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Reported by Mr. MENENDEZ, with amendments

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AN ACT

To clarify that section 107 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act applies sanctions with respect to unmanned combat aerial vehicles following a 2019 change by the United Nations providing additional clarity to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

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 "Stop Iranian Drones

5 Act".

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) A July 15, 2013, United Nations General

4 Assembly Report on the continuing operation of the

5 United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and

6 its further development (document A/68/140) states

7 in paragraph 45, "The Group noted the discussion

8 of the 2006 Group that category IV already covered

9 armed unmanned aerial vehicles and of the 2009

10 Group on a proposal to include a new category for

11 such vehicles. The Group reviewed proposals for pro-

12 viding greater clarity to category IV.".

13 (2) Section 107 of the Countering America's

14 Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.

15 9406), enacted August 2, 2017, requires the Presi-

16 dent to impose sanctions on any person that the

17 President determines "knowingly engages in any ac-

18 tivity that materially contributes to the supply, sale,

19 or transfer directly or indirectly to or from Iran, or

20 for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any battle tanks,

21 armored combat vehicles, large caliber artillery sys-

22 tems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships,

23 missiles or missile systems, as defined for the pur-

24 pose of the United Nations Register of Conventional

25 Arms, or related materiel, including spare parts".

1   (3) In 2019, the United Nations formally

2 changed the heading of category IV of the United

3 Nations Register of Conventional Arms to "combat

4 aircraft and unmanned combat aerial vehicles".

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

6   It shall be the policy of the United States to prevent

7 Iran and Iranian-aligned terrorist and militia groups from

8 acquiring unmanned aerial vehicles, including commer-

9 cially available component parts, that can be used in at-

10 tacks against United States persons and partner nations.

11 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT TO COUNTERING AMERICA'S ADVER-**

12 **SARIES THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT RELATING**

13 **TO SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRAN.**

14   (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of the Countering

15 America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.

16 9406) is amended—

17   (1) in the section heading, by striking "**EN-**

18   **FORCEMENT OF ARMS EMBARGOS**" and insert-

19   ing "**SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO MAJOR**

20   **CONVENTIONAL ARMS**"; and

21   (2) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting "or un-

22   manned combat aerial vehicles" after "combat air-

23   craft".

24   (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents

25 for the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanc-

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1 tions Act is amended by striking the item relating to sec-

2 tion 107 and inserting the following:

"Sec. 107. Sanctions with respect to major conventional arms.".

3   (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

4 this section take effect on the date of the enactment of

5 this Act and apply with respect to any person that know-

6 ingly engages in any activity that materially contributes

7 to the supply, sale, or transfer directly or indirectly to or

8 from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any

9 unmanned combat aerial vehicles, as defined for the pur-

10 pose of the United Nations Register of Conventional

11 Arms, before, on, or after such date of enactment.

12 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO IDENTIFY IRANIAN PERSONS THAT**

13   **HAVE ATTACKED UNITED STATES CITIZENS**

14   **USING UNMANNED COMBAT AERIAL VEHI-**

15   **CLES.**

16   *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*

17 *date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-*

18 *after, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee*

19 *on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on*

20 *Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report*

21 *that identifies, for the period specified in subsection (b), any*

22 *Iranian person that has attacked a United States citizen*

23 *using an unmanned combat aerial vehicle, as defined for*

24 *the purpose of the United Nations Register of Conventional*

25 *Arms.*

1   (b) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this

2 subsection is—

3   (1) for the initial report, the period—

4   (A) beginning on the date that is 10 years

5   before the date such report is submitted; and

6   (B) ending on the date such report is sub-

7   mitted; and

8   (2) for the second or a subsequent report, the pe-

9   riod—

10   (A) beginning on the date the preceding re-

11   port was submitted; and

12   (B) ending on the date such second or subse-

13   quent report is submitted.

14   (c) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS AS FOREIGN TER-

15 RORIST ORGANIZATIONS.—

16   (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall designate

17   any person identified in a report submitted under

18   subsection (a) as a foreign terrorist organization

19   under section 219 of the Immigration and Natu-

20   ralization Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

21   (2) REVOCATION.—The President may not revoke

22   a designation made under paragraph (1) until the

23   date that is 10 years after the date of such designa-

24   tion.

1   *(d) IRANIAN PERSON DEFINED.—In this section, the*

2 *term "Iranian person"—*

3   *(1) means an entity organized under the laws of*

4   *Iran or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the*

5   *Government of Iran; and*

6   *(2) includes the Islamic Revolutionary Guard*

7   *Corps.*

8 **SEC. 56. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

9   The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of

10 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,

11 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement

12 titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this

13 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record

14 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-

15 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the

16 vote on passage.