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Requesting information on Honduras's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HONDURAS'S**
3 **HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests
5 that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the
7 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
9 tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-
10 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-

1 guarding Honduras's human rights practices that has been
2 prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of
3 State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the
4 Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted pursuant
6 to subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) all available credible information concerning
8 alleged violations of internationally recognized
9 human rights by the Government of the Republic of
10 Honduras under former President Juan Orlando
11 Hernández, including—

12 (A) connections between high-level govern-
13 ment officials and drug trafficking organiza-
14 tions, including the Sinaloa Cartel;

15 (B) corruption of government officials re-
16 lated to drug trafficking, including money laun-
17 dering and bribery;

18 (C) torture, rape, illegal detention, witness
19 tampering, and murder in connection with drug
20 cartels and drug trafficking; and

21 (D) efforts to undermine police reforms
22 and drug crime investigations;

23 (2) a description of the steps the United States
24 Government has taken—

1 (A) to promote respect for and observance
2 of human rights as part of the Government of
3 Honduras's activities;

4 (B) to bring Honduran government offi-
5 cials to justice for their involvement in drug
6 trafficking and related crimes;

7 (C) to discourage any practices that are in-
8 imical to internationally recognized human
9 rights; and

10 (D) to publicly or privately call attention
11 to, and disassociate the United States and any
12 security assistance provided for the Republic of
13 Honduras from, any practices described in sub-
14 paragraphs (B) and (C); and

15 (3) other information, including—

16 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
17 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
18 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
19 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
20 2304(d))) provided to the Republic of Honduras
21 has been used in support of activities related to
22 facilitating drug trafficking and its attendant
23 crimes;

24 (B) an assessment from the Secretary of
25 State of former President Juan Orlando

1 Hernández’s status post-conviction and any on-
2 going ties he maintains to drug cartels; and
3 (C) a description of any actions that the
4 United States Government is taking to ensure
5 that the Government of the Republic of Hon-
6 duras addresses corruption and human rights
7 violations tied to drug trafficking.

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