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To promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean,
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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 10, 2019

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

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A BILL

To promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern
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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 “Eastern Mediterranean
5 Security and Energy Partnership Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The security of partners and allies in the
4 Eastern Mediterranean region is critical to the secu-
5 rity of the United States and Europe.

6 (2) Greece is a valuable member of the North
7 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and a key pil-
8 lar of stability in the Eastern Mediterranean.

9 (3) Israel is a steadfast ally of the United
10 States and has been designated a “major non-NATO
11 ally” and “major strategic partner”.

12 (4) Cyprus is a key strategic partner and
13 signed a Statement of Intent with the United States
14 on November 6, 2018, to enhance bilateral security
15 cooperation.

16 (5) The countries of Greece, Cyprus, and Israel
17 have participated in critical trilateral summits to im-
18 prove cooperation on energy and security issues.

19 (6) Secretary of State Mike Pompeo partici-
20 pated in the trilateral summit among Israel, Greece,
21 and Cyprus on March 20, 2019.

22 (7) All four countries oppose any action in the
23 Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean Sea that
24 could challenge stability, violate international law, or
25 undermine good neighborly relations, and in a joint
26 declaration on March 21, 2019, agreed to “defend

1 against external malign influences in the Eastern
2 Mediterranean and the broader Middle East”.

3 (8) The recent discovery of potentially the re-
4 gion’s largest natural gas field off the Egyptian
5 coast and the newest discoveries of natural gas off
6 the Cypriot coast could represent a significant posi-
7 tive development for the Eastern Mediterranean and
8 the Middle East, enhancing the region’s strategic en-
9 ergy significance.

10 (9) Turkish government officials have expressed
11 an intent to purchase the S-400 system from the
12 Russian Federation, which could trigger the imposi-
13 tion of mandatory sanctions under the Countering
14 America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Pub-
15 lic Law 115-44).

16 (10) It is in the national security interests of
17 the United States to promote, achieve, and maintain
18 energy security among, and through cooperation
19 with, allies.

20 (11) Natural gas developments in the Eastern
21 Mediterranean have the potential to provide eco-
22 nomic gains and contribute to energy security in the
23 region and Europe, as well as support European ef-
24 forts to diversify away from natural gas supplied by
25 the Russian Federation.

1 (12) The soon to be completed Trans Adriatic
2 Pipeline is a critical component of the Southern Gas
3 Corridor and the European Union's efforts to diver-
4 sify energy resources.

5 (13) The proposed Eastern Mediterranean pipe-
6 line if commercially viable would provide for energy
7 diversification in accordance with the European
8 Union's third energy package of reforms.

9 (14) The United States acknowledges the
10 achievements and importance of the Binational In-
11 dustrial Research and Development Foundation
12 (BIRD) and the United States-Israel Binational
13 Science Foundation (BSF) and supports continued
14 multiyear funding to ensure the continuity of the
15 programs of the Foundations.

16 (15) The United States has welcomed Greece's
17 allocation of 2 percent of its gross domestic product
18 (GDP) to defense in accordance with commitments
19 made at the 2014 NATO Summit in Wales.

20 (16) Energy exploration in the Eastern Medi-
21 terranean region must be safeguarded against
22 threats posed by terrorist and extremist groups, in-
23 cluding Hezbollah and any other actor in the region.

1 (17) The energy exploration in the Republic of
2 Cyprus's Exclusive Economic Zone and territorial
3 waters—

4 (A) furthers United States interests by
5 providing a potential alternative to Russian gas
6 for United States allies and partners; and

7 (B) should not be impeded by other sov-
8 ereign states.

9 (18) The United States Government cooperates
10 closely with the Government of the Republic of Cy-
11 prus through information sharing agreements.

12 (19) United States officials have assisted the
13 Government of the Republic of Cyprus with crafting
14 that nation's national security strategy.

15 (20) The United States Government provides
16 training to Cypriot officials in areas such as cyberse-
17 curity, counterterrorism, and explosive ordnance dis-
18 posal and stockpile management.

