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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASTRO of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Restoring U.S. Leader-
5 ship in International Organizations Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOUSING FOR UNITED STATES DIPLOMATS AT THE**
2 **UNITED NATIONS.**

3 Paragraph (2) of section 9 of the United Nations
4 Participation Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287e-1), is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “no more than 30”;

7 (2) by striking “and shall reflect a significant
8 reduction over the number of persons eligible for
9 housing benefits as of the date of enactment of this
10 provision”;

11 (3) by striking “The Secretary shall require
12 that each employee occupying housing under this
13 subsection contribute to the Department of State a
14 percentage of his or her base salary, in an amount
15 to be determined by the Secretary of State toward
16 the cost of such housing.”;

17 (4) by striking “The Secretary may reduce such
18 payments to the extent of income taxes paid on the
19 value of the leased or rented quarters any” and in-
20 serting “Any”; and

21 (5) by adding at the end the following new sen-
22 tence: “For purposes of the Internal Revenue Code
23 of 1986, living quarters made available to any indi-
24 vidual under this paragraph shall not be taken into
25 account in determining the gross income of such in-
26 dividual.”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING SERVICE AT INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-**
2 **ZATIONS.**

3 Section 603(b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
4 (22 U.S.C. 4003) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” after the
6 semi-colon at the end;

7 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
8 graph (3); and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(2) service in a position the primary responsi-
12 bility of which is to formulate policy for or represent
13 the United States at an international organization,
14 a multilateral institution, or a broad-based multilat-
15 eral negotiation of an international instrument; or”.

16 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

17 It is the policy of the United States that—

18 (1) the Special Representative of the United
19 States to the United Nations serves as a standing
20 member of the cabinet;

21 (2) assessed dues to multilateral organizations
22 be paid in full in a timely fashion;

23 (3) Federal agencies utilize all the authorities
24 under section 3343 of title 5, United States Code,
25 or subpart C of part 352 of title 5, Code of Federal
26 Regulations (or any successor regulations) to detail

1 or transfer employees to relevant international orga-
2 nizations; and

3 (4) that Secretary of State shall assist the De-
4 partment of State and other Federal agencies in car-
5 rying out paragraph (3) to the fullest extent.

6 **SEC. 5. REPORTING ON DETAILS AND TRANSFERS TO**
7 **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter,
10 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of
11 other Federal departments and agencies as appropriate,
12 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
13 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
14 Relations of the Senate a report on the total number of
15 Federal employees detailed or transferred to an inter-
16 national organization during the immediately preceding
17 12-month period. The first report submitted under the
18 previous sentence shall include a strategy for increasing
19 the number of Federal employees who are detailed or
20 transferred to an international organization.

21 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report re-
22 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) The number of Federal employees detailed
24 or transferred during the applicable 12-month period
25 to an international organization under section 3343

1 of title 5, United States Code, or subpart C of part
2 352 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
3 successor regulations), disaggregated by—

4 (A) an identification of the Federal agency
5 from which such employees were detailed or
6 transferred; and

7 (B) an identification of the international
8 organizations to and from which such employ-
9 ees have been detailed or transferred.

10 (2) A list of international organizations to and
11 from which a Federal agency previously detailed or
12 transferred Federal employees.

13 **SEC. 6. TRAINING FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

14 (a) TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Section 708 of the For-
15 eign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended
16 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(e) TRAINING IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, with the as-
19 sistance of other relevant officials, shall establish a
20 series of training courses on—

21 “(A) the conduct of diplomacy at inter-
22 national organizations and other multilateral in-
23 stitutions; and

24 “(B) broad-based multilateral negotiations
25 of international instruments.

1 “(2) REQUIRED TRAINING.—Members of the
2 Service, including appropriate chiefs of mission and
3 other officers who are assigned to United States
4 missions representing the United States to inter-
5 national organizations and other multilateral institu-
6 tions or who are assigned in Washington, D.C., to
7 positions that have as their primary responsibility
8 formulation of policy toward such organizations and
9 institutions, or toward participation in broad-based
10 multilateral negotiations of international instru-
11 ments, shall receive specialized training in the areas
12 described in paragraph (1) prior to beginning of
13 service for such assignment or, if receiving such
14 training at that time is not practical, within the first
15 year of beginning such assignment.”.

16 (b) TRAINING FOR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.—
17 The Secretary of State shall ensure that employees of the
18 Department of State who are members of the civil service
19 and who are assigned to positions described in subsection
20 (e) of section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (as
21 added by subsection (a)) receive training described in such
22 subsection.