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To establish a Middle East Development Initiative to provide development assistance to countries in the Middle East region for the purpose of promoting the peace process in that region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PENNY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish a Middle East Development Initiative to provide development assistance to countries in the Middle East region for the purpose of promoting the peace process in that region.

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 “Middle East Peace
5 and Development Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of the Congress that the United States
3 should continue to promote peace in the Middle East
4 region by—

5 (1) encouraging the establishment of diplomatic
6 relations and subsequent friendly relationships
7 among Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and other na-
8 tions in the region;

9 (2) promoting the shared development and use
10 of human, natural, material, and technological re-
11 sources of the region; and

12 (3) supporting self-determination for the Pal-
13 estinian people in the West Bank and Gaza.

14 **SEC. 3. MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish and
16 carry out a Middle East Development Initiative (in this
17 Act referred to as the “Initiative”) to provide development
18 assistance to countries in the Middle East region for the
19 purpose of promoting the peace process in such region.

20 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—A country shall be eligible to
22 receive development assistance under the Initiative
23 only if the government of such country is engaged
24 in bilateral or multilateral discussions or negotia-
25 tions which promote the peace process in the Middle
26 East region.

1 (2) WEST BANK AND GAZA.—An organization
2 or any other entity located in the West Bank or
3 Gaza shall be eligible to receive development assist-
4 ance under the Initiative only if such organization or
5 entity is engaged in bilateral or multilateral discus-
6 sions or negotiations which promote the peace proc-
7 ess in the Middle East region.

8 (c) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—The
9 President shall coordinate the Initiative with—

10 (1) other programs under which assistance for
11 development is provided to countries in the Middle
12 East region, including programs for the West Bank
13 and Gaza; and

14 (2) any other appropriate foreign assistance
15 programs that promote development in the Middle
16 East region, including programs established and car-
17 ried out by international organizations.

18 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
20 priated to the President to carry out this Act
21 \$260,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1995, 1996, and
22 1997. Amounts appropriated pursuant to the preceding
23 sentence are authorized to remain available until ex-
24 pend.

1 (b) OFFSETTING REDUCTION IN SPENDING FOR
2 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT AND ISRAEL.—For
3 each of the fiscal years 1995, 1996, and 1997, the amount
4 of foreign assistance provided to Egypt and Israel shall
5 be reduced as follows:

6 (1) EGYPT.—The amount of foreign assistance
7 provided to Egypt shall be at least \$110,000,000
8 less than the amount of such assistance provided to
9 Egypt for fiscal year 1994.

10 (2) ISRAEL.—The amount of foreign assistance
11 provided to Israel shall be at least \$150,000,000 less
12 than the amount of such assistance provided to
13 Israel for fiscal year 1994.

14 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

15 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
16 apply:

17 (1) DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.—The term
18 “development assistance” means assistance under
19 chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of
20 1961 (relating to development assistance).

21 (2) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—The term “foreign
22 assistance” means assistance under the Foreign As-
23 sistance Act of 1961 or under the “Foreign Military
24 Financing Program” account under section 23 of
25 the Arms Export Control Act.

1 (3) MIDDLE EAST REGION.—The term “Middle
2 East region” means the region consisting of the fol-
3 lowing: Bahrain, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Ku-
4 wait, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Ara-
5 bia, Syria, the United Arab Emirates, the West
6 Bank, and Yemen.

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