMMINENT MILITARY**
19 **THREAT TO ISRAEL.**

20 Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act is amend-
21 ed by adding at the end the following:

22 “(1) WAIVER FOR EXISTING OR IMMINENT MILITARY
23 THREAT TO ISRAEL.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon receiving information
25 that Israel is under an existing or imminent threat

1 of military attack, the President may waive the re-
2 quirements of this Act and direct the immediate
3 transfer to Israel of such defense articles or services
4 the President determines to be necessary to assist
5 Israel in its defense against such threat. Amounts
6 obligated or expended to carry out this paragraph
7 shall not be subject to any limitation in law, or pro-
8 vision of any bilateral agreement, relating to the
9 amount of United States assistance authorized to be
10 made available to Israel.

11 “(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—As soon as
12 practicable after a transfer of defense articles or
13 services pursuant to the authority provided by para-
14 graph (1), the President shall provide a notification
15 in writing to Congress of the details of such trans-
16 fer, consistent with the requirements of section 36 of
17 this Act.”.

18 **SEC. 205. SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.**

19 Section 513(c) of the Security Assistance Act of 2000
20 (Public Law 106–280; 114 Stat. 856) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2002 and
22 2003” and inserting “2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and
23 2024”;

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “equal to—”
2 and all that follows and inserting “not less than
3 \$3,300,000,000.”; and

4 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “Funds au-
5 thorized” and all that follows through “later.” and
6 inserting “Funds authorized to be available for
7 Israel under subsection (b)(1) and paragraph (1) of
8 this subsection for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022,
9 2023, and 2024 shall be disbursed not later than 30
10 days after the date of the enactment of an Act mak-
11 ing appropriations for the Department of State, for-
12 eign operations, and related programs for the re-
13 spective fiscal year, or October 31 of the respective
14 fiscal year, whichever is later.”.

15 **SEC. 206. JOINT ASSESSMENT OF QUANTITY OF PRECISION**

16 **GUIDED MUNITIONS FOR USE BY ISRAEL.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, acting through the
18 Secretary of Defense and in consultation with the Sec-
19 retary of State, is authorized to conduct a joint assess-
20 ment with the Government of Israel with respect to the
21 matters described in subsection (b).

22 (b) **MATTERS DESCRIBED.**—The matters described
23 in this subsection are the following:

24 (1) The quantity and type of precision guided
25 munitions that are necessary for Israel to combat

1 Hezbollah in the event of a sustained armed con-
2 frontation between Israel and Hezbollah.

3 (2) The quantity and type of precision guided
4 munitions that are necessary for Israel in the event
5 of a sustained armed confrontation with other armed
6 groups and terrorist organizations such as Hamas.

7 (3) The resources the Government of Israel can
8 plan to dedicate to acquire such precision guided
9 munitions.

10 (4) United States planning to assist Israel to
11 prepare for the sustained armed confrontations de-
12 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) as well as the abil-
13 ity of the United States to resupply Israel in the
14 event of such confrontations described in paragraphs
15 (1) and (2), if any.

16 (c) REPORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after
18 the date on which the joint assessment authorized
19 under subsection (a) is completed, the Secretary of
20 Defense shall submit to the appropriate congres-
21 sional committees a report that contains the joint
22 assessment.

23 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
24 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
25 but may contain a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 207. TRANSFER OF PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS TO**
2 **ISRAEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of
4 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h),
5 the President is authorized to transfer to Israel precision
6 guided munitions from reserve stocks for Israel in such
7 quantities as necessary for legitimate self-defense of Israel
8 and is otherwise consistent with the purposes and condi-
9 tions for such transfers under the Arms Export Control
10 Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

11 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Except in the case of an emer-
12 gency as determined by the President, not later than 5
13 days before making a transfer under subsection (a), the
14 President shall certify to the appropriate congressional
15 committees that the transfer of the precision guided muni-
16 tions—

17 (1) does not affect the ability of the United
18 States to maintain a sufficient supply of precision
19 guided munitions;

20 (2) does not harm the combat readiness of the
21 United States or the ability of the United States to
22 meet its commitment to allies for the transfer of
23 such munitions;

24 (3) is necessary for Israel to counter the threat
25 of rockets in a timely fashion; and

1 (4) is in the national security interest of the
2 United States.

3 **SEC. 208. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RAPID ACQUISITION**
4 **AND DEPLOYMENT PROCEDURES.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the President should
6 prescribe procedures for the rapid acquisition and deploy-
7 ment of precision guided munitions for United States
8 counterterrorism missions, or to assist an ally of the
9 United States, including Israel, that is subject to direct
10 missile threat.

11 **SEC. 209. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVES STOCKPILE AU-**
12 **THORITY.**

13 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS
14 ACT, 2005.—Subsection (d) of section 12001 of the De-
15 partment of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public
16 Law 108–287; 118 Stat. 1011) is amended by striking
17 “after September 30, 2020” and inserting “after Sep-
18 tember 30, 2025”.

19 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section
20 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
21 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “2013,
22 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020” and in-
23 serting “2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025”.

1 **SEC. 210. ELIGIBILITY OF ISRAEL FOR THE STRATEGIC**
2 **TRADE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION TO CER-**
3 **TAIN EXPORT CONTROL LICENSING RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Israel has adopted high standards in the
7 field of export controls.

8 (2) Israel has declared its unilateral adherence
9 to the Missile Technology Control Regime, the Aus-
10 tralia Group, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

11 (3) Israel is a party to—

12 (A) the Protocol for the Prohibition of the
13 Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or
14 Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of
15 Warfare, signed at Geneva June 17, 1925; and

16 (B) the Convention on the Physical Protec-
17 tion of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on
18 October 26, 1979.

