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Requesting information on Saudi Arabia's human rights practices in Yemen pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SAUDI ARA-**
3 **BIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN YEMEN.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
5 after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Sec-
6 retary of State shall, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the
7 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)),
8 transmit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
9 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the

1 House of Representatives a statement, prepared with the
2 assistance of the Assistant Secretary of State for Democ-
3 racy, Human Rights, and Labor and the Office of the
4 Legal Adviser, with respect to Saudi Arabia.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted under
6 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

7 (1) All available credible information concerning
8 alleged violations of internationally recognized
9 human rights by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or
10 members of the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen, includ-
11 ing the denial of the right to life in the context of
12 the armed conflict in Yemen caused by indiscrimi-
13 nate or disproportionate operations.

14 (2) A description of the steps the United States
15 Government has taken—

16 (A) to promote respect for and observance
17 of human rights as part of the Kingdom of
18 Saudi Arabia’s activities in Yemen and discour-
19 age any practices that are inimical to inter-
20 nationally recognized human rights; and

21 (B) to publicly or privately call attention
22 to, and disassociate the United States and any
23 security assistance provided for the Kingdom of
24 Saudi Arabia from, such practices.

1 (3) An assessment, notwithstanding any such
2 practices, whether extraordinary circumstances exist
3 that necessitate a continuation of security assistance
4 for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and, if so, a de-
5 scription of the circumstances and the extent to
6 which the assistance should be continued (subject to
7 such conditions as Congress may impose under sec-
8 tion 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
9 (22 U.S.C. 2304)).

10 (4) Other information, including—

11 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
12 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
13 rity assistance, as defined in section 502B(d) of
14 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
15 2304(d)), will be used in Yemen;

16 (B) a description of the violations of the
17 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et
18 seq.) (AECA), as noted in the Secretary of
19 State’s certification to Congress pursuant to
20 section 1290 of the John S. McCain National
21 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019
22 (Public Law 115–232), including—

23 (i) whether the violation resulted from
24 the re-transfer of United States defense
25 articles or services without prior authoriza-

1 tion or the use of defense articles or serv-
2 ices against anything other than legitimate
3 military targets; and

4 (ii) what services or articles were used
5 in violation of AECA, and an explanation
6 for why the President has not submitted
7 the required certification under section 3
8 of AECA (22 U.S.C. 2753) for continued
9 export of defense articles and services to
10 countries that have violated AECA;

11 (C) a description and assessment of the ac-
12 tions the United States Government would take
13 to ensure end use monitoring protocols for all
14 weapons sold or transferred to the Kingdom of
15 Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen;

16 (D) an assessment of any impact or ad-
17 verse effect to Israel's qualitative military edge
18 of security assistance provided by the United
19 States or other countries; and

20 (E) a description of actions the United
21 States Government is taking to address allega-
22 tions of detention, torture, or forced disappear-
23 ances of United States citizens by the Kingdom
24 of Saudi Arabia.

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