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To improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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 “United States-Jordan
5 Defense Cooperation Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) From the \$2,400,000,000 in total United
9 States multilateral funding for the Syrian humani-
10 tarian crisis, the United States Government has pro-

1 vided \$268,000,000 to the Hashemite Kingdom of
2 Jordan.

3 (2) As of August 2014, the United Nations
4 High Commissioner for Refugees estimates there are
5 more than 600,000 registered Syrian refugees in
6 Jordan.

7 (3) Jordan estimates that more than 800,000
8 unregistered refugees are in Jordan living outside of
9 refugee camps, assimilated into local communities,
10 which would bring the total to approximately
11 1,400,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan.

12 (4) In February 2014, President Obama an-
13 nounced that the United States and Jordan will
14 renew the non-binding memorandum of under-
15 standing that was signed in 2008 to provide assist-
16 ance to Jordan over a 5-year period that reinforces
17 the commitment to broaden cooperation and dia-
18 logue between the two countries in a variety of
19 areas.

20 (5) In 2000, the United States and Jordan
21 signed a free-trade agreement that went into force
22 in 2001.

23 (6) In 1996, the United States granted Jordan
24 major non-NATO ally status.

1 (7) Jordan is suffering from the Syrian refugee
2 crisis and the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and
3 the Levant (ISIL).

4 (8) The Government of Jordan was elected as
5 a non-permanent member of the United Nations Se-
6 curity Council beginning in January 2014 and ter-
7 minating in December 2015.

8 (9) Enhanced support for defense cooperation
9 with Jordan is important to the national security of
10 the United States, including through creation of a
11 status in law for Jordan similar to the countries in
12 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Japan,
13 Australia, the Republic of Korea, Israel, and New
14 Zealand, with respect to consideration by Congress
15 of foreign military sales to Jordan.

16 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

17 It should be the policy of the United States to sup-
18 port the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in its response
19 to the Syrian refugee crisis, provide necessary assistance
20 to alleviate the domestic burden to provide basic needs for
21 the assimilated Syrian refugees, cooperate with Jordan to
22 combat the terrorist threat from the Islamic State of Iraq
23 and the Levant (ISIL) or other terrorist organizations,
24 and help secure the border between Jordan and its neigh-
25 bors Syria and Iraq.

1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that expeditious consider-
3 ation of certifications of letters of offer to sell defense arti-
4 cles, defense services, design and construction services,
5 and major defense equipment to the Hashemite Kingdom
6 of Jordan under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control
7 Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(b)) is fully consistent with United
8 States security and foreign policy interests and the objec-
9 tives of world peace and security.

10 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.**

11 The Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et
12 seq.) is amended—

13 (1) in section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753)—

14 (A) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “the
15 Government of Jordan,” before “or the Govern-
16 ment of New Zealand”; and

17 (B) in subsection (d)—

18 (i) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “
19 Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”;

20 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by insert-
21 ing “ Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”;
22 and

23 (iii) in paragraph (5), by inserting “
24 Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”;

25 (2) in section 21 (22 U.S.C. 2761)—

1 (A) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by inserting “
2 Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”; and

3 (B) in subsection (h)—

4 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “
5 Jordan,” before “or Israel”; and

6 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “
7 Jordan,” before “or Israel” both places it
8 appears;

9 (3) in section 36 (22 U.S.C. 2776)—

10 (A) in subsection (b)—

11 (i) in paragraph (1), by inserting “
12 Jordan,” before “ or New Zealand”;

13 (ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting “
14 Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”; and

15 (iii) in paragraph (6), by inserting “
16 Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”;

17 (B) in subsection (c), by inserting “ Jor-
18 dan,” before “or New Zealand” both places it
19 appears; and

20 (C) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by inserting “
21 Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”;

22 (4) in section 62(c)(1) (22 U.S.C. 2796a(c)(1)),
23 by inserting “ Jordan,” before “or New Zealand”;
24 and

1 (5) in section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C.
2 2796b(a)(2)), by inserting “ Jordan,” before “or
3 New Zealand”.

4 **SEC. 6. AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF**
5 **1961.**

6 Section 656(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
7 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2416(a)(2)) by inserting “Jordan,” be-
8 fore “or New Zealand”.

9 **SEC. 7. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is author-
11 ized, subject to the availability of appropriations, to enter
12 into a Memorandum of Understanding with Jordan to in-
13 crease military cooperation, including joint military exer-
14 cises, personnel exchanges, support for international
15 peacekeeping missions, and enhanced strategic dialogue.

16 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
17 authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a)
18 not less than \$1,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
19 2015 through 2019.

20 **SEC. 8. FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM.**

21 Amounts made available under the Foreign Military
22 Financing (FMF) program estimated to be outlayed for
23 Jordan during each of the fiscal years 2015 through 2019
24 shall be disbursed to an interest-bearing account for Jor-
25 dan in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York not later

1 than 30 days of the date of the enactment of this Act
2 provided that—

3 (1) withdrawal of funds from such account shall
4 be made only on authenticated instructions from the
5 Defense Finance and Accounting Service of the De-
6 partment of Defense;

7 (2) in the event such account is closed, the bal-
8 ance of the account shall be transferred promptly to
9 the appropriations account for the Foreign Military
10 Financing Program; and

11 (3) none of the interest accrued by such ac-
12 count should be obligated unless the Committee on
13 Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Af-
14 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
15 mittee on Appropriations and the Committee on
16 Foreign Relations of the Senate are notified.

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