19 (4) Section 6(b) of the United States-Israel
20 Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8603
21 note) directs the President, consistent with the com-
22 mitments of the United States under international
23 agreements, to take steps so that Israel may be in-
24 cluded in the list of countries eligible for the stra-
25 tegic trade authorization exception under section
26 740.20(c)(1) of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-

1 tions, to the requirement for a license for the export,
2 re-export, or in-country transfer of an item subject
3 to controls under the Export Administration Regula-
4 tions.

5 (b) REPORT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR STRATEGIC TRADE
6 AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 President shall submit to the appropriate congress-
10 sional committees a report that describes the steps
11 taken to include Israel in the list of countries eligible
12 for the strategic trade authorization exception under
13 section 740.20 (c) (1) of title 15, Code of Federal
14 Regulations section, as required under 6(b) of the
15 United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of
16 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8603 note).

17 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
18 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
19 but may contain a classified annex.

20 **SEC. 211. EXTENSION OF LOAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL.**

21 Chapter 5 of title I of the Emergency Wartime Sup-
22 plemental Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108–11;
23 117 Stat. 576) is amended under the heading “Loan
24 Guarantees to Israel”—

1 (1) in the matter preceding the first proviso, by
2 striking “September 30, 2020” and inserting “Sep-
3 tember 30, 2025”; and

4 (2) in the second proviso, by striking “Sep-
5 tember 30, 2020” and inserting “September 30,
6 2025”.

7 **SEC. 212. DEFINITION.**

8 In this title, the term “appropriate congressional
9 committees” means—

10 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
11 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives; and

13 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
14 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

15 **TITLE III—JUSTICE FOR UNITED**
16 **STATES VICTIMS OF PALES-**
17 **TINIAN TERRORISM**

18 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

19 This title may be cited as the “Justice for United
20 States Victims of Palestinian Terrorism Act”.

21 **SEC. 302. FACILITATION OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TER-**
22 **RORISM-RELATED CLAIMS OF NATIONALS OF**
23 **THE UNITED STATES.**

24 (a) **COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS TO FACILITATE THE**
25 **RESOLUTION OF ANTI-TERRORISM ACT CLAIMS.**—The

1 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney Gen-
2 eral, shall, not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act, develop and initiate a comprehensive
4 process for the Department of State to facilitate the reso-
5 lution and settlement of covered claims.

6 (b) ELEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS.—The
7 comprehensive process developed under subsection (a)
8 shall include, at a minimum, the following:

9 (1) Not later than 45 days after the date of en-
10 actment of this Act, the Department of State shall
11 publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying
12 the method by which a national of the United
13 States, or a representative of a national of the
14 United States, who has a covered claim, may contact
15 the Department of State to give notice of the cov-
16 ered claim.

17 (2) Not later than 120 days after the date of
18 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, or a
19 designee of the Secretary, shall meet (and make
20 every effort to continue to meet on a regular basis
21 thereafter) with any national of the United States,
22 or a representative of a national of the United
23 States, who has a covered claim and has informed
24 the Department of State of the covered claim using
25 the method established pursuant to paragraph (1) to

1 discuss the status of the covered claim, including the
2 status of any settlement discussions with the Pales-
3 tinian Authority or the Palestine Liberation Organi-
4 zation.

5 (3) Not later than 180 days after the date of
6 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, or a
7 designee of the Secretary, shall make every effort to
8 meet (and make every effort to continue to meet on
9 a regular basis thereafter) with representatives of
10 the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Libera-
11 tion Organization to discuss the covered claims iden-
12 tified pursuant to paragraph (1) and potential settle-
13 ment of the covered claims.

14 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of State
15 shall, not later than 240 days after the date of enactment
16 of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, submit
17 to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on
18 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
19 the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
20 the House of Representatives a report describing activities
21 that the Department of State has undertaken to comply
22 with this section, including specific updates regarding
23 paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b).

24 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
25 gress that—

1 (1) covered claims should be resolved in a man-
2 ner that provides just compensation to the victims;

3 (2) any final judgment awarded to any national
4 of the United States under section 2333 of title 18,
5 United States Code, against the Palestinian Author-
6 ity or the Palestine Liberation Organization should
7 be resolved and settled in favor of the victim to the
8 fullest extent possible;

9 (3) the United States Government should take
10 all practicable steps to facilitate the resolution and
11 settlement of all covered claims, including engaging
12 directly with the victims or their representatives and
13 the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Libera-
14 tion Organization; and

15 (4) the United States Government should
16 strongly urge the Palestinian Authority and the Pal-
17 estine Liberation Organization to commit to good-
18 faith negotiations to resolve and settle all covered
19 claims.

20 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “covered
21 claim” means any pending action by, or final judgment
22 in favor of, a national of the United States, or any action
23 by a national of the United States dismissed for lack of
24 personal jurisdiction, under section 2333 of title 18,

1 United States Code, against the Palestinian Authority or
2 the Palestine Liberation Organization.

3 **SEC. 303. MODIFICATION TO CONSENT OF CERTAIN PAR-**
4 **TIES TO PERSONAL JURISDICTION.**

5 Section 2334 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking subparagraph (A) of subsection
7 (e)(1) and inserting the following:

8 “(A) in the case of a defendant benefitting
9 from a waiver or suspension of section 1003 of
10 the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 (22 U.S.C.
11 5202) after the date that is 120 days after the
12 date of enactment of this subparagraph, makes
13 any new application in order to obtain the same
14 standing as member states or full membership
15 as a state in the United Nations or any special-
16 ized agency thereof outside an agreement nego-
17 tiated between Israel and the Palestinians; or”.

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