



1 (A) serve as a forum for bipartisan discus-  
2 sion of international human rights issues and  
3 promotion of internationally recognized human  
4 rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration  
5 of Human Rights;

6 (B) raise awareness of international  
7 human rights violations through regular brief-  
8 ings and hearings; and

9 (C) collaborate with the executive branch,  
10 human rights entities, and nongovernmental or-  
11 ganizations to promote human rights initiatives  
12 within the Senate.

13 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—Any Senator may become a  
14 member of the Commission by submitting a written  
15 statement to that effect to the Commission.

16 (4) CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Two members of the  
18 Commission shall be appointed to serve as co-  
19 chairpersons of the Commission, as follows:

20 (i) One co-chairperson shall be ap-  
21 pointed, and may be removed, by the ma-  
22 jority leader of the Senate.

23 (ii) One co-chairperson shall be ap-  
24 pointed, and may be removed, by the mi-  
25 nority leader of the Senate.

1           (B) TERM.—The term of a member as a  
2 co-chairperson of the Commission shall end on  
3 the last day of the Congress during which the  
4 member is appointed as a co-chairperson, unless  
5 the member ceases being a member of the Sen-  
6 ate, leaves the Commission, resigns from the  
7 position of co-chairperson, or is removed.

8           (C) PUBLICATION.—Appointments under  
9 this paragraph shall be printed in the Congres-  
10 sional Record.

11           (D) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the posi-  
12 tion of co-chairperson of the Commission shall  
13 be filled in the same manner in which the origi-  
14 nal appointment was made.

15 (b) COMMISSION STAFF.—

16 (1) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—

17           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission is au-  
18 thorized, from funds made available under sub-  
19 section (c), to—

20           (i) employ such staff in the manner  
21 and at a rate not to exceed that allowed  
22 for employees of a committee of the Senate  
23 under section 105(e)(3) of the Legislative  
24 Branch Appropriation Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C.  
25 4575(e)(3)); and

1           (ii) incur such expenses as may be  
2           necessary or appropriate to carry out its  
3           duties and functions.

4           (B) EXPENSES.—

5           (i) IN GENERAL.—Payments made  
6           under this subsection for receptions, meals,  
7           and food-related expenses shall be author-  
8           ized only for actual expenses incurred by  
9           the Commission in the course of con-  
10          ducting its official duties and functions.

11          (ii) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—  
12          Amounts received as reimbursement for ex-  
13          penses described in clause (i) shall not be  
14          reported as income, and the expenses so  
15          reimbursed shall not be allowed as a de-  
16          duction under the Internal Revenue Code  
17          of 1986.

18          (2) DESIGNATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF.—

19           (A) IN GENERAL.—Each co-chairperson of  
20           the Commission may designate 1 professional  
21           staff member.

22           (B) COMPENSATION OF SENATE EMPLOY-  
23           EES.—In the case of the compensation of any  
24           professional staff member designated under  
25           subparagraph (A) who is an employee of a

1 Member of the Senate or of a committee of the  
 2 Senate and who has been designated to perform  
 3 services for the Commission, the professional  
 4 staff member shall continue to be paid by the  
 5 Member or committee, as the case may be, but  
 6 the account from which the professional staff  
 7 member is paid shall be reimbursed for the  
 8 services of the professional staff member (in-  
 9 cluding agency contributions when appropriate)  
 10 out of funds made available under subsection  
 11 (c).

12 (C) DUTIES.—Each professional staff  
 13 member designated under subparagraph (A)  
 14 shall—

15 (i) serve all members of the Commis-  
 16 sion; and

17 (ii) carry out such other functions as  
 18 the co-chairperson designating the profes-  
 19 sional staff member may specify.

20 (c) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The expenses of the Com-  
 22 mission shall be paid from the Contingent Fund of  
 23 the Senate, out of the account of Miscellaneous  
 24 Items, upon vouchers approved jointly by the co-  
 25 chairpersons (except that vouchers shall not be re-

1       quired for the disbursement of salaries of employees  
2       who are paid at an annual rate of pay).

3               (2) AMOUNTS AVAILABLE.—For any fiscal year,  
4       not more than \$200,000 shall be expended for em-  
5       ployees and expenses.

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