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To establish reform criteria to permit payment of United States arrearages
in assessed contributions to the United Nations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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States arrearages in assessed contributions to the United
Nations.

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 “United Nations Re-
5 form Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF UNITED STATES ARREARAGES IN AS-**
7 **SESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
10 sion of law, for each of the fiscal years 1998 through

1 2002, no funds shall be available for obligation or expendi-
2 ture to the United Nations for the payment except under
3 procedures of United States assessed contributions to the
4 United Nations more than one year in arrears at the time
5 of passage of this Act under United States Government
6 accounting except under procedures under subsection (b);

7 (b) PROCEDURES FOR THE RELEASE OF UNITED
8 STATES ARREARAGES TO THE UNITED NATIONS.—In ac-
9 cordance with procedures applicable to reprogramming no-
10 tifications under section 34 of the State Department Basic
11 Authorities Act of 1956, for each fiscal year 1998 through
12 2002, the President may make available for obligation or
13 expenditure to the United Nations an amount not to ex-
14 ceed 20% of United States assessed contributions to the
15 United Nations more than one year in arrears at the time
16 of passage of this Act under United States Government
17 accounting if on January 31 of each fiscal year 1998
18 through 2002 the President determines and certifies to the
19 relevant committees of the Congress that the applicable
20 reform criteria for each fiscal year has been met.

21 (c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

22 (1) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF THE CON-
23 GRESS.—The term “relevant committees of the Con-
24 gress” means the Committee on Foreign Relations
25 and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate

1 and the Committee on International Relations and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
3 Representatives.

4 (2) APPLICABLE REFORM CRITERIA.—The term
5 “applicable reform criteria” means—

6 (A) for fiscal year 1998 that the United
7 Nations has maintained a zero nominal growth
8 budget in United States dollar terms and has
9 made all of its programs, offices and activities
10 open to auditing by the national auditing and
11 inspecting agencies of its member states to in-
12 clude, but not be limited to the United States
13 General Accounting Office and the State De-
14 partment Office of Inspector General, that the
15 United Nations Office of Internal Oversight
16 Services has been fully funded at its request
17 level, and that all products of the Office of In-
18 ternal Oversight Services relevant to United
19 Nations budgetary and administrative matters
20 are available to all United Nations member
21 states;

22 (B) for fiscal year 1999 that all criteria for
23 fiscal year 1998 continue to be met and that
24 United States representation on the United Na-

1 tions Advisory Committee on Administrative
2 and Budgetary Questions has been restored;

3 (C) for fiscal year 2000 that all criteria for
4 fiscal years 1998 and 1999 continue to be met
5 and that procedures for assessing contributions
6 for United Nations peacekeeping activities have
7 been reformed to ensure that for all logistical,
8 in-kind, and non-cash aid provided by the Unit-
9 ed States to support United Nations assessed
10 peacekeeping activities that the United States
11 either receives from the United Nations cash re-
12 imbursement for the full value of such aid or
13 credit toward the payment of assessed contribu-
14 tions for peacekeeping operations;

15 (D) for fiscal year 2001 that all criteria
16 for fiscal years 1998 through 2000 continue to
17 be met and that the United Nations has divided
18 its regular budget into a small “core” assessed
19 budget representing only those activities deter-
20 mined by the General Accounting Office to be
21 necessary for the United Nations to maintain
22 its existence under the terms of the United Na-
23 tions Charter and a voluntary “program” budg-
24 et that would include all United Nations pro-
25 grams, developmental activities, regional activi-

1 ties, economic and social activities, and related
2 staff; and

3 (E) for fiscal year 2002 that all criteria for
4 fiscal years 1998 through 2001 continue to be
5 met and that the United Nations has approved
6 and implemented systemwide structural reform,
7 entailing a significant reduction in staff, that
8 would eliminate all outdated activities and pro-
9 gram duplication and would encompass all rel-
10 evant United Nations specialized agencies.

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