

**AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHOR-  
IZATION BILL, FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005  
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY**

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING UNITED**  
2 **STATES ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN REFU-**  
3 **GEES.**

4 The Congress—

5 (1) recognizes the importance of United States  
6 humanitarian assistance to Palestinian refugees as  
7 an essential component to the peace process in the  
8 Middle East;

9 (2) acknowledges the hardships endured by  
10 many innocent Palestinian refugees in Israel, the  
11 West Bank and Gaza Strip, Jordan, and in other  
12 neighboring countries;

13 (3) notes that the United Nations High Com-  
14 mission for Refugees (UNHCR) is the international  
15 body charged with the challenge of meeting the  
16 needs of, and advocating for, the world's displaced  
17 persons, with the sole exception of the Palestinians,  
18 who are fortunate enough to have their very own

1 United Nations agency created for the exclusive ben-  
2 efit of the Palestinian people;

3 (4) recognizes that the United States has been  
4 a very generous donor to the United Nations Relief  
5 and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees  
6 (UNRWA), including the provision of \$110 million  
7 in fiscal year 2002, and that such organization has  
8 provided important humanitarian assistance to the  
9 Palestinian people;

10 (5) strongly encourages the Secretary to con-  
11 sider shifting United States funding from away from  
12 UNRWA, if the Secretary determines that UNRWA  
13 continues to fund schools that promote anti-Semi-  
14 tism, or continues to support, condone, or justify  
15 acts of terrorism;

16 (6) expresses its outrage over credible reports  
17 that UNRWA facilities have been used as ware-  
18 houses for weapons storage and for bomb-making  
19 factories, terrorist training, and bases for terrorist  
20 operations, with little attempt by the UNRWA to  
21 stop such attacks and/or alert relevant law enforce-  
22 ment authorities about such terrorist activities;

23 (7) expresses deep concern over the teachings,  
24 educational materials, and textbooks that are funded  
25 by the UNRWA in schools that educate Palestinian

1 students, many of which promote anti-Semitism, de-  
2 nial of the existence and the right to exist of the  
3 state of Israel, and exacerbate stereotypes and ten-  
4 sions between the Palestinians and Israelis;

5 (8) notes with dismay the comments of Peter  
6 Hansen, the Commissioner General of UNRWA,  
7 when he attempted to justify these anti-Semitic ma-  
8 terials by stating in Al-Hayat al-Jadida, “We cannot  
9 expect a people under occupation to have textbooks  
10 which idealize, praise, and express love for their oc-  
11 cupiers”;

12 (9) strongly urges the Secretary General of the  
13 United Nations to immediately take steps to com-  
14 prehensively reform the UNRWA so that it actively  
15 works to stop terrorist attacks instead of harboring  
16 terrorists and actively works to promote reconcili-  
17 ation and understanding between the Israelis and  
18 Palestinians instead of distributing materials that  
19 promote anti-Semitism and hostility to the right of  
20 Israel to exist;

21 (10) strongly urges the Secretary of State to  
22 make UNRWA reforms a priority at the United Na-  
23 tions by actively campaigning within the United Na-  
24 tions to support such reforms, including comprehen-

1 sive and independently verifiable audits of UNRWA  
2 activities; and

3 (11) encourages the Inspector General of the  
4 Department of State to conduct an audit and an in-  
5 spection of all recent United States assistance to  
6 UNRWA to ensure that taxpayer funds are being  
7 spent effectively and are not supporting terrorism,  
8 anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish teachings, or the glorifi-  
9 cation of violence.