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U.N. Shouldn't Be Wasting Taxpayer Dollars on Regimes the U.S. Won't Do Business With

Abu Nidal, AL QA'IDA, and Former Liberian President Charles Taylor are just a few of the individuals and groups that are currently excluded from contracting with the United States government. Does the United Nations ban criminals and terrorist organizations from receiving contracts? WE DON'T KNOW. What standards do they use when allocating American taxpayer money? WE DON'T KNOW.

When a Federal agency takes an action to exclude a contractor under the non-procurement or procurement debarment and suspension system, the agency enters the information about the excluded party into the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) which is maintained by the General Services Administration. These contractors are excluded from receiving contracts, and agencies cannot solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with these contractors. Contractors are also excluded from conducting business with the government as agents or representatives of other contractors.

Congressman Chris Cannon (R-UT) has offered an amendment to H.R. 2745, the Henry J. Hyde United Nations Reform Act of 2005. This section requires a report to be filed with Congress on the status of the U.N.'s reform efforts. His amendment adds a requirement to report whether the U.N. or any of its specialized agencies have contracted with parties on the U.S. government's excluded parties list.

It is only logical that the same restrictions we place upon our federal agencies be applied to the money we give to the UN. Congressman Cannon's amendment adds an additional measure of oversight that will prevent future corruption by the U.N. and create clear contracting and procurement guidelines.

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