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To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require the annual human rights reports to include information on instances of sexual assault in refugee camps, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. COHEN) 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 “Demand the end of
5 Assault in Refugee Camps Act” or the “D’ARC Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS RE-**
2 **PORTS UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**
3 **ACT OF 1961.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Foreign Assistance Act of
5 1961 is amended as follows:

6 (1) In section 116(d) (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d))—

7 (A) in paragraph (11), by striking “and”
8 at the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (12), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(13) wherever applicable, with respect to each
13 country, a description of the extent to which—

14 “(A) the government of the country is en-
15 gaging in practices that fail to address, reduce,
16 or prosecute instances of sexual assault in ref-
17 ugee camps located in such country; and

18 “(B) the United States has taken or will
19 take action to end such practices, including by
20 providing training to relevant personnel to ad-
21 dress the crime of sexual assault.”.

22 (2) In section 502B (22 U.S.C. 2304)—

23 (A) by redesignating the second subsection

24 (i) (as added by section 1207(b)(2) of Public
25 Law 113–4) as subsection (j); and

26 (B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(k) The report required by subsection (b) shall in-
2 clude, wherever applicable, with respect to each country,
3 a description of the extent to which—

4 “(1) the government of the country is engaging
5 in practices that fail to address, reduce, or prosecute
6 instances of sexual assault in refugee camps located
7 in such country; and

8 “(2) the United States has taken or will take
9 action to end such practices, including by providing
10 training to relevant personnel to address the crime
11 of sexual assault.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a)(1) take effect on the date of the enactment
14 of this Act and apply with respect to reports required to
15 be submitted under section 116(d) of the Foreign Assist-
16 ance Act of 1961 on or after such date of enactment. The
17 amendments made by subsection (a)(2) take effect on the
18 date of the enactment of this Act and apply with respect
19 to reports required to be submitted under section 502B(b)
20 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 on or after such
21 date of enactment.

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