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To prohibit United States voluntary and assessed contributions to the United Nations if the United Nations imposes any tax or fee on United States persons or continues to develop or promote proposals for such taxes or fees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. EWING, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. HILLEARY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prohibition on United
5 Nations Taxation Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) in 1948, the average United States family
4 with children paid only 3 percent of its income in
5 Federal taxes;

6 (2) in 1996, the average United States family
7 with children paid almost 24 percent of its income
8 in Federal taxes;

9 (3) United Nations officials have made numer-
10 ous and repeated proposals to provide financing for
11 the United Nations outside the scrutiny of Member
12 States of the United Nations, including borrowing
13 from international financial institutions, assuming
14 control of bonds issued by Member States, and im-
15 posing taxes on an extensive range of transactions,
16 goods, and services;

17 (4) the 1994 “Human Development Report” of
18 the United Nations Development Program stated
19 that “[i]t is appropriate that the proceeds of an
20 international tax be devoted to international pur-
21 poses and be placed at the disposal of international
22 institutions.”;

23 (5) on January 14, 1996, United Nations Gen-
24 eral Secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali stated that an
25 international tax would mean that “[he would] not

1 be under the daily financial will of the Member
2 States.”;

3 (6) American taxpayers have paid approxi-
4 mately \$30,000,000,000 to the United Nations since
5 1945;

6 (7) the United Nations and its organizations
7 are replete with mismanagement, waste, corruption,
8 and inefficiency which cost American taxpayers mil-
9 lions of dollars each year;

10 (8) the power to tax is an attribute of sov-
11 ereignty;

12 (9) the United Nations does not have the at-
13 tributes of sovereignty and is not a sovereign power;
14 and

15 (10) the United Nations has no legal authority
16 to impose taxes on United States citizens.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION OF GLOBAL TAX-**
18 **ATION OR MULTILATERAL BANK BORROW-**
19 **ING.**

20 The United States may not pay any voluntary or as-
21 sessed contribution to the United Nations or any of its
22 specialized or affiliated agencies if the United Nations—

23 (1) attempts to implement or impose any tax-
24 ation or fee on any United States persons; or

1 (2) borrows funds from the International Bank
2 for Reconstruction and Development (commonly re-
3 ferred to as the “World Bank”), the International
4 Monetary Fund, or any other similar or regional
5 international financial institution.

6 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND**
7 **PROMOTION OF GLOBAL TAXATION PROPOS-**
8 **ALS.**

9 The United States may not pay any voluntary or as-
10 sessed contribution to the United Nations or any of its
11 specialized or affiliated agencies (including the United Na-
12 tions Development Program) unless the President certifies
13 in writing to the Congress 15 days in advance of such pay-
14 ment that the United Nations or such agency, as the case
15 may be, is not engaged in any effort to develop, advocate,
16 promote, or publicize any proposal concerning taxation or
17 fees on United States persons in order to raise revenue
18 for the United Nations or any such agency.

19 **SEC. 5. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

20 Payments prohibited under this Act include disburse-
21 ments to the United Nations pursuant to any undertaking
22 made by the United States before the prohibition becomes
23 effective.

24 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

25 As used in this Act:

1 (1) The term “person” has the meaning given
2 such term in section 7701(a)(1) of the Internal Rev-
3 enue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 7701(a)(1)).

4 (2) The term “taxation or fees on United
5 States persons” includes any tax or fee assessed on
6 United States persons on a per capita basis or on
7 a transaction or user basis, including but not limited
8 to any tax or fee on international air travel, foreign
9 exchange transactions, the mails, or extraction or
10 use of natural resources.

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