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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Israel International Development Cooperation Act of 2023”.

4 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

5 It is the sense of Congress that—
(1) shared international development cooperation between the United States and Israel benefits the development efforts of the United States through the sharing of Israel’s unique expertise as seen in the work done by Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV) as well as Israel’s humanitarian programs and robust civil society sector;

(2) since the signing of a memorandum of understanding for global development cooperation between the United States Agency for International Development and MASHAV on August 21, 2019, the United States and Israel have collaborated on a number of initiatives in Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America across such sectors as water technology, agriculture, and education;

(3) this ongoing cooperation harnesses the strengths of the United States and Israel in carrying out projects in developing countries and demonstrates the shared commitment of both the United States and Israel to international development, thereby furthering the policy of the United States to expand prospects for engagement and normalization between Israel and other countries; and
(4) the United States should continue to partner with Israel to advance common goals on energy, agriculture, food security, democracy, human rights, governance, economic growth, trade, education, environment, global health, water, and sanitation, with a focus on strengthening mutual ties and cooperation with other countries throughout the world.

SEC. 3. COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AMONG THE UNITED STATES, ISRAEL, AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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

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

(2) by striking “2021 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2026”.

SEC. 4. USAID REPORT TO CONGRESS ON EXPANDING DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall prepare and submit, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, a written report on—
(1) the feasibility and advisability of expanding
development projects under section 106(e) of the
Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include multilat-
eral cooperation among the United States, Israel,
and regional Arab partners that promote new devel-
opment projects, including in Africa; and

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