

119TH CONGRESS
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To restrict the use of United States Assessed Contributions to the United Nations under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2719 (2023) to support the African Union’s peacekeeping mission in Somalia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “AUSSOM Funding
5 Restriction Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
6 Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
8 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
9 of Representatives.

10 (2) AUSSOM.—The term “AUSSOM” means
11 the African Union Support and Stabilisation Mission
12 in Somalia, established as the successor mission to
13 the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia
14 under United Nations Security Council Resolution
15 2767 (2024).

16 (3) RESOLUTION 2719.—The term “Resolution
17 2719” means United Nations Security Council Reso-
18 lution 2719, adopted on December 21, 2023.

19 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

20 It is the policy of the United States—

21 (1) to support Somali- and African partner-led
22 initiatives—

23 (A) to contain and defeat al-Shabaab and
24 ISIS-Somalia;

1 (B) to foster peace, security, stability, and
2 economic development within Somalia; and

3 (C) to support the development of func-
4 tional Somali state institutions at the national
5 and federal member state level;

6 (2) to ensure appropriate and fair burden shar-
7 ing at the United Nations, including for United Na-
8 tions peacekeeping missions and United Nations
9 support to African Union peace support operations;

10 (3) to uphold the conditions set forth in Resolu-
11 tion 2719 for the application of United Nations as-
12 sessed contributions to African Union peace support
13 operations on a case-by-case basis, including condi-
14 tions that require—

15 (A) that funding from assessed contribu-
16 tions cannot exceed 75 percent of the annual
17 budget of an African Union peace support oper-
18 ation under a “one mission, one budget” model,
19 with the remaining 25 percent mobilized by the
20 African Union and United Nations “from the
21 international community as extra-budgetary re-
22 sources”;

23 (B) compliance with—

1 (i) the Human Rights Due Diligence
2 Policy on United Nations support to non-
3 United Nations security forces;

4 (ii) the African Union Compliance
5 Framework on International Human
6 Rights Law;

7 (iii) the African Union Policy on Con-
8 duct and Discipline for Peace Support Op-
9 erations; and

10 (iv) the African Union Policy on Pre-
11 vention and Response to Sexual Exploi-
12 tation and Abuse;

13 (C) the prioritization of protection of civil-
14 ians; and

15 (D) the existence and application of appro-
16 priate accountability mechanisms of African
17 Union-led peace support operations to member
18 states of the United Nations;

19 (4) to judiciously consider United States sup-
20 port for the application of United Nations assessed
21 contributions to African Union peace support oper-
22 ations, including the selection of an appropriate first
23 application of Resolution 2719 that—

1 (A) responds to a new crisis or threat with
2 the demonstrable need for a multi-lateral re-
3 sponse led by the African Union; and

4 (B) has clear and achievable objectives;
5 and

6 (5) to encourage the exploration and utilization
7 of alternative funding mechanisms for AUSSOM
8 that do not rely on United Nations assessed con-
9 tributions to diversify AUSSOM's financial burden
10 and promote international responsibility-sharing.

11 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTION ON FUNDING.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds appropriated
13 or otherwise made available for assessed contributions of
14 the United States to the United Nations, including any
15 organ, agency, or entity of the United Nations, may be
16 obligated or expended for—

17 (1) any activity related to the implementation
18 of Resolution 2719 in support of AUSSOM or any
19 other African Union-led peace support mission in
20 Somalia; or

21 (2) any program, project, or initiative for So-
22 malia directly linked to the mandate outlined in Res-
23 olution 2719.

24 (b) DIRECTION TO UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO
25 THE UNITED NATIONS.—The United States Ambassador

1 to the United Nations, or their designee shall use the
2 voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the
3 United Nations—

4 (1) to oppose any United Nations Security
5 Council resolution that would authorize funding pro-
6 hibited under subsection (a); and

7 (2) to decline to join in consensus on any
8 United Nations Security Council product, including
9 letters from the United Nations Security Council
10 President, that authorizes funding prohibited under
11 subsection (a).

12 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—This restriction under subsection
13 (a) shall not apply to—

14 (1) the use of United Nations assessed con-
15 tributions to fund the United Nations Support Of-
16 fice in Somalia (UNSO) as approved by the United
17 Nations Security Council;

18 (2) the use of voluntary contributions of the
19 United States to the United Nations or funds ex-
20 pressly appropriated by Congress to support
21 AUSSOM;

22 (3) humanitarian assistance funded with United
23 Nations assessed or voluntary contributions delivered
24 through nongovernmental organizations or United

1 Nations agencies that operate independently of
2 AUSSOM; and

3 (4) expenditures for salaries of United States
4 personnel, administrative costs, or other support
5 services directly associated with the oversight or
6 monitoring of assessed contributions of the United
7 States to the United Nations to ensure compliance
8 with this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.**

10 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
12 the Secretary of State shall conduct an annual assessment
13 of the African Union's ability to meet the terms and condi-
14 tions outlined in Resolution 2719 paragraphs 3 to 13 for
15 African Union-led peace support operations to receive
16 United Nations Security Council authorization to have ac-
17 cess to United Nations assessed contributions.

18 (b) **INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.**—The assessment
19 required under subsection (a) shall be conducted inde-
20 pendently of any assessment of the same conducted by the
21 United Nations Secretary General and reported to the
22 United Nations Security Council under paragraphs 15 and
23 16 of Resolution 2719.

1 **SEC. 6. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

2 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary
4 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional
5 committees a report that includes—

6 (1) the findings of the assessment required
7 under section 5;

8 (2) the total assessed contributions of the
9 United States to the United Nations for peace-
10 keeping;

11 (3) the allocations and expenditures for as-
12 sessed contributions to the United Nations under
13 Resolution 2719;

14 (4) an assessment of how United Nations as-
15 sessed contributions are being used to implement
16 Resolution 2719;

17 (5) an analysis of the performance and effec-
18 tiveness of AUSSOM, including the types and im-
19 pact of United States support to Somalia directly or
20 indirectly impacting the mission and objectives of
21 AUSSOM;

22 (6) a breakdown of financial and other support
23 for AUSSOM provided by the United Nations, Afri-
24 can Union, European Union, and other international
25 and regional actors, including both bilateral and
26 multilateral contributions;

1 (7) the status of and progress made toward
2 finding alternative funding mechanisms for
3 AUSSOM; and

4 (8) a description of measures taken to ensure
5 compliance with section 4.

6 **SEC. 7. CONSULTATIONS.**

7 Section 4(d)(2) of the United Nations Participation
8 Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287b(d)(2)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
11 inserting “and African Union peace support op-
12 erations receiving United Nations assessed con-
13 tributions under United Nations Security Coun-
14 cil Resolution 2719 (2023)(referred to in this
15 paragraph as ‘Resolution 2719’)” after “peace-
16 keeping operations”; and

17 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “or African
18 Union peace support operation receiving United
19 Nations assessed contributions under Resolu-
20 tion 2719” after “peacekeeping operation”; and

21 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

22 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
23 inserting “and African Union peace support op-
24 eration receiving United Nations assessed con-

1 tributions under Resolution 2719” after “peace-
2 keeping operation”; and

3 (B) in clause (v), by inserting “or African
4 Union peace support operation receiving United
5 Nations assessed contributions under Resolu-
6 tion 2719, as the case may be” after “peace-
7 keeping operation”.