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To provide a United States voluntary contribution to the United Nations
Population Fund.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. LEACH, Mr. HOEFFEL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. THURMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. LEE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. FRANK, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. WYNN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. KELLY, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. STARK, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. WEINER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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United Nations Population Fund.

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 “United Nations Popu-
3 lation Fund (UNFPA) Funding Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) The renewed commitment of the world com-
7 munity to the formulation of government policies
8 that contribute to global population stabilization and
9 to improvements in the status of women owes much
10 to the efforts of the United Nations and its special-
11 ized agencies and organizations, particularly the
12 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

13 (2) Over one-half of the UNFPA’s assistance is
14 devoted to maternal and child health programs, in-
15 cluding the provision of family planning services,
16 and it is a major supplier of modern methods of con-
17 traception. UNFPA also supports efforts aimed at
18 preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexu-
19 ally-transmitted diseases and activities aimed specifi-
20 cally at enhancing the status of women.

21 (3) UNFPA does not fund abortion services,
22 rather, UNFPA seeks to reduce the incidence of
23 abortion by improving access to contraceptive serv-
24 ices and to reduce deaths and injuries related to un-
25 safe abortion by supporting treatment of women suf-
26 fering from its complications.

1 (4) Operating in over 130 nations in all regions
2 of the world and as a politically neutral source of
3 funds, UNFPA complements the important work of
4 the United States Agency for International Develop-
5 ment population assistance program.

6 (5) The United States contribution to UNFPA
7 last year provided an estimated 870,000 women in
8 the developing world with effective modern contra-
9 ception, thereby preventing 500,000 unintended
10 pregnancies, 200,000 abortions, and thousands of
11 maternal and child deaths.

12 (6) Many global environmental problems, in-
13 cluding water shortages, pollution, tropical deforest-
14 ation, and the loss of wildlife habitat are linked to
15 rapid population growth. UNFPA has assisted coun-
16 tries around the world plan for and slow population
17 growth, therefore reducing its effects on the environ-
18 ment.

19 (7) Assistance provided by UNFPA conforms to
20 the principle, affirmed at the 1994 International
21 Conference on Population and Development by 180
22 nations, including the United States, that “all cou-
23 ples and individuals have the basic right to decide
24 freely and responsibly the number and spacing of

1 their children and to have the information, edu-
2 cation, and means to do so.”.

3 (8) UNFPA opposes coercion in any form. All
4 of UNFPA’s programs are designed in conformity
5 with universally recognized human rights principles.

6 (9) An appropriate way to express the legiti-
7 mate concerns of the United States Government
8 about the population policies of the People’s Repub-
9 lic of China is by placing those concerns on the bi-
10 lateral agenda along with other important human
11 rights issues, not by singling out a United Nations
12 agency by withholding all funding thereby punishing
13 the women and families around the world who de-
14 pend on its humanitarian aid.

15 (10) UNFPA plays a constructive role in help-
16 ing to reduce the incidence of coercive practices in
17 China through its country program which has been
18 successful in eliminating targets and quotas and pro-
19 moting voluntary family planning and informed con-
20 sent in the 32 program counties. By improving con-
21 traceptive method choice, expanding the range of re-
22 productive health services, and enhancing the status
23 of women, the UNFPA country program will help to
24 enable the Chinese to operationalize the human

1 rights approach of the International Conference on
2 Polulation and Development.

3 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO**
4 **THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND.**

5 In addition to amounts otherwise available to carry
6 out the purposes of chapter 3 of part 1 of the Foreign
7 Assistance Act of 1961, there are authorized to be appro-
8 priated \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and \$50,000,000
9 for fiscal year 2003 to be available only for United States
10 voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population
11 Fund.

12 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTARY**
13 **CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS**
14 **POPULATION FUND.**

15 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, of the funds appropriated for voluntary con-
17 tributions to the United Nations Population Fund for each
18 of the fiscal years 2002 and 2003, an amount equal to
19 the amount allocated by the United Nations Population
20 Fund for the country program in the People's Republic
21 of China during each fiscal year shall be withheld from
22 obligation and expenditure if during such fiscal year, the
23 Secretary of State submits to the appropriate congres-
24 sional committees the certification described in subsection
25 (b).

1 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of State shall
2 submit a certification under subsection (a) if the Secretary
3 determines that the country program of the United Na-
4 tions Population Fund in the People’s Republic of China
5 does not meet the following criteria—

6 (1) Focuses on improving the delivery of vol-
7 untary family planning information and services.

8 (2) Is designed in conformity with the human
9 rights principles affirmed at the International Con-
10 ference on Population and Development with the
11 support of 180 nations including the United States.

12 (3) Is implemented only in counties of the Peo-
13 ple’s Republic of China where all quotas and targets
14 for the recruitment of program participants have
15 been abolished and the use of coercive measures has
16 been eliminated.

17 (4) Is carried out in consultation with and
18 under the oversight and approval of the UNFPA ex-
19 ecutive board, including the United States represent-
20 ative.

21 (5) Is subject to regular independent moni-
22 toring to ensure compliance with the principles of in-
23 formed consent and voluntary participation.

- 1 (6) Suspends operations in project counties
- 2 found to be in violation of program guidelines.

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