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H. R. 8259

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

To prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other
purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN**
2 **THE G7.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, no Federal funds are authorized to be appro-
5 priated to take any action to support or facilitate—

6 (1) the participation of Russia in a Group of
7 Seven proceeding; or

8 (2) the reconstitution of the Group of Eight to
9 include Russia.

10 (b) TERMINATION.—Subsection (a) shall cease to
11 have any force or effect after the date on which—

12 (1) the Secretary of State and the Director of
13 National Intelligence, in consultation with the Sec-
14 retary of Homeland Security and the Director of the
15 Federal Bureau of Investigation, certify to the ap-
16 propriate congressional committees and leadership
17 that the Government of Russia, and all persons act-
18 ing as an agent of or otherwise on behalf of such
19 government, has halted all interference in United
20 States elections or elections of the other members of
21 the Group of Seven, members of the North Atlantic
22 Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European
23 Union, and other allies and partners; and

24 (2) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
25 the Director of National Intelligence, determines and
26 certifies to the appropriate congressional committees

1 and leadership that the Government of Russia, and
2 all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise on be-
3 half of such government, has—

4 (A) ended its illegal occupation of Crimea
5 and is fully complying with its commitments
6 under the Minsk agreement with respect to
7 Eastern Ukraine;

8 (B) ended its illegal occupation of South
9 Ossetia and Abkhazia and will support efforts
10 for the reintegration of these regions with the
11 Republic of Georgia; and

12 (C) withdrawn its troops and armaments
13 from Transnistria and fully respects Moldova’s
14 sovereignty and territorial integrity.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
17 coordination with the Director of National Intelligence
18 and in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
19 eral departments and agencies, shall submit to the appro-
20 priate congressional committees and leadership a report
21 on the threats and challenges of Russia to NATO and the
22 United States in Afghanistan and to United States efforts
23 to counter such threats and challenges, including—

24 (1) an assessment of support provided by the
25 Government of Russia, and all persons acting as an

1 agent of or otherwise on behalf of such government,
2 for Taliban-linked militants, including—

3 (A) the provision of defense articles, de-
4 fense services, or technology (as such terms are
5 defined and described in the Arms Export Con-
6 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)) or financial
7 assistance for purposes that undermine or run
8 counter to the principles agreed upon in the
9 Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan
10 entered into on February 29, 2020;

11 (B) financial transactions, including trans-
12 actions made through the hawala system, be-
13 tween the individuals and entities of the Gov-
14 ernment of Russia, or individuals or entities
15 acting in connection with that government, to
16 Taliban-linked militants, other militants with
17 connections to Afghanistan, and their inter-
18 mediaries; and

19 (C) any alleged program to incentivize the
20 killing of United States or NATO coalition sol-
21 diers by the Government of Russia or any other
22 foreign government;

23 (2) a description of United States Government
24 efforts to engage in diplomatic efforts with Russia
25 and the governments of NATO coalition allies and

1 partners to counter Russian malign influence in Af-
2 ghanistan; and

3 (3) a description of the views of the govern-
4 ments of other NATO members, including heads of
5 government, political leaders, and military com-
6 manders in the region on Russian interference and
7 malign influence in Afghanistan.

8 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
9 AND LEADERSHIP.—In this section, the term “appropriate
10 congressional committees and leadership” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-
12 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
13 mittee on Homeland Security, and the Speaker, the
14 majority leader, and the minority leader of the
15 House of Representatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
17 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on
18 Homeland Security, and the majority leader and the
19 minority leader of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives November 18,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.