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To withhold United States contributions to the United Nations Development Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To withhold United States contributions to the United Nations Development Program.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United Nations Development Program
6 (UNDP) has for years operated in the Democratic
7 People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) in viola-
8 tion of United Nations rules and internal auditing
9 recommendations. Examples of such violations in-
10 clude the following:

1 (A) The local staff of the UNDP in North
2 Korea is dominated by employees who are
3 hand-picked by the Government of North
4 Korea. The Government of North Korea pro-
5 vides only one candidate for each position and
6 does not provide detailed qualifications, work
7 experience, or personal details to the UNDP.

8 (B) The salaries of the local staff of the
9 UNDP in North Korea are paid to the Govern-
10 ment of North Korea and not to the individual
11 staffers. Such local staff are instead provided
12 with cash food stipends against UNDP regula-
13 tions.

14 (C) Officials of the Government of North
15 Korea have performed financial and core mana-
16 gerial functions of UNDP activities in violation
17 of UNDP regulations.

18 (D) The UNDP pays cash to local sup-
19 pliers of the Government of North Korea in vio-
20 lation of UNDP regulations.

21 (E) The UNDP provides funding to pro-
22 grams and projects controlled by the Govern-
23 ment of North Korea without appropriate au-
24 dits or other oversight in violation of UNDP
25 regulations.

1 (2) According to the United States Department
2 of State, in 2005 the Government of the United
3 States contributed \$108 million to the general fund
4 of the UNDP. This amount accounts for 11.8 per-
5 cent of the total funding of the UNDP.

6 (3) The Government of North Korea has devel-
7 oped and tested nuclear weapons in violation of
8 international treaties.

9 (4) North Korea continues to pose a threat to
10 East Asia and the world in the form of its nuclear
11 weapons program.

12 (5) The Government of North Korea maintains
13 a police state wherein citizens are prevented from
14 access to the outside world.

15 (6) Kim Jong-Il and other senior officials of the
16 Government of North Korea have used their power
17 to purchase personal luxuries, possibly with UNDP
18 funds, while citizens face starvation.

19 (7) Representatives of the Government of North
20 Korea are members of the executive board of the
21 UNDP, thereby governing the amount of UNDP as-
22 sistance that North Korea will receive and over-
23 seeing UNDP programs around the world.

1 (8) The Government of North Korea maintains
2 a state of war with the democratically-elected Gov-
3 ernment of the Republic of Korea (South Korea).

4 (9) Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein used
5 United Nations programs to launder approximately
6 \$100 billion into his regime in what has become
7 known as the “Oil-for-Food Scandal”.

8 (10) Illicit funding of this kind undermines the
9 strong sanctions that have been imposed by the
10 United States and the United Nations against North
11 Korea.

12 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

13 It is the sense of Congress that—

14 (1) the United Nations—

15 (A) should ensure that the United Nations
16 Development Program (UNDP) enforces its
17 rules regarding financing, staffing, accounting,
18 and auditing of its activities in the Democratic
19 People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea);

20 (B) should authorize an external investiga-
21 tion of all UNDP activities in North Korea; and

22 (C) should ensure that—

23 (i) any local staff of the UNDP in
24 North Korea who may have committed

1 crimes are prosecuted in the appropriate
2 court of law; and

3 (ii) any local staff of the UNDP in
4 North Korea who have violated UNDP
5 regulations are appropriately sanctioned;
6 and

7 (2) the President should instruct the United
8 States representative on the Executive Board of the
9 UNDP to use the voice, vote, and influence of the
10 United States to ensure that—

11 (A) the UNDP ceases any activities in
12 North Korea that are in violation of UNDP
13 regulations;

14 (B) the UNDP conducts a full audit, open
15 for review to all members of the Executive
16 Board, of UNDP activities in North Korea
17 since 1998; and

18 (C) the UNDP establishes regulations to
19 ensure that no funds allocated to UNDP activi-
20 ties in North Korea are provided to the Govern-
21 ment of North Korea.

1 **SEC. 3. WITHHOLDING OF UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**
2 **TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 The Secretary of State shall withhold any United
5 States contribution to the general funds of the United Na-
6 tions Development Program (UNDP) until such time as
7 the Secretary certifies to Congress that the UNDP meets
8 the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (C) of sec-
9 tion 2(2) of this Act.

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