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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Prohibition on Finan-  
3 cial Transactions With Countries Supporting Terrorism  
4 Act of 1997”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH TERRORISTS.**

6 Section 2332d of title 18, United States Code, (relat-  
7 ing to financial transactions) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by striking “Except as provided in reg-  
10 ulations issued by the Secretary of the Treas-  
11 ury, in consultation with the Secretary of State,  
12 whoever” and inserting “Whoever”; and

13 (B) by inserting “of 1979” after “Export  
14 Administration Act”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after  
16 “1956(c)(4)” the following: “, except that such term  
17 does not include any transaction ordinarily incident  
18 to—

19 “(A) routine diplomatic relations among  
20 countries;

21 “(B) an official act by a representative of,  
22 or an act which is authorized by and conducted  
23 on behalf of, the United States Government;

24 “(C) the broadcasting or reporting of news  
25 by organizations regularly engaged in such ac-  
26 tivity; or

1           “(D) the provision or purchase of assist-  
2           ance intended to relieve human suffering, in-  
3           cluding medical services, supplies, and equip-  
4           ment;

5           “(E) the receipt of emergency medical  
6           services;

7           “(F) any postal, telegraphic, or other per-  
8           sonal communication which does not involve a  
9           transfer of anything of value;

10          “(G) the protection of intellectual property  
11          rights of any United States person;

12          “(H) the performance of any contract or  
13          agreement that was entered into before June  
14          12, 1997, but not those renewed after such  
15          date;

16          “(I) the provision of hospitality or trans-  
17          portation services; or

18          “(J) the payment of a claim to any United  
19          States person”.

20   **SEC. 3. REPORT ON EFFECTS OF ENACTMENT.**

21          Beginning not later than one year after the date of  
22          enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, in  
23          consultation with the Secretary of State, shall issue an an-  
24          nual report to Congress on—

1           (1) the impact of this prohibition on United  
2 States businesses; and

3           (2) any means by which a negative impact  
4 might be ameliorated.

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 1997.

Attest:

*Clerk.*