



Oppose More Weapons to Israel—Hold Israel Accountable for Violations of US Weapons Laws

- Israel receives more US military aid than all other countries combined, an imbalance further exacerbated in this year's budget. In the House version of the 2017 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act ([H.R.5912](#)), Israel is earmarked **\$3.1 billion in Foreign Military Financing** (FMF), nearly two-thirds of the entire global FMF program. In the Senate version ([S.3117](#)), Israel is earmarked **\$3.4 billion in FMF**. This unprecedented proposed appropriation in the Senate version is \$300 million more than the president's budget request and the terms of the US-Israel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Bush administration in 2007.
- In addition, Israel is earmarked significant additional support for missile defense programs in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act. In the 2017 Senate and House versions of the bill ([S.3000](#) and [H.R.5293](#)), Israel is earmarked more than **\$600 million** for various short-, medium-, and long-range missile defense programs. In June, the **Obama administration** [announced](#) that it “**opposes the addition of \$455 million above the FY 2017 Budget request** for Israeli missile defense procurement and cooperative development programs.”
- In September, the United States signed a ten-year [MOU](#) with Israel to provide it with an unprecedented **\$38 billion in weapons** from FY2019-FY2028, which will include annual appropriations of \$3.3 billion in FMF and \$500 million in missile defense assistance.
- On September 20, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced [S.3363](#)—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for the Defense of Israel, 2016, which has six [cosponsors](#). The bill proposes earmarking an additional **\$1.5 billion in weapons** for Israel, evenly split with \$750 million in FMF and \$750 in missile defense.
- The US Campaign for Palestinian Rights **opposes all weapons transfers to Israel**. The Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) mandates that “no security assistance may be provided to any country the government of which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.” [[22 USC §2304](#)] This act also specifically prohibits assistance to “any unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible information that such unit has committed a gross violation of human rights.” [[22 USC §2378d](#)] In addition, the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) limits the use of US weapons “solely for internal security, for legitimate self-defense,” for preventing the proliferation of WMD, for engaging in collective security, and for constructing public works. [[22 USC §2754](#)]
- By regularly misusing US weapons to injure and kill Palestinians and deliberately destroy civilian infrastructure, Israel should be held to be in violation of both the FAA and AECA, and therefore **ineligible to receive additional US weapons**. In addition, by facilitating and entrenching Israel's colonization and occupation of Palestinian land, US weapons to Israel undermine stated US policy goals of halting Israel's settlements and establishing a Palestinian state.
- **ASK:** Do not cosponsor (or withdraw co-sponsorship of) S.3363 or a potential House version of the bill. Vote no or abstain if this bill is brought to a vote. Sign-on to future “Dear Colleagues” calling for investigations into Israel's potential violations of US weapons laws.