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

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Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TRONE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN**

4 **THE G7.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, no Federal funds are authorized to be appro-
7 priated, obligated, or expended to take any action to sup-
8 port or facilitate—

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

3 (2) the reconstitution of the Group of Eight to
4 include Russia.

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

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

19 (2) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
20 the Director of National Intelligence, determines and
21 certifies to the appropriate congressional committees
22 and leadership that the Government of Russia, and
23 all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise on be-
24 half of such government, has—

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

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

9 (C) withdrawn its troops and armaments
10 from Transnistria and fully respects Moldova's
11 sovereignty and territorial integrity; and

12 (3) the Director of National Intelligence, in
13 consultation with the heads of any other appropriate
14 executive departments and agencies, shall provide
15 the appropriate congressional committees and lead-
16 ership an assessment on the support by the Govern-
17 ment of Russia, and all persons acting as an agent
18 of or otherwise on behalf of such government, for
19 Taliban linked militants, including—

20 (A) the provision of defense articles, de-
21 fense services, or technology (as such terms are
22 defined and described in the Arms Export Con-
23 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)) or financial
24 assistance for purposes that undermine or run
25 counter to the principles agreed upon in the

1 Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan
2 entered into on February 29, 2020;

3 (B) financial transactions, including trans-
4 actions made through the hawala system, be-
5 tween the individuals and entities of the Gov-
6 ernment of Russia, or individuals or entities
7 acting in connection with that government, to
8 Taliban-linked militants, other militants with
9 connections to Afghanistan, and their inter-
10 mediaries; and

11 (C) any alleged program created to
12 incentivize the killing of American and NATO
13 coalition soldiers by the Government of Russia
14 or any other foreign government.

15 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
16 AND LEADERSHIP.—In this section, the term “appropriate
17 congressional committees and leadership” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-
19 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
20 mittee on Homeland Security, and the Speaker, the
21 majority leader, and the minority leader of the
22 House of Representatives; and

23 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
24 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on

- 1 Homeland Security, and the majority leader and the
- 2 minority leader of the Senate.

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