

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3907

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize appropriations for certain cooperative projects among the United States, Israel, and developing countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2023

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “United States-Israel
5 International Development Cooperation Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) shared international development coopera-
2 tion between the United States and Israel benefits
3 the development efforts of the United States through
4 the sharing of Israel’s unique expertise as seen in
5 the work done by Israel’s Agency for International
6 Development Cooperation (MASHAV) as well as
7 Israel’s humanitarian programs and robust civil soci-
8 ety sector;

9 (2) since the signing of a memorandum of un-
10 derstanding for global development cooperation be-
11 tween the United States Agency for International
12 Development and MASHAV on August 21, 2019,
13 the United States and Israel have collaborated on a
14 number of initiatives in Africa, Eastern Europe, and
15 Latin America across such sectors as water tech-
16 nology, agriculture, and education;

17 (3) this ongoing cooperation harnesses the
18 strengths of the United States and Israel in carrying
19 out projects in developing countries and dem-
20 onstrates the shared commitment of both the United
21 States and Israel to international development,
22 thereby furthering the policy of the United States to
23 expand prospects for engagement and normalization
24 between Israel and other countries; and

1 (4) the United States should continue to part-
2 ner with Israel to advance common goals on energy,
3 agriculture, food security, democracy, human rights,
4 governance, economic growth, trade, education, envi-
5 ronment, global health, water, and sanitation, with
6 a focus on strengthening mutual ties and coopera-
7 tion with other countries throughout the world.

8 **SEC. 3. COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AMONG THE UNITED**
9 **STATES, ISRAEL, AND DEVELOPING COUN-**
10 **TRIES.**

11 Section 106(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
12 (22 U.S.C. 2151d(e)) is amended in the matter preceding
13 paragraph (1)—

14 (1) by striking “\$2,000,000” and inserting
15 “\$4,000,000”; and

16 (2) by striking “2021 through 2023” and in-
17 serting “2024 through 2026”.

18 **SEC. 4. USAID REPORT TO CONGRESS ON EXPANDING DE-**
19 **VELOPMENT COOPERATION.**

20 Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act, the Administrator of the United States Agency
22 for International Development shall prepare and submit,
23 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
25 the Senate, a written report on—

1 (1) the feasibility and advisability of expanding
2 development projects under section 106(e) of the
3 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include multilat-
4 eral cooperation among the United States, Israel,
5 and regional Arab partners that promote new devel-
6 opment projects, including in Africa; and

7 (2) the need for additional resources to do so.

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