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To authorize the use of United States Armed Forces to defend the territorial
integrity of United States allies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

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defend the territorial integrity of United States allies.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Authoriza-
5 tion for Use of Military Force to defend America’s Allies
6 Resolution of 2022”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF UNITED STATES**
8 **ARMED FORCES.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Upon making a determination
10 that the Russian Federation has used chemical, biological,

1 or nuclear weapons in the territory of Ukraine, the Presi-
2 dent is authorized to use the Armed Forces of the United
3 States as the President determines to be necessary and
4 appropriate in order to—

5 (1) protect the national security interests of the
6 United States with respect to Ukraine; and

7 (2) assist in defending and restoring the terri-
8 torial integrity of Ukraine.

9 (b) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION.—In connection
10 with the exercise of the authority granted in subsection
11 (a) to use force the President shall, prior to such exercise
12 or as soon thereafter as may be feasible, but no later than
13 48 hours after exercising such authority, make available
14 to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
15 President pro tempore of the Senate the President’s deter-
16 mination that reliance by the United States on further
17 diplomatic or other peaceful means alone either—

18 (1) will not adequately protect the national se-
19 curity interests of the United States with respect to
20 Ukraine; or

21 (2) is not likely to defend and restore the terri-
22 torial integrity of Ukraine.

23 (c) WAR POWERS RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

24 (1) SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.—

25 Consistent with section 8(a)(1) of the War Powers

1 Resolution, the Congress declares that this section is
2 intended to constitute specific statutory authoriza-
3 tion within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War
4 Powers Resolution.

5 (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.—Nothing in this joint resolution supersedes
7 any requirement of the War Powers Resolution.

8 **SEC. 3. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

9 (a) REPORTS.—The President shall, at least once
10 every 60 days, submit to the Congress a report on matters
11 relevant to this joint resolution, including actions taken
12 pursuant to the exercise of authority granted in section
13 3 and the status of planning for efforts that are expected
14 to be required after such actions are completed.

15 (b) SINGLE CONSOLIDATED REPORT.—To the extent
16 that the submission of any report described in subsection
17 (a) coincides with the submission of any other report on
18 matters relevant to this joint resolution otherwise required
19 to be submitted to Congress pursuant to the reporting re-
20 quirements of the War Powers Resolution (Public Law
21 93–148), all such reports may be submitted as a single
22 consolidated report to the Congress.

1 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

2 The authority granted in section 2 shall terminate the
3 date on which the President certifies to Congress that the
4 territorial integrity of Ukraine has been restored.

