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Make provision in connection with the recognition of the State of Palestine.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Recognition of the State of Palestine

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within one month of the passing of this Act, take such steps as are necessary to ensure the Government of the United Kingdom formally recognises Palestine as a sovereign and independent state on the basis of the pre-1967 borders, and the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination in the State of Palestine. 5
- (2) In this section, “pre-1967 borders” has the same meaning as in resolution 76/10 (2021) of the UN General Assembly.

2 Status of the Palestinian Mission to the UK

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within one month of the passing of this Act, take such steps as are necessary to— 10
 - (a) afford the Mission of Palestine in London status as a full diplomatic mission, and
 - (b) afford the members of the diplomatic staff all applicable privileges and immunities thereby accorded under the Diplomatic Privileges Act 1964. 15
- (2) For the purposes of this section, “diplomatic mission” is to be read in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations done at Vienna on 18 April 1961.

3 Duty to report to Parliament

The Secretary of State must, within two months of the passing of this Act, lay before Parliament a report outlining the steps taken in pursuance of the requirements under this Act. 20

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Act 2024.

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill [HL]

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