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in assessed contributions to the United Nations.

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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

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## 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 1999”.

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 2000 through

1 2004, no funds shall be available for obligation or expendi-  
2 ture to the United Nations for the payment of United  
3 States assessed contributions to the United Nations more  
4 than one year in arrears as of the date of enactment of  
5 this Act, as determined by the United States Government,  
6 except as provided for under procedures described in sub-  
7 section (b).

8 (b) PROCEDURES FOR THE RELEASE OF UNITED  
9 STATES ARREARAGES TO THE UNITED NATIONS.—In ac-  
10 cordance with procedures applicable to reprogramming no-  
11 tifications under section 34 of the State Department Basic  
12 Authorities Act of 1956, for each fiscal year 2000 through  
13 2004, the President may make available for obligation or  
14 expenditure to the United Nations an amount not to ex-  
15 ceed 20 percent of United States assessed contributions  
16 to the United Nations more than one year in arrears as  
17 of the date of enactment of this Act, as determined by  
18 the United States Government, if on January 31 of the  
19 respective fiscal year the President determines and cer-  
20 tifies to the relevant committees of the Congress that the  
21 applicable reform criteria for that fiscal year has been  
22 met.

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

24 (1) RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF THE CON-  
25 GRESS.—The term “relevant committees of the Con-

1 gress” means the Committee on Foreign Relations  
2 and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate  
3 and the Committee on International Relations and  
4 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of  
5 Representatives.

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

8 (A) for fiscal year 2000 that the United  
9 Nations has maintained a zero nominal growth  
10 budget in United States dollar terms and has  
11 made all of its programs, offices and activities  
12 open to auditing by the national auditing and  
13 inspecting agencies of its member states to in-  
14 clude, but not be limited to the United States  
15 General Accounting Office and the State De-  
16 partment Office of Inspector General, that the  
17 United Nations Office of Internal Oversight  
18 Services has been fully funded at its request  
19 level, and that all products of the Office of In-  
20 ternal Oversight Services relevant to United  
21 Nations budgetary and administrative matters  
22 are available to all United Nations member  
23 states;

24 (B) for fiscal year 2001 that all criteria for  
25 fiscal year 2000 continue to be met and that

1 United States representation on the United Na-  
2 tions Advisory Committee on Administrative  
3 and Budgetary Questions has been restored;

4 (C) for fiscal year 2002 that all criteria for  
5 fiscal years 2000 and 2001 continue to be met  
6 and that procedures for assessing contributions  
7 for United Nations peacekeeping activities have  
8 been reformed to ensure that for all logistical,  
9 in-kind, and non-cash aid provided by the  
10 United States to support United Nations as-  
11 sessed peacekeeping activities that the United  
12 States either receives from the United Nations  
13 cash reimbursement for the full value of such  
14 aid or credit toward the payment of assessed  
15 contributions for peacekeeping operations;

16 (D) for fiscal year 2003 that all criteria  
17 for fiscal years 2000 through 2002 continue to  
18 be met and that the United Nations has divided  
19 its regular budget into a small “core” assessed  
20 budget representing only those activities deter-  
21 mined by the General Accounting Office to be  
22 necessary for the United Nations to maintain  
23 its existence under the terms of the United Na-  
24 tions Charter and a voluntary “program” budg-  
25 et that would include all United Nations pro-

1           grams, developmental activities, regional activi-  
2           ties, economic and social activities, and related  
3           staff; and

4           (E) for fiscal year 2004 that all criteria for  
5           fiscal years 2000 through 2003 continue to be  
6           met and that the United Nations has approved  
7           and implemented systemwide structural reform,  
8           entailing a significant reduction in staff, that  
9           would eliminate all outdated activities and pro-  
10          gram duplication and would encompass all rel-  
11          evant United Nations specialized agencies.

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