

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 463

To prohibit United States Government recognition of Russia's annexation  
of Crimea.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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Russia's annexation of Crimea.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Crimea Annexation  
5 Non-recognition Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNITED STATES RECOGNI-**  
7 **TION OF RUSSIA'S ANNEXATION OF CRIMEA.**

8 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
9 United States not to recognize the de jure or de facto sov-

1 ereignty of the Russian Federation over Crimea, its air-  
2 space, or its territorial waters.

3 (b) PROHIBITION.—In accordance with subsection  
4 (a), no Federal department or agency may take any action  
5 or extend any assistance that recognizes or implies rec-  
6 ognition of the de jure or de facto sovereignty of the Rus-  
7 sian Federation over Crimea, its airspace, or its territorial  
8 waters.

9 (c) WAIVER.—The President may waive subsection  
10 (a) or (b) if the President determines that it is vital to  
11 the national security interests of the United States to do  
12 so.

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