19 (21) The Republic of Cyprus is a valued mem-
20 ber of the Proliferation Security Initiative to combat
21 the trafficking of weapons of mass destruction.

22 (22) The Republic of Cyprus continues to work
23 closely with the United Nations and regional part-
24 ners in Europe to combat terrorism and violent ex-
25 tremism.

1 (23) Despite robust economic and security rela-
2 tions with the United States, the Republic of Cyprus
3 has been subject to a United States prohibition on
4 the export of defense articles and services since
5 1987.

6 (24) The 1987 arms prohibition was designed
7 to restrict United States arms sales and transfer to
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12 weapons procured from the United States through
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15 of policy, avoided the provision of defense articles
16 and services to the Republic of Cyprus, the Govern-
17 ment of Cyprus has, in the past, sought to obtain
18 defense articles from other countries, including coun-
19 tries, such as Russia, that pose challenges to United
20 States interests around the world.

21 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

22 It is the policy of the United States—

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24 lateral dialogue on energy, maritime security, cyber

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4 and allies to deepen energy security cooperation
5 among Greece, Cyprus, and Israel and to encourage
6 the private sector to make investments in energy in-
7 frastructure in the Eastern Mediterranean region;

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9 Trans Adriatic and Eastern Mediterranean Pipelines
10 and the establishment of liquified natural gas (LNG)
11 terminals across the Eastern Mediterranean as a
12 means of diversifying regional energy needs away
13 from the Russian Federation;

14 (4) to maintain a robust United States naval
15 presence and investments in the naval facility at
16 Souda Bay, Greece and develop deeper security co-
17 operation with the latter to include the recent MQ-
18 9 deployments to the Larissa Air Force Base and
19 United States Army helicopter training in central
20 Greece;

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22 forward with the Interconnector Greece-Bulgaria
23 (IGB pipeline) and additional LNG terminals that
24 will help facilitate delivery of non-Russian gas to the
25 Balkans and central Europe;

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2 with the Republic of Cyprus through the removal of
3 the arms embargo on the country;

4 (7) to support robust International Military
5 Education and Training (IMET) programming with
6 Greece and the Republic of Cyprus;

7 (8) to leverage relationships within the Euro-
8 pean Union to encourage investments in Cypriot bor-
9 der and maritime security;

10 (9) to support efforts to counter Russian Fed-
11 eration Government interference and influence in the
12 Eastern Mediterranean through increased security
13 cooperation with Greece, Cyprus, and Israel, to in-
14 clude intelligence sharing, cyber, and maritime do-
15 main awareness;

16 (10) to support the Republic of Cyprus efforts
17 to regulate its banking industry to ensure that it is
18 not used as a source of international money laun-
19 dering and encourages additional measures toward
20 that end;

21 (11) to strongly oppose any actions that would
22 trigger mandatory sanctions pursuant to section 231
23 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through
24 Sanctions Act (CAATSA) (Public Law 115-44), to

1 include the purchase by Turkey of an S-400 system
2 from the Russian Federation;

3 (12) to continue robust official strategic en-
4 gagement with Israel, Greece, and Cyprus;

5 (13) to urge countries in the region to deny
6 port services to the Russian Federation vessels de-
7 ployed to support the government of Bashar Al-
8 Assad in Syria;

9 (14) to support joint military exercises among
10 Israel, Greece, and Cyprus;

11 (15) to fully implement relevant CAATSA pro-
12 visions to prevent interference by the Government of
13 the Russian Federation in the region;

14 (16) to support efforts by countries in the re-
15 gion to demobilize military equipment supplied by
16 the Government of the Russian Federation in favor
17 of equipment provided by NATO and NATO-allied
18 member countries; and

19 (17) to strongly support the active and robust
20 participation of Israel, Cyprus, and Greece in the
21 Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program.

22 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES-EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN EN-**
23 **ERGY COOPERATION.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State, in con-
25 sultation with the Secretary of Energy, may enter into co-

1 operative agreements supporting and enhancing dialogue
2 and planning involving international partnerships between
3 the United States and Israel, Greece, and Cyprus.

