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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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,
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4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
5 This Act may be cited as the “Turkey International
6 Financial Institutions Act”.
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8 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
9 Congress makes the following findings:
10 (1) In accordance with section 701 of the Inter-
11 national Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.
262d), it is the policy of the United States Government that the voice and vote of the United States in international financial institutions “shall advance the cause of human rights, including by seeking to channel assistance towards countries other than those whose governments engage in . . . a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, such as torture or cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment, prolonged detention without charges, or other flagrant denial to life, liberty, and the security of person”.

(2) International and civil society organizations have documented significant human rights abuses by the Government of Turkey since the failed coup attempt in July 2016.

(3) The 2017 Country Report on Human Rights Practices of the Department of State for Turkey highlights significant human rights issues in Turkey, including the “arbitrary arrest and detention under the state of emergency of tens of thousands, including members of parliament and two Turkish-national employees of the U.S. Mission to Turkey”.

(4) United States citizens continue to be subjected to unacceptable harassment and human rights
violations by the Government of Turkey, including prolonged detention on unsubstantiated, politically motivated allegations, and arbitrary restrictions on freedom of movement.

SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to oppose any effort by a foreign government to detain United States citizens for political leverage; and

(2) to contest the pattern of the Government of Turkey of arbitrary detention of and denial of freedom of movement to United States citizens (including dual citizens) and locally employed staff of the United States mission to Turkey.

SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.

(a) Restrictions.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall—

(1) instruct the United States Executive Director of the World Bank Group to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose the extension by the International Finance Corporation of any loan or financial or technical assistance to the Government of Turkey or to any entity for a project in Turkey;
(2) instruct the United States Executive Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose the extension by the Bank of any loan or financial or technical assistance to the Government of Turkey or to any entity for a project in Turkey; and

(3) instruct the United States Executive Director of all other international financial institutions, including the International Monetary Fund, to work with other key donor countries to develop a coherent policy approach to future engagements with and lending to the Government of Turkey, in a manner that will advance human rights, including the full restoration of the rights guaranteed to the people of Turkey through that Government’s commitments as a signatory of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

(b) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES.—The restrictions under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to loans or financial or technical assistance provided for humanitarian purposes.

(c) WAIVER FOR ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury may waive the
application of the restriction under subsection (a)(1) only
if the Secretary submits to the appropriate congressional
committees a written determination that the waiver will
be used to support projects to diversify energy resources
in Turkey and to lessen the dependence of Turkey on oil
or gas from the Russian Federation or the Islamic Repub-
ic of Iran.

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

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

(1) the efforts of the United States Executive
Directors of the international financial institutions
under subsection (a); and
(2) the status of all United States citizens (including dual citizens) and locally employed staff members of the United States mission to Turkey arbitrarily detained or denied freedom of movement by the Government of Turkey, as appropriate.

SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

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

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

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

(3) INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “international finance institution” means the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association,
the International Finance Corporation, the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa, and the Inter-American Investment Corporation.