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Requesting information on the Government of Turkey's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE GOVERN-**
3 **MENT OF TURKEY'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRAC-**
4 **TICES.**

5 (a) STATEMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
6 after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Sec-
7 retary of State shall, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the
8 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)),
9 transmit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
2 House of Representatives a statement, prepared with the
3 assistance of the Assistant Secretary of State for Democ-
4 racy, Human Rights, and Labor, with respect to Turkey.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted under
6 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

7 (1) All the available information about observ-
8 ance of and respect for human rights and funda-
9 mental freedom in Turkey, and a detailed descrip-
10 tion of practices by the Government of Turkey with
11 respect thereto, including alleged violations of such
12 rights and freedoms by the Government of Turkey,
13 including—

14 (A) arbitrary killings;

15 (B) suspicious deaths of persons in deten-
16 tion;

17 (C) forced disappearances;

18 (D) torture;

19 (E) arbitrary arrest and detention without
20 charges and trial;

21 (F) restrictions on freedom of expression,
22 the press, and the internet;

23 (G) restrictions on freedoms of assembly,
24 association, and movement;

25 (H) refoulement of refugees; and

1 (I) discrimination and violence against
2 women, minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual,
3 transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) persons.

4 (2) The steps the United States Government
5 has taken to—

6 (A) promote respect for and observance of
7 human rights in Turkey and to discourage any
8 practices in Turkey that are inimical to inter-
9 nationally recognized human rights; and

10 (B) publicly or privately call attention to,
11 and to disassociate the United States and any
12 security assistance provided for Turkey from
13 such practices.

14 (3) Whether, in the opinion of the Secretary of
15 State, notwithstanding any such practices, extraor-
16 dinary circumstances exist that necessitate a con-
17 tinuation of security assistance for Turkey and, if
18 so, a description of the circumstances and the extent
19 to which the assistance should be continued (subject
20 to such conditions as Congress may impose under
21 section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
22 (22 U.S.C. 2304)), and all the facts pursuant to
23 which it is in the national interest of the United
24 States to provide such assistance.

25 (4) Other information, including—

1 (A) all available credible information con-
2 cerning alleged violations of internationally rec-
3 ognized human rights or international humani-
4 tarian law by the Government of Turkey, its
5 armed forces, and associated groups and per-
6 sons in the South Caucasus, Syria, Libya, and
7 Iraq, including through indiscriminate or dis-
8 proportionate attacks, the displacement of civil-
9 ian populations, and attacks on civilian infra-
10 structure and houses of worship;

11 (B) whether United States-built F-16s
12 have been used by the Government of Turkey in
13 the South Caucasus since conflict in the region
14 escalated on September 27, 2020, in a manner
15 inimical to internationally recognized human
16 rights; and

17 (C) a description of the steps the United
18 States has taken to—

19 (i) discourage any practices by the
20 Government of Turkey, its armed forces,
21 or associated groups or persons in the
22 South Caucasus, Syria, Libya, or Iraq that
23 are inimical to internationally recognized
24 human rights; and

1 (ii) publicly or privately call attention
2 to, and disassociate the United States and
3 any security assistance provided to the
4 Government of Turkey from such practices
5 in the South Caucasus, Syria, Libya, or
6 Iraq.