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To restrict the provision by international financial institutions of loans and financial and technical assistance to the Government of Turkey, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To restrict the provision by international financial institutions of loans and financial and technical assistance to the Government of Turkey, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Turkey International
5 Financial Institutions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) In accordance with section 701 of the Inter-
9 national Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.

1 262d), it is the policy of the United States Govern-
2 ment that the voice and vote of the United States
3 in international financial institutions “shall advance
4 the cause of human rights, including by seeking to
5 channel assistance towards countries other than
6 those whose governments engage in . . . a pattern
7 of gross violations of internationally recognized
8 human rights, such as torture or cruel, inhumane, or
9 degrading treatment or punishment, prolonged de-
10 tention without charges, or other flagrant denial to
11 life, liberty, and the security of person”.

12 (2) International and civil society organizations
13 have documented significant human rights abuses by
14 the Government of Turkey since the failed coup at-
15 tempt in July 2016.

16 (3) The 2017 Country Report on Human
17 Rights Practices of the Department of State for
18 Turkey highlights significant human rights issues in
19 Turkey, including the “arbitrary arrest and deten-
20 tion under the state of emergency of tens of thou-
21 sands, including members of parliament and two
22 Turkish-national employees of the U.S. Mission to
23 Turkey”.

24 (4) United States citizens continue to be sub-
25 jected to unacceptable harassment and human rights

1 violations by the Government of Turkey, including
2 prolonged detention on unsubstantiated, politically
3 motivated allegations, and arbitrary restrictions on
4 freedom of movement.

5 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

6 It is the policy of the United States—

7 (1) to oppose any effort by a foreign govern-
8 ment to detain United States citizens for political le-
9 verage; and

10 (2) to contest the pattern of the Government of
11 Turkey of arbitrary detention of and denial of free-
12 dom of movement to United States citizens (includ-
13 ing dual citizens) and locally employed staff of the
14 United States mission to Turkey.

15 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL FI-**
16 **NANCIAL INSTITUTION ASSISTANCE TO THE**
17 **GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.**

18 (a) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
19 shall—

20 (1) instruct the United States Executive Direc-
21 tor of the World Bank Group to use the voice and
22 vote of the United States to oppose the extension by
23 the International Finance Corporation of any loan or
24 financial or technical assistance to the Government
25 of Turkey or to any entity for a project in Turkey;

1 (2) instruct the United States Executive Direc-
 2 tor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and
 3 Development to use the voice and vote of the United
 4 States to oppose the extension by the Bank of any
 5 loan or financial or technical assistance to the Gov-
 6 ernment of Turkey or to any entity for a project in
 7 Turkey; and

8 (3) instruct the United States Executive Direc-
 9 tor of all other international financial institutions,
 10 including the International Monetary Fund, to work
 11 with other key donor countries to develop a coherent
 12 policy approach to future engagements with and
 13 lending to the Government of Turkey, in a manner
 14 that will advance human rights, including the full
 15 restoration of the rights guaranteed to the people of
 16 Turkey through that Government's commitments as
 17 a signatory of the International Covenant on Civil
 18 and Political Rights.

19 (b) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES.—
 20 The restrictions under paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
 21 section (a) shall not apply with respect to loans or finan-
 22 cial or technical assistance provided for humanitarian pur-
 23 poses.

24 (c) WAIVER FOR ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION
 25 PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury may waive the

1 application of the restriction under subsection (a)(1) only
2 if the Secretary submits to the appropriate congressional
3 committees a written determination that the waiver will
4 be used to support projects to diversify energy resources
5 in Turkey and to lessen the dependence of Turkey on oil
6 or gas from the Russian Federation or the Islamic Repub-
7 lic of Iran.

8 (d) TERMINATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply on
9 or after the date that is 30 days after the President deter-
10 mines and certifies to the appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees that the Government of Turkey is no longer arbi-
12 trarily detaining or denying freedom of movement to
13 United States citizens (including dual citizens) or locally
14 employed staff members of the United States mission to
15 Turkey.

16 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
18 thereafter until the restrictions in subsection (a) are ter-
19 minated pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary of the
20 Treasury, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, shall
21 brief the appropriate congressional committees on—

22 (1) the efforts of the United States Executive
23 Directors of the international financial institutions
24 under subsection (a); and

1 (2) the status of all United States citizens (in-
2 cluding dual citizens) and locally employed staff
3 members of the United States mission to Turkey ar-
4 bitrarily detained or denied freedom of movement by
5 the Government of Turkey, as appropriate.

6 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
9 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means—

11 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
12 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
13 Senate; and

14 (B) the Committee on Financial Services
15 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (2) DUAL CITIZEN.—The term “dual citizen”
18 means an individual who is a citizen of the United
19 States and another country.

20 (3) INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-
21 TION.—The term “international finance institution”
22 means the International Monetary Fund, the Inter-
23 national Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
24 the European Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-
25 ment, the International Development Association,

1 the International Finance Corporation, the Multilat-
2 eral Investment Guarantee Agency, the African De-
3 velopment Bank, the African Development Fund, the
4 Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Devel-
5 opment Bank, the Bank for Economic Cooperation
6 and Development in the Middle East and North Af-
7 rica, and the Inter-American Investment Corpora-
8 tion.

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