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To require a strategy and report to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, and for other purposes.

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Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

To require a strategy and report to counter the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is a violent extremist organization that constitutes a significant regional threat and should be degraded and dismantled;

Whereas the political environment in Iraq has grown increasingly polarized over the last few years, exacerbating sectarian tensions and giving rise to unprecedented numbers of ethnic militias while the conflict in neighboring Syria has continued unabated resulting in more than 3 million

refugees fleeing the country and at least 190,000 civilians killed;

Whereas, on September 10, 2014, President Obama stated that the United States “cannot do for Iraqis what they must do themselves, nor can we take the place of Arab partners in securing the region”;

Whereas President Obama has stated repeatedly that there is no military solution to the current crisis in Iraq and Syria;

Whereas, on May 25, 2013, President Obama called on Congress to “refine, and ultimately repeal” the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note);

Whereas, on July 25, 2014, the Obama Administration called on Congress to repeal the outdated Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), stating that “the Iraq AUMF is no longer used to for any U.S. government activities and the Administration fully supports its repeal”;

Whereas, any authorization for the use of military force related to military operations against ISIL should explicitly state that the Authorization for the Use of Military Force and the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 do not authorize the use of force against ISIL; and

Whereas Congress has a constitutional obligation to debate and authorize any use of military force taken in Iraq and Syria pursuant to Operation Inherent Resolve or other efforts undertaken to degrade and dismantle ISIL: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Com-
5 prehensive Solution to ISIL Resolution”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States to—

8 (1) pursue a comprehensive diplomatic, polit-
9 ical, economic, and regionally led strategy to degrade
10 and dismantle the Islamic State in Iraq and the Le-
11 vant (ISIL);

12 (2) work through the United Nations and with
13 allies and regional partners, including the Arab
14 League, to pursue a political and diplomatic solution
15 to degrade and dismantle ISIL;

16 (3) work through the United Nations and with
17 allies and regional partners, including the Arab
18 League, to address the legitimate political grievances
19 of all ethnic and religious groups in Iraq and Syria
20 and to protect vulnerable groups from violence from
21 ISIL;

22 (4) implement to the fullest extent United Na-
23 tions Security Council Resolution 2170 (2014), call-
24 ing on Member States to act to suppress the flow of

1 foreign fighters, financing, and other support to
2 ISIL;

3 (5) implement to the fullest extent United Na-
4 tions Security Council Resolution 2178 (2014), con-
5 demning violent extremism and calling on Member
6 States to prevent the “recruiting, organizing, trans-
7 porting or equipping of individuals who travel to a
8 State other than their States or residence or nation-
9 ality for the purpose of the perpetration, planning
10 of, or participation in terrorists acts”;

11 (6) ensure that any foreign assistance provided
12 to Iraqi security and Syrian opposition forces be
13 subject to stringent human rights vetting, including,
14 at a minimum, section 620M of the Foreign Assist-
15 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378d) and other ap-
16 plicable human rights vetting laws; and

17 (7) strongly support regionally led efforts to
18 counter the threat of ISIL.

19 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY AND REPORT TO COUNTER THE ISLAMIC**
20 **STATE IN IRAQ AND THE LEVANT.**

21 (a) STRATEGY AND REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this joint resolution,
24 the President, in consultation with the Secretary of
25 Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Director of

1 National Intelligence, shall develop a comprehensive
2 diplomatic, political, economic, and regionally led
3 strategy to degrade and dismantle the Islamic State
4 in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and submit to Con-
5 gress a report that contains the strategy.

6 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy
7 required by paragraph (1) shall include, at a min-
8 imum, the following:

9 (A) A detailed timeline and the metrics of
10 success used to evaluate the progress of the
11 strategy.

12 (B) A summary of the number and types
13 of military equipment provided by the United
14 States to partner elements in Syria in support
15 of the strategy.

16 (C) A summary of the number of partner
17 elements in Syria vetted pursuant to applicable
18 human rights vetting laws for, at a minimum,
19 associations with terrorist groups, including
20 ISIL, Jabhat al Nusra, Ahrar al Sham, other
21 al-Qaeda related groups, and Hezbollah.

22 (D) A description of the United States
23 strategy to retrieve or destroy supplied arms
24 and equipment at the end of hostilities.

1 (E) A description of the number of alleged
 2 civilian casualties as a result of United States-
 3 led air strikes against ISIL, a plan to under-
 4 take an independent investigation of such air
 5 strikes and provide, as needed, compensation to
 6 the victims and their families.

7 (F) A description of the costs of Operation
 8 Inherent Resolve to the United States.

9 (3) UPDATE.—The President shall update the
 10 strategy required by paragraph (1) not less than
 11 once every 90 days after the date of submission of
 12 the initial report under paragraph (1) and submit to
 13 Congress a report that contains the update of the
 14 strategy.

15 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection shall
 16 be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a clas-
 17 sified annex if necessary.

18 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR USE OF UNITED**
 19 **STATES GROUND FORCES IN A COMBAT**
 20 **ROLE.**

21 No funds available to the Department of Defense or
 22 any other department or agency may be used for the de-
 23 ployment of United States ground forces in a combat role
 24 against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

1 **SEC. 5. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this joint resolution—

3 (1) shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting
4 any authority of the President under any provision
5 of law other than the Authorization for Use of Military
6 Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541
7 note) and the Authorization for Use of Military
8 Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law
9 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note); and

10 (2) shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting
11 any authority of the President to respond to, or to
12 prevent imminent attacks, on the United States, its
13 territorial possessions, its embassies, its consulates,
14 or its Armed Forces abroad, consistent with and limited
15 to the President’s constitutional powers and responsibilities
16 as Commander-in-Chief.

17 **SEC. 6. REPEAL OF PUBLIC LAW 107–40 AND PUBLIC LAW**
18 **107–243.**

19 (a) REPEALS.—The Authorization for Use of Military
20 Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) and the
21 Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution
22 of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541
23 note) are hereby repealed.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeals made by sub-
2 section (a) take effect on the date that is 60 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

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