4 (b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—If the Secretary of State, in
5 consultation with the Secretary of Energy, enters into
6 agreements authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary
7 shall submit an annual report to the appropriate congress-
8 sional committees that describes—

9 (1) actions taken to implement such agree-
10 ments; and

11 (2) any projects undertaken pursuant to such
12 agreements.

13 (c) UNITED STATES-EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN EN-
14 ERGY CENTER.—The Secretary of Energy, in consultation
15 with the Secretary of State, may establish a joint United
16 States-Eastern Mediterranean Energy Center in the
17 United States leveraging the experience, knowledge, and
18 expertise of institutions of higher education and entities
19 in the private sector, among others, in offshore energy de-
20 velopment to further dialogue and collaboration to develop
21 more robust academic cooperation in energy innovation
22 technology and engineering, water science, technology
23 transfer, and analysis of emerging geopolitical implica-
24 tions, which include opportunities as well as crises and

1 threats from foreign natural resource and energy acquisi-
2 tions.

3 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF ARTI-**
4 **CLES ON THE UNITED STATES MUNITIONS**
5 **LIST TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.**

6 (a) **SENSE OF THE SENATE ON CYPRUS.**—It is the
7 sense of the Senate that—

8 (1) the direct sale or transfer of arms by the
9 United States to the Republic of Cyprus would ad-
10 vance United States security interests in Europe by
11 helping to reduce the dependence of the Government
12 of Cyprus on other countries for defense-related ma-
13 teriel, including countries that pose challenges to
14 United States interests around the world; and

15 (2) it is in the interest of the United States—

16 (A) to continue to support United Nations-
17 facilitated efforts toward a comprehensive solu-
18 tion to the division of Cyprus; and

19 (B) for the Republic of Cyprus to join
20 NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

21 (b) **MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION.**—Section
22 620C(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
23 2373(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following
24 new paragraph:

1 “(3) The requirement under paragraph (1) shall not
 2 apply to any sale or other provision of any defense article
 3 or service to Cyprus if the end-user of such defense article
 4 or service is the Republic of Cyprus.”.

5 (e) EXCLUSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RE-
 6 PUBLIC OF CYPRUS FROM CERTAIN RELATED REGULA-
 7 TIONS.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this
 8 Act, the Secretary of State shall not apply a policy of de-
 9 nial for exports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles
 10 and defense services destined for the Republic of Cyprus
 11 if—

12 (1) the request is made by or on behalf of the
 13 Republic of Cyprus; and

14 (2) the end-user of such defense articles or de-
 15 fense services is the Republic of Cyprus.

16 **SEC. 6. IMET COOPERATION WITH GREECE AND CYPRUS.**

17 There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
 18 2020 \$2,000,000 for International Military Education and
 19 Training (IMET) assistance for Greece and \$2,000,000
 20 for such assistance for Cyprus. The assistance shall be
 21 made available for the following purposes:

22 (1) Training of future leaders.

23 (2) Fostering a better understanding of the
 24 United States.

1 (3) Establishing a rapport between the United
2 States military and the country's military to build
3 alliances for the future.

4 (4) Enhancement of interoperability and capa-
5 bilities for joint operations.

6 (5) Focusing on professional military education.

7 (6) Enabling countries to use their national
8 funds to receive a reduced cost for other Department
9 of Defense education and training.

10 (7) Provision of English Language Training as-
11 sistance.

12 **SEC. 7. FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING.**

13 There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
14 2020 \$3,000,000 for Foreign Military Financing (FMF)
15 assistance for Greece to assist the country in meeting its
16 commitment as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty
17 Organization (NATO) to dedicate 20 percent of its de-
18 fense budget to enhance research and development.

