

H.R.1561

*One Hundred Fourth Congress  
of the  
United States of America  
AT THE SECOND SESSION*

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,  
the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six

An Act

To consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE- This Act may be cited as the 'Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997'.

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**SEC. 1608. INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT PARTICIPATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL- The United States may not participate in an international criminal court with jurisdiction over crimes of an international character except to the extent and in the manner authorized--

(1) by a treaty entered into in accordance with Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitution; or

(2) by a law enacted in accordance with Article I, section 7 of the Constitution.

(b) DEFINITIONS- As used in subsection (a)--

(1) the term 'participate' means consent to the jurisdiction of, recognize the validity of the decisions of, or extradite or otherwise render suspects to, an international criminal court with jurisdiction over crimes of an international character; and

(2) the term 'international criminal court with jurisdiction over crimes of an international character' does not include any international war crimes tribunal established prior to the date of enactment of this Act.