

**AUSSOM FUNDING RESTRICTION ACT OF 2025**  
*Safeguarding U.S. Taxpayer Funds and Ensuring Accountability in UN-Supported African Peace Operations*

United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2719 (2023) provides a framework for the UN Security Council to fund African Union (AU)-led peace support operations with UN assessed contributions. However, the AU is unable to meet UNSCR 2719's stringent eligibility criteria. Notably, the **African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM)**, a 17-year ongoing mission with predecessors **ATMIS** and **AMISOM**, is under pressure from the European members of the Security Council to transition to UN funding under UNSCR 2719, primarily to alleviate their financial burden. The United States, the most significant UN peacekeeping contributor (26.1%), has resisted this automatic transition.

**Allowing AUSSOM to be funded under UNSCR 2719 without rigorous verification of the AU's ability to meet eligibility criteria and funding conditions risks misuse of U.S. taxpayer funds** and undermines accountability in peace operations; this is a particular risk for AUSSOM. Therefore, the potential AUSSOM transition using UNSCR 2719, slated for July 1, 2025, and future use of this framework necessitates legislative action.

This bill aims to:

- **Protect U.S. Taxpayer Funds (Section 4):** Prohibit U.S. financial contributions to AUSSOM under UNSCR 2719 and mandate U.S. opposition to any UN Security Council action enabling such funding.
- **Ensure Rigorous Oversight (Section 5):** Require the Secretary of State to conduct annual, independent assessments of the AU's compliance with UNSCR 2719 criteria for all AU-led peace operations.
- **Enhance Transparency and Accountability (Section 6):** Mandate comprehensive reporting to Congress on the assessment findings, AUSSOM's performance and funding, and any U.S. contributions under UNSCR 2719.
- **Strengthen Congressional Consultation (Section 7):** Expand existing State Department briefings to include specific updates on AU peace operations funded under UNSCR 2719.

Note: This bill does not prohibit U.S. support for the status quo of UN peacekeeping, to include voluntary contributions to AU-led peace support operations or assessed contributions for UN-led missions/projects in Somalia (such as UNSOS).