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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Russian Anti-Ship Mis-  
3 sile Nonproliferation Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the forgiveness  
6 or rescheduling of any bilateral debt owed by the Russian  
7 Federation to the United States until the Russian Federa-  
8 tion has terminated all sales and transfers of Moskit anti-  
9 ship missiles that endanger United States national secu-  
10 rity.

11 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

12 The Congress makes the following findings:

13 (1) In February 2000, the first of two Russian-  
14 built Sovremenny-class destroyers sold to the Peo-  
15 ple’s Republic of China arrived in the Taiwan Strait,  
16 manned by a mixed Russian and Chinese naval crew.  
17 Currently, the Russian and Chinese Governments  
18 are discussing the sale of two additional Sovremenny  
19 destroyers.

20 (2) Within weeks after the arrival of the de-  
21 stroyers, the Russians are scheduled to transfer the  
22 first of several of the ship’s most lethal weapon, the  
23 radar-guided Moskit (also known as Sunburn) anti-  
24 ship missile, which can carry either conventional or  
25 nuclear warheads.

1           (3) The supersonic Moskit missile, which can be  
2 mounted on a naval or mobile land platform, was de-  
3 signed specifically to destroy American aircraft car-  
4 riers and other warships equipped with advanced  
5 Aegis radar and battle management systems. The  
6 United States Navy considers the missile to be ex-  
7 tremely difficult to defend against.

8           (4) The Moskit missile has an over-the-horizon  
9 range of 65 miles and can deliver a 200-kiloton war-  
10 head in under 2 minutes. One conventional Moskit  
11 missile can sink a warship or disable an aircraft car-  
12 rier, causing the deaths of hundreds of American  
13 military personnel.

14           (5) The Russian Federation is helping the air  
15 force of the People's Liberation Army to assemble  
16 Sukhoi Su-27 fighter aircraft, which are capable of  
17 carrying an air-launched version of the Moskit mis-  
18 sile, which has a longer range than the sea-launched  
19 version. The Russian Federation is reportedly dis-  
20 cussing the sale of air-launched Moskit missiles to  
21 the People's Republic of China.

22           (6) Land-, sea-, or air-launched Moskit missiles  
23 raise the potential for American casualties and could  
24 affect the outcome in any future conflict in the Tai-  
25 wan Strait or South China Sea. The transfer of the

1 missile by China to Iran or other belligerent nations  
2 in the Persian Gulf region would increase the poten-  
3 tial for conflict and for American casualties. A  
4 Moskit missile mounted on a mobile land platform  
5 would be difficult to locate and could wreak havoc  
6 on the coastline of the Straits of Hormuz.

7 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF DEBT FORGIVENESS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9 sion of law, the President shall not reschedule or forgive  
10 any outstanding bilateral debt owed to the United States  
11 by the Russian Federation, until the President certifies  
12 to the Congress that the Russian Federation has termi-  
13 nated all transfers of Moskit anti-ship missiles that endan-  
14 ger United States national security, particularly transfers  
15 to the People’s Republic of China.

16 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-  
17 tion of subsection (a) if the President determines and cer-  
18 tifies to the Committee on International Relations of the  
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
20 Relations of the Senate that such waiver is vital to the  
21 national security interest of the United States.

22 **SEC. 5. REPORTS ON THE TRANSFER BY RUSSIA OF MOSKIT**  
23 **MISSILES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act and every 6 months

1 thereafter, until the certification under section 4, the  
2 President shall submit to the Committee on International  
3 relations of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
4 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report identi-  
5 fying the status of any contract and the date of the trans-  
6 fer of any version of the Moskit missile, particularly trans-  
7 fers to the People's Republic of China, occurring on or  
8 after February 1, 2000.

9 (b) SUBMISSION IN CLASSIFIED FORM.—Reports  
10 submitted under subsection (a), or appropriate parts  
11 thereof, may be submitted in classified form.

Passed the House of Representatives October 3,  
2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*