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To require the Secretary of State to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to suspend participation of the Russian Federation in certain international organizations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Russian Federation
5 Suspension Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) In March and April 2014, the Russian mili-
2 tary invaded and annexed the Ukrainian peninsula
3 of Crimea, and the Russian Federation took action
4 to establish pro-Russian separatist States in the
5 Donbas region of Ukraine.

6 (2) The Russian Federation has failed to follow
7 the cease-fire agreements established by the Minsk 1
8 and Minsk 2 accords, and conflict has been present
9 in Ukraine since such invasion and annexation.

10 (3) Throughout 2021, Russia amassed troops,
11 weapon systems, and hardware on the border of
12 Russia and Ukraine.

13 (4) On December 17, 2021, the Russian Fed-
14 eration presented the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
15 zation (NATO) with a list of security demands, in-
16 cluding that NATO would never allow Ukraine, or
17 other former Soviet States, into the alliance. These
18 demands are non-starters for NATO and its “open
19 door policy”, which dates to the alliance’s founding,
20 and gives no third-party a say in such deliberations.
21 These demands were only offered as a justification
22 for a Russian invasion.

23 (5) On February 21, 2022, President Vladimir
24 Putin officially recognized the regions of Donetsk
25 and Luhansk as independent States despite inter-

1 national consensus that they remain part of the sov-
2 ereign territory of Ukraine.

3 (6) On February 22, 2022, President Putin or-
4 dered Russian troops to enter Donetsk and Luhansk
5 on a “peacekeeping mission” while setting the stage
6 for a larger invasion.

7 (7) On February 24, 2022, President Putin or-
8 dered Russian forces to conduct a full-scale invasion,
9 moving beyond the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk
10 and initiating attacks throughout broader Ukrainian
11 territory.

12 (8) Russian forces continue to devastate
13 Ukraine’s hospitals, schools, homes, and other civil-
14 ian infrastructure and to threaten nuclear power
15 plants with heavy artillery, multi-launch rocket sys-
16 tems, and munitions systems with no regard for ci-
17 vilian casualties.

18 (9) The Russian Federation’s position on the
19 United Nations Human Rights Council and other
20 multilateral organizations is predicated on a commit-
21 ment to international peace and security. Russia has
22 plainly violated this commitment with its actions.

23 (10) The precedent for suspending countries
24 from the United Nations Human Rights Council is
25 firm. In 2011, in the wake of Muammar Al-Qadha-

1 fi's violent crackdown on anti-government protestors,
2 the United Nations General Assembly suspended
3 Libya's membership in the Council.

4 (11) The grave violations of human rights and
5 the war crimes committed by the Russian Federa-
6 tion in its invasion of Ukraine undermine the credi-
7 bility of the United Nations Human Rights Council
8 while the Russian Federation continues to sit on the
9 council. It emboldens United States adversaries to
10 continue to threaten freedom, peace, and security
11 without fear of being diplomatically cut off from the
12 international rules-based order.

13 (12) The Russian Federation has repeatedly
14 abused INTERPOL's mechanisms and procedures,
15 including its Red Notices, to harass and seek the ar-
16 rest and transfer of dissidents and opponents of the
17 Kremlin.

18 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

19 It is the policy of the United States to—

20 (1) seek suspension of the Russian Federation's
21 membership on the United Nations (UN) Human
22 Rights Council;

23 (2) seek suspension of the Russian Federation's
24 access to INTERPOL systems, block issuance of
25 Red Notices to the Russian Federation, and not rec-

1 ognize Red Notices issued by the Russian Federa-
2 tion;

3 (3) seek suspension of the Russian Federation
4 from the G20 grouping;

5 (4) oppose any non-humanitarian loan, grant,
6 or other action in any international financial institu-
7 tion, including the World Bank and the Inter-
8 national Monetary Fund, that could provide re-
9 sources or relief to the Russian Federation; and

10 (5) support efforts to censure the Russian Fed-
11 eration in other multilateral organizations, as appro-
12 prium.

13 **SEC. 4. ACTIONS REQUIRED.**

14 The Secretary of State shall instruct the United
15 States Ambassador to the United Nations and the United
16 States representatives at other international organizations
17 described in section 3 to use the voice, vote, and influence
18 of the United States to—

19 (1) call for the UN Human Rights Council to
20 convene a special session focused on the human
21 rights violations committed by the Russian Federa-
22 tion during its invasion of Ukraine;

23 (2) oppose the Russian Federation's member-
24 ship on the UN Human Rights Council;

1 (3) oppose the Russian Federation’s access to
2 INTERPOL systems;

3 (4) oppose the Russian Federation’s participa-
4 tion and membership in the G20 grouping;

5 (5) oppose any development cooperation, official
6 development assistance, programmatic or other trust
7 fund, loan guarantee, or any other form of financial
8 assistance to the Russian Federation, other than as-
9 sistance that would immediately support a core
10 United States national security interest;

11 (6) oppose any non-humanitarian loan, grant,
12 or other action by any international financial institu-
13 tion that could provide financial resources or other
14 relief to the Russian Federation; and

15 (7) support efforts to censure the Russian Fed-
16 eration in other multilateral organizations, as appro-
17 priate.

18 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA ON**
19 **INTERPOL.**

20 The United States shall ban the Russian Federation
21 from accessing any United States information held in
22 databases maintained by INTERPOL, and United States
23 law enforcement and executive agencies shall not recognize
24 Red Notices issued by the Russian Federation.

1 **SEC. 6. TERMINATION.**

2 The President may terminate the actions required
3 under sections 3, 4, and 5 after determining and certifying
4 to Congress that the Russian Federation has—

5 (1) verifiably withdrawn all of its forces from
6 all territory of Ukraine that was not occupied or
7 subject to control by forces or proxies of the Govern-
8 ment of the Russian Federation before December 1,
9 2021; and

10 (2) ceased all hostilities towards Ukraine.

11 **SEC. 7. REPORT REQUIREMENTS.**

12 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State, the Secretary
14 of the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall submit
15 to Congress a joint report that includes the following ele-
16 ments:

17 (1) A description of the voting power, shares,
18 and representation of the Russian Federation in the
19 United Nations and other multinational organiza-
20 tions.

21 (2) A detailed listing of citizens from the Rus-
22 sian Federation employed at or above the P–1 level
23 or equivalent in the United Nations, other multi-
24 national organizations, and international financial
25 institutions in which the United States is a member,
26 accompanied by a classified assessment of such citi-

1 zens' impartiality and efforts, known or suspected,
2 to advance the policy priorities of the Russian Fed-
3 eration.

4 (3) A report on efforts to implement the actions
5 described in section 4.

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