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To restrict United States nationals from traveling to countries in which foreign governments or anti-government forces allow foreign terrorist organizations to engage in armed conflict for purposes of participating in such armed conflict or from providing material support to entities that are engaged in such armed conflict, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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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 “International Conflicts
5 of Concern Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES OF CONFLICT**
2 **CONCERN.**

3 (a) IDENTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
5 submit to Congress a report that identifies each country
6 the government of which or anti-government forces in
7 which the President believes, based on all information
8 available to the President, is allowing one or more foreign
9 terrorist organizations to engage in armed conflict that is
10 occurring in such country.

11 (b) UPDATES.—The President shall update the re-
12 port required under subsection (a)—

13 (1) as new information becomes available; and

14 (2) not less frequently than annually.

15 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
16 and the updates required under subsection (b) shall be
17 submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classi-
18 fied annex if necessary.

19 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF COUNTRIES OF CONFLICT CON-**
20 **CERN.**

21 (a) DESIGNATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall des-
23 ignate a country as a “Country of Conflict Concern”
24 if the President determines that—

25 (A) the government of such country or
26 anti-government forces in the country is allow-

1 ing one or more foreign terrorist organizations
2 to engage in armed conflict that is occurring in
3 such country as identified in the report required
4 under section 2(a) or any update to the report
5 required under section 2(b); and

6 (B) it is in the national security interest of
7 the United States to restrict travel by any
8 United States national to such country and to
9 restrict material support provided by United
10 States nationals to entities that are engaged in
11 armed conflict in such country.

12 (2) INITIAL DESIGNATION.—Syria shall be
13 deemed to have been designated by the President
14 under paragraph (1) as of the date of the enactment
15 of this Act and the President is not required to no-
16 tify Congress of such designation of Syria under
17 subsection (b).

18 (b) REPORT ON DESIGNATION.—Upon designating a
19 country as a Country of Conflict Concern under subsection
20 (a), the President shall submit to Congress a report noti-
21 fying Congress of the designation of the country.

22 (c) LICENSING REQUIREMENT.—With respect to any
23 country designated as a Country of Conflict Concern
24 under subsection (a), the President shall exercise the au-
25 thorities of the International Emergency Economic Pow-

ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705 et seq.) without regard to section 202 of such Act to require a United States national to obtain a license—

(1) to travel to such country; or

(2) to provide material support to entities that are engaged in armed conflict in such country.

(d) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person who violates paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c), or a regulation prescribed under this Act, to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(a)).

(e) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—The designation of a country as a Country of Conflict Concern under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date on which the President determines and certifies to Congress that subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(1) (as the case may be), or both, no longer applies with respect to the country.

SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.

The President is authorized to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including the promulgation of such regulations

1 under the authority of section 205 of the International
2 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1704).

3 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—The
6 term “foreign terrorist organization” means any or-
7 ganization so designated by the Secretary of State
8 under section 219 of the Immigration and Nation-
9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

10 (2) UNITED STATES NATIONAL.—The term
11 “United States national” means—

12 (A) a national of the United States (as de-
13 fined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration
14 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)); or

15 (B) an alien who is lawfully present in the
16 United States.

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