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# H. R. 128

Concerning paramilitary groups and British security forces in Northern  
Ireland.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on International Relations

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## A BILL

Concerning paramilitary groups and British security forces  
in Northern Ireland.

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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that—

5               (1) it is the policy of the United States Govern-  
6       ment to promote peace and reconciliation between  
7       Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in ac-  
8       cordance with the Anglo-Irish Accord of November  
9       15, 1985;

1           (2) the United States has sought through diplo-  
2       macy and economic support to foster this reconcili-  
3       ation process;

4           (3) reports of collusion between United King-  
5       dom security forces and illegal paramilitary groups  
6       raise serious questions about the respect for human  
7       rights of minorities in Northern Ireland;

8           (4) Amnesty International has repeatedly asked  
9       the British Government to establish an independent  
10      judicial inquiry into the procedures used to inves-  
11      tigate killings by security forces since 1980;

12          (5) the Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
13      states that all are equal before the law and are enti-  
14      tled without any discrimination to equal protection  
15      under the law;

16          (6) killings of civilians by paramilitary groups  
17      raise serious concern for the respect for the rule of  
18      law in Northern Ireland; and

19          (7) the Republic of Ireland has expressed con-  
20      cern about the links between paramilitary groups  
21      and security forces in Northern Ireland.

22   **SEC. 2. STATEMENTS OF POLICY.**

23       The Congress—

1           (1) deplores all acts of violence directed at the  
2       civilian population in Northern Ireland including  
3       extrajudicial killings;

4           (2) calls upon the President to urge the Gov-  
5       ernment of the United Kingdom—

6           (A) to take immediate measures to halt all  
7       cooperation with the Ulster Freedom Fighters,  
8       the Ulster Volunteer Force, the Ulster Defense  
9       Association, and any other paramilitary organi-  
10      zation or militia which is not officially sanc-  
11      tioned to maintain law and order; and

12          (B) to establish an independent judicial in-  
13      quiry into the killing of civilians by security  
14      forces since 1980; and

15          (3) calls upon the President to communicate to  
16      the highest levels of the Government of the United  
17      Kingdom grave concern about the United Kingdom's  
18      policy of resuming military service of soldiers who  
19      have been convicted of serious crimes related to the  
20      administration of justice in Northern Ireland.

1 **SEC. 3. BAN ON SALES OF MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCE-**  
 2 **MENT ITEMS TO THE ROYAL ULSTER CON-**  
 3 **STABULARY, THE ULSTER DEFENSE REGI-**  
 4 **MENT, THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT, AND**  
 5 **CERTAIN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.**

6 (a) GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MILITARY  
 7 SALES.—Defense articles may not be sold under the Arms  
 8 Export Control Act to or for any organization specified  
 9 in subsection (d).

10 (b) COMMERCIAL MILITARY SALES.—A license may  
 11 not be issued under section 36(c) of the Arms Export Con-  
 12 trol Act for the export of any defense article for use by  
 13 any organization specified in subsection (d).

14 (c) LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT.—Items des-  
 15 ignated as crime control and detection instruments and  
 16 equipment for purposes of section 6(n) of the Export Ad-  
 17 ministration Act of 1979 may not be exported for use by  
 18 any organization specified in subsection (d).

19 (d) INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—Subsections (a),  
 20 (b), and (c) apply with respect to the Royal Ulster Con-  
 21 stabulary, the Ulster Defense Regiment, the Royal Irish  
 22 Regiment, and any other organization in which anyone  
 23 who previously was a member of the Royal Ulster Con-  
 24 stabulary, the Ulster Defense Regiment, the Royal Irish  
 25 Regiment, the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the Ulster Volun-

1   teer Force, the Ulster Defense Association, or any other  
2   paramilitary association is a member.

3   **SEC. 4. REPORT ON BRITISH COOPERATION WITH PARA-**  
4                   **MILITARY GROUPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.**

5           Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment  
6   of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the  
7   Committee on International Relations of the House of  
8   Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations  
9   of the Senate a report, in both classified and unclassified  
10   form, on cooperation between United Kingdom security  
11   forces and militias and paramilitary groups in Northern  
12   Ireland.

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