19 **SEC. 8. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT TO**
20 **TURKEY.**

21 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided under sub-
22 section (b), no funds may be obligated or expended—

23 (1) to transfer, facilitate the transfer, or au-
24 thorize the transfer of, an F-35 aircraft to the Re-
25 public of Turkey;

1 231(a) of the Countering Russian Influence in Eu-
2 rope and Eurasia Act of 2017 (22 U.S.C. 9525(a));

3 (2) such a purchase would endanger the integ-
4 rity of the NATO alliance;

5 (3) such a purchase would adversely affect on-
6 going operations of the United States Armed Forces,
7 including coalition operations in which the United
8 States Armed Forces participate;

9 (4) such a purchase would result in a signifi-
10 cant impact to defense cooperation between the
11 United States and Turkey;

12 (5) such a purchase would significantly increase
13 the risk of compromising United States defense sys-
14 tems and operational capabilities; and

15 (6) the President should faithfully execute the
16 Countering Russian Influence in Europe and Eur-
17 asia Act of 2017 by imposing and applying sanctions
18 under section 235 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 9529) with
19 respect to any individual or entity determined to
20 have engaged in such a significant transaction.

21 **SEC. 10. STRATEGY ON UNITED STATES SECURITY AND EN-**
22 **ERGY COOPERATION IN THE EASTERN MEDI-**
23 **TERRANEAN.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,

1 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
2 retary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
3 sional committees a strategy on enhanced security and en-
4 ergy cooperation with countries in the Eastern Mediterra-
5 nean region, including Israel, Cyprus, and Greece.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
7 section (a) shall include the following elements:

8 (1) A description of United States participation
9 in and support for the Eastern Mediterranean Nat-
10 ural Gas Forum.

11 (2) An evaluation of all possible delivery mecha-
12 nisms into Europe for natural gas discoveries in the
13 Eastern Mediterranean region.

14 (3) An evaluation of efforts to protect energy
15 exploration infrastructure in the region, including
16 United States companies.

17 (4) An assessment of the capacity of Cyprus to
18 host an Energy Crisis Center in the region which
19 could provide basing facilities in support search and
20 rescue efforts in the event of an accident.

21 (5) An assessment of the timing of natural gas
22 delivery in the region as well as assessment of the
23 ultimate destination countries for the natural gas
24 delivery from the region.

1 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
2 retary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
3 sional committees a report listing incidents of interference
4 in efforts by the Republic of Cyprus to explore and exploit
5 natural resources in its Exclusive Economic Zone and vio-
6 lations of the airspace of the sovereign territory of Greece.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
8 section (a) shall include the following elements:

9 (1) A listing of incidents since January 1,
10 2017, determined by the Secretary of State to inter-
11 fere in efforts by the Republic of Cyprus to explore
12 and exploit natural resources in its Exclusive Eco-
13 nomic Zone.

14 (2) A listing of incidents since January 1,
15 2017, determined by the Secretary of State to be
16 violations of the airspace of Greece by its neighbors.

17 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
18 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
19 a classified annex.

20 **SEC. 13. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**

21 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees means” the Committee on Foreign Relations of
23 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
24 House of Representatives.

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14 *world, for defense-related materiel; and*

15 (2) *it is in the interest of the United States—*

16 (A) *to continue to support United Nations-*
17 *facilitated efforts toward a comprehensive solu-*
18 *tion to the division of Cyprus; and*

19 (B) *for the Republic of Cyprus to join*
20 *NATO’s Partnership for Peace program.*

21 (b) *MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION.—Section 620C(e)*
22 *of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2373(e))*
23 *is amended—*

24 (1) *in paragraph (1), by striking “Any agree-*
25 *ment” and inserting “Except as provided in para-*
26 *graph (3), any agreement”; and*

1 (2) *by adding at the end the following new para-*
2 *graph:*

3 “(3) *The requirement under paragraph (1) shall*
4 *not apply to any sale or other provision of any de-*
5 *fense article or defense service to Cyprus if the end-*
6 *user of such defense article or defense service is the*
7 *Government of the Republic of Cyprus.”.*

8 (c) *EXCLUSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUB-*
9 *LIC OF CYPRUS FROM CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS.—*

10 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d) and*
11 *except as provided in paragraph (2), beginning on the*
12 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
13 *State shall not apply a policy of denial for exports,*
14 *re-exports, or transfers of defense articles and defense*
15 *services destined for or originating in the Republic of*
16 *Cyprus if—*

