

## HR 497

To prohibit the use of funds to seek membership in the World Health Organization or to provide assessed or voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4792	Related bill	<b>Sep 3, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

This bill prohibits the use of federal funds to seek U.S. membership in the World Health Organization (WHO), or to make contributions to the WHO, until the President makes certain certifications to Congress.

Specifically, the prohibition shall apply until the President certifies that the WHO (1) has adopted reforms to ensure that humanitarian assistance is not politicized; (2) is not under the control of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and is not involved in a cover-up of the CCP's response to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic; (3) has granted observer status to Taiwan; (4) does not divert humanitarian or medical supplies to Iran, North Korea, or Syria; and (5) has put in place mechanisms to increase transparency and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
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