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To require a report on security cooperation with respect to Western Balkan countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself and Mrs. McCLAIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To require a report on security cooperation with respect to Western Balkan countries.

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 “Balkans Security Co-
5 operation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON SECURITY COOPERATION WITH RE-**
7 **SPECT TO WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
10 fense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall

1 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
2 port on security cooperation with respect to Western Bal-
3 kan countries.

4 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
5 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) An assessment of security cooperation be-
7 tween each Western Balkan country and the Russian
8 Federation, including the following:

9 (A) A list of Russian weapons systems and
10 other military hardware and technology valued
11 at \$1,000,000 or more that have been provided
12 to or purchased by each Western Balkan coun-
13 try since 2012.

14 (B) A description of the participation of
15 each Western Balkan country's security forces
16 in training or exercises with the Russian Fed-
17 eration since 2012.

18 (C) A description of any security coopera-
19 tion agreements each Western Balkan country
20 has entered into with the Russian Federation.

21 (D) An assessment of intelligence coopera-
22 tion between each Western Balkan country and
23 the Russian Federation.

24 (E) An assessment of how security co-
25 operation between each Western Balkan coun-

1 try and the Russian Federation affects the se-
2 curity interests of the United States, the North
3 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the
4 Western Balkan country, and each NATO
5 member state that borders the Western Balkan
6 country.

7 (2) An assessment of security cooperation be-
8 tween each Western Balkan country and the Peo-
9 ple's Republic of China, including the following:

10 (A) A list of Chinese weapons systems and
11 other military hardware and technology valued
12 at \$1,000,000 or more that have been provided
13 to or purchased by each Western Balkan coun-
14 try since 2012.

15 (B) A description of the participation of
16 each Western Balkan country's security forces
17 in training or exercises with the People's Re-
18 public of China since 2012.

19 (C) A description of any security coopera-
20 tion agreements each Western Balkan country
21 has entered into with the People's Republic of
22 China.

23 (D) An assessment of intelligence coopera-
24 tion between each Western Balkan country and
25 the People's Republic of China.

1 (E) An assessment of how security co-
2 operation between each Western Balkan coun-
3 try and the People’s Republic of China affects
4 the security interests of the United States, the
5 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),
6 the Western Balkan country, and each NATO
7 member state that borders the Western Balkan
8 country.

9 (3) An assessment of security cooperation be-
10 tween each Western Balkan country and the United
11 States, including the following:

12 (A) A list of United States weapons sys-
13 tems and other military hardware and tech-
14 nology valued at \$1,000,000 or more that have
15 been provided to or purchased by each Western
16 Balkan country since 2012.

17 (B) A description of the participation of
18 each Western Balkan country’s security forces
19 in training or exercises with the United States
20 since 2012.

21 (C) A description of any security coopera-
22 tion agreements each Western Balkan country
23 has entered into with the United States.

1 (D) An assessment of intelligence coopera-
2 tion between each Western Balkan country and
3 the United States.

4 (4) An assessment of security cooperation be-
5 tween each Western Balkan country and NATO.

6 (5) A description of each Western Balkan coun-
7 try's participation and activities in NATO's Partner-
8 ship for Peace program, if applicable.

9 (6) An assessment of the Russian Humanitarian
10 Center in Niš, Serbia, and any influence or
11 coordination it may have with Russian Federation
12 Intelligence Agencies.

13 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
14 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
15 a classified annex.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

17 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
18 mittees” means—

19 (A) congressional defense committees (as
20 such term is defined in section 101 of title 10,
21 United States Code); and

22 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
23 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
24 fairs of the House of Representatives; and

1 (2) the term “Western Balkan countries”

2 means—

3 (A) Albania;

4 (B) Bosnia and Herzegovina;

5 (C) Croatia;

6 (D) Kosovo;

7 (E) Montenegro;

8 (F) North Macedonia;

9 (G) Serbia; and

10 (H) Slovenia.

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