17 (A) *the request is made by or on behalf of*
18 *the Government of the Republic of Cyprus; and*

19 (B) *the end-user of such defense articles or*
20 *defense services is the Government of the Repub-*
21 *lic of Cyprus.*

22 (2) *EXCEPTION.—This exclusion shall not apply*
23 *to any denial based upon credible human rights con-*
24 *cerns.*

1 (d) *LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF ARTICLES ON*
2 *THE UNITED STATES MUNITIONS LIST TO THE REPUBLIC*
3 *OF CYPRUS.—*

4 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The policy of denial for ex-*
5 *ports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles on the*
6 *United States Munitions List to the Republic of Cy-*
7 *prus shall remain in place unless the President deter-*
8 *mines and certifies to the appropriate congressional*
9 *committees not less than annually that—*

10 (A) *the Government of the Republic of Cy-*
11 *prus is continuing to cooperate with the United*
12 *States Government in efforts to implement re-*
13 *forms on anti-money laundering regulations and*
14 *financial regulatory oversight; and*

15 (B) *the Government of the Republic of Cy-*
16 *prus has made and is continuing to take the*
17 *steps necessary to deny Russian military vessels*
18 *access to ports for refueling and servicing.*

19 (2) *WAIVER.—The President may waive the lim-*
20 *itations contained in this subsection for one fiscal*
21 *year if the President determines that it is essential to*
22 *the national security interests of the United States to*
23 *do so.*

1 (3) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES*
2 *DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate*
3 *congressional committees” means—*

4 (A) *the Committee on Foreign Relations*
5 *and the Committee on Armed Services of the*
6 *Senate; and*

7 (B) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs and*
8 *the Committee on Armed Services of the House*
9 *of Representatives.*

10 **SEC. 6. IMET COOPERATION WITH GREECE AND THE RE-**
11 **PUBLIC OF CYPRUS.**

12 *There is authorized to be appropriated \$1,300,000 for*
13 *fiscal year 2020, \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2021, and*
14 *\$1,800,000 for fiscal year 2022 for International Military*
15 *Education and Training (IMET) assistance for Greece and*
16 *\$200,000 for fiscal year 2020, \$500,000 for fiscal year 2021,*
17 *and \$750,000 for fiscal year 2022 for such assistance for*
18 *the Republic of Cyprus. The assistance shall be made avail-*
19 *able for the following purposes:*

20 (1) *Training of future leaders.*

21 (2) *Fostering a better understanding of the*
22 *United States.*

23 (3) *Establishing a rapport between the United*
24 *States military and the country’s military to build*
25 *alliances for the future.*

1 (4) *Enhancement of interoperability and capa-*
2 *bilities for joint operations.*

3 (5) *Focusing on professional military education.*

4 (6) *Enabling countries to use their national*
5 *funds to receive a reduced cost for other Department*
6 *of Defense education and training.*

7 **SEC. 7. FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING.**

8 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
9 *authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2020*
10 *\$3,000,000 for Foreign Military Financing (FMF) assist-*
11 *ance for Greece to assist the country in meeting its commit-*
12 *ment as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-*
13 *tion (NATO) to dedicate 20 percent of its defense budget*
14 *to enhance research and development.*

15 (b) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
16 *that Greece should receive robust support under the Euro-*
17 *pean Recapitalization Incentive Program implemented by*
18 *the Department of Defense.*

19 **SEC. 8. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT TO**
20 **TURKEY.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-*
22 *section (b), no funds may be obligated or expended—*

23 (1) *to transfer, facilitate the transfer, or author-*
24 *ize the transfer of an F-35 aircraft to the Republic*
25 *of Turkey;*

1 (2) *such a purchase would endanger the integrity*
2 *and interoperability of the NATO alliance;*

3 (3) *such a purchase would adversely affect ongoing*
4 *operations of the United States Armed Forces, including*
5 *coalition operations in which the United*
6 *States Armed Forces participate;*

