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To hold war crimes suspects and Nazi war criminals accountable by encouraging foreign governments to more efficiently prosecute, extradite, deport, or accept for deportation such war crimes suspects and Nazi war criminals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL 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 “War Crimes Account-
5 ability Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the United States should actively encourage
2 prosecution of war crimes suspects and Nazi war
3 criminals;

4 (2) the Simon Wiesenthal Center should be
5 commended for its historic work in bringing to light
6 the atrocities of the Holocaust and in advancing jus-
7 tice for Nazi war criminals through Operation: Last
8 Chance;

9 (3) the pursuit and prosecution of war crimes
10 suspects and Nazi war criminals—from the crimes
11 of the Nazi era to the most recent conflicts—is crit-
12 ical to maintenance of the rule of law globally; and

13 (4) pursuit of war crimes suspects includes en-
14 forcement of an arrest warrant issued by an inter-
15 national tribunal against war crimes suspects in-
16 dicted by such international tribunal, including war
17 crimes suspects visiting a foreign country.

18 **SEC. 3. IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES FAILING TO CO-**
19 **OPERATE SATISFACTORILY WITH RELEVANT**
20 **JURISDICTIONS IN EXTRADITING OR DE-**
21 **PORTING WAR CRIMES SUSPECTS OR NAZI**
22 **WAR CRIMINALS.**

23 (a) REPORT.—The President shall submit to Con-
24 gress for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021 a report
25 that identifies each country that is failing to—

1 (1) cooperate satisfactorily with relevant juris-
2 dictions in extraditing or deporting war crimes sus-
3 pects or Nazi war criminals to the jurisdiction in
4 which such war crimes suspects or Nazi war crimi-
5 nals, as the case may be, have been indicted or con-
6 victed;

7 (2) enforce arrest warrants issued by an inter-
8 national tribunal against war crimes suspects in-
9 dicted by such international tribunal, including war
10 crimes suspects visiting a foreign country;

11 (3) accept Nazi war criminals deported from
12 the United States; or

13 (4) effectively prosecute war crimes suspects or
14 Nazi war criminals within such country's jurisdic-
15 tion, including Nazi war criminals who resided in the
16 United States and were deported from or extradited
17 by the United States or left the United States volun-
18 tarily.

19 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each such report
20 shall include detailed information regarding the war
21 crimes suspects and Nazi war criminals described in sub-
22 section (a).

23 (c) FORM.—Each such report, and the identification
24 of each country in such report, shall be submitted in an

1 unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex if
2 necessary.

3 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT**
4 **SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES UNDER THE**
5 **ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT TO COUNTRIES**
6 **IDENTIFIED UNDER SECTION 3.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—For each country identified in
8 the report under section 3 for a fiscal year, the President
9 may not issue a letter of offer to sell defense articles under
10 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)
11 for \$7,000,000 or more to such country for the subsequent
12 fiscal year pursuant to section 36(b) of such Act (22
13 U.S.C. 2776(b)).

14 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibi-
15 tion in subsection (a) for any fiscal year in which a letter
16 of offer may be issued by the United States Government
17 if the President determines and certifies to Congress that
18 it is in the national security interest of the United States
19 to do so.

20 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) NAZI WAR CRIMINAL.—The term “Nazi war
23 criminal” means any person accused of or indicted
24 for ordering, inciting, assisting, or otherwise partici-
25 pating in the persecution of any person because of

1 race, religion, national origin, or political opinion
2 during the period beginning on March 23, 1933, and
3 ending on May 8, 1945, under the direction of, or
4 in association with—

5 (A) the Nazi government of Germany;

6 (B) any government in any area occupied
7 by the military forces of the Nazi government
8 of Germany;

9 (C) any government established with the
10 assistance or cooperation of the Nazi govern-
11 ment of Germany; or

12 (D) any government which was an ally of
13 the Nazi government of Germany.

14 (2) WAR CRIMES SUSPECT.—The term “war
15 crimes suspect” means any person accused by an
16 international tribunal of planning, ordering, assist-
17 ing, aiding and abetting, committing, or otherwise
18 participating in, including through command respon-
19 sibility, war crimes, crimes against humanity, geno-
20 cide or other serious violations of human rights, or
21 who attempted or conspired to do so.

22 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23 This Act shall take effect on the date that is 90 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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