7 (4) *such a purchase would result in a significant*
8 *impact to defense cooperation between the United*
9 *States and Turkey;*

10 (5) *such a purchase would significantly increase*
11 *the risk of compromising United States defense systems*
12 *and operational capabilities; and*

13 (6) *the Countering Russian Influence in Europe*
14 *and Eurasia Act of 2017 mandates the imposition of*
15 *sanctions under section 235 of that Act (22 U.S.C.*
16 *9529) with respect to any individual or entity deter-*
17 *mined to have engaged in such a significant trans-*
18 *action.*

19 **SEC. 10. STRATEGY ON UNITED STATES SECURITY AND EN-**
20 **ERGY COOPERATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.**
21 **TERRANEAN.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*
23 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,*
24 *in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-*
25 *retary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate congress-*

1 *sional committees a strategy on enhanced security and en-*
2 *ergy cooperation with countries in the Eastern Mediterra-*
3 *nean region, including Israel, the Republic of Cyprus, and*
4 *Greece.*

5 *(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection*
6 *(a) shall include the following elements:*

7 *(1) A description of United States participation*
8 *in and support for the Eastern Mediterranean Nat-*
9 *ural Gas Forum.*

10 *(2) An evaluation of all possible delivery mecha-*
11 *nisms into Europe for natural gas discoveries in the*
12 *Eastern Mediterranean region.*

13 *(3) An evaluation of efforts to protect energy ex-*
14 *ploration infrastructure in the region, including in-*
15 *frastructure owned or operated by United States com-*
16 *panies.*

17 *(4) An assessment of the capacity of the Republic*
18 *of Cyprus to host an Energy Crisis Center in the re-*
19 *gion which could provide basing facilities in support*
20 *of search and rescue efforts in the event of an acci-*
21 *dent.*

22 *(5) An assessment of the timing of potential nat-*
23 *ural gas delivery in the region as well as an assess-*
24 *ment of the ultimate destination countries for the nat-*
25 *ural gas delivery from the region.*

1 *assessment of whether the outlet promotes pro-Kremlin*
2 *views.*

3 *(4) An assessment of military engagement by the*
4 *Government of the Russian Federation in the security*
5 *sector, including engagement by military equipment*
6 *and personnel contractors.*

7 *(5) An assessment of efforts supported by the*
8 *Government of the Russian Federation to influence*
9 *elections in the three countries, through the use of*
10 *cyber attacks, social media campaigns, or other ma-*
11 *lign influence techniques.*

12 *(6) An assessment of efforts by the Government*
13 *of the Russian Federation to intimidate and influence*
14 *the decision by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patri-*
15 *arch Bartholomew, leader of 300,000,000 Orthodox*
16 *Christians worldwide, to grant autocephaly to the*
17 *Ukrainian Orthodox Church.*

18 *(c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*
19 *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain*
20 *a classified annex.*

21 **SEC. 12. REPORT ON INTERFERENCE BY OTHER COUNTRIES**
22 **IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE**
23 **REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.**

24 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
25 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,*

1 *in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-*
2 *retary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate congres-*
3 *sional committees a report listing incidents since January*
4 *1, 2017, determined by the Secretary of State to interfere*
5 *in efforts by the Republic of Cyprus to explore and exploit*
6 *natural resources in its Exclusive Economic Zone.*

7 (b) *FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*
8 *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain*
9 *a classified annex.*

10 **SEC. 13. REPORT ON INTERFERENCE BY OTHER COUNTRIES**

11 **IN THE AIRSPACE OF GREECE.**

12 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
13 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,*
14 *in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit*
15 *to the appropriate congressional committees a report listing*
16 *incidents since January 1, 2017, determined by the Sec-*
17 *retary of State to be violations of the airspace of the sov-*
18 *ereign territory of Greece by its neighbors.*

19 (b) *FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)*
20 *shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain*
21 *a classified annex.*

22 **SEC. 14. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**

23 *In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-*
24 *mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations of the*

- 1 *Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House*
- 2 *of Representatives.*

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