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Regarding the sale and transfer of Moskit anti-ship missiles by the Russian Federation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mrs. BONO, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

Regarding the sale and transfer of Moskit anti-ship missiles by the Russian Federation.

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 Anti-Ship Mis-  
5 sile Nonproliferation Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the forgiveness  
8 or rescheduling of any bilateral debt owed by the Russian

1 Federation to the United States until the Russian Federa-  
2 tion has terminated all sales and transfers of Moskit anti-  
3 ship missiles that endanger United States national secu-  
4 rity.

5 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress makes the following findings:

7 (1) In February 2000, the first of two Russian-  
8 built Sovremenny-class destroyers sold to the Peo-  
9 ple's Republic of China arrived in the Taiwan Strait,  
10 manned by a mixed Russian and Chinese naval crew.  
11 Currently, the Russian and Chinese Governments  
12 are discussing the sale of 2 additional Sovremenny  
13 destroyers.

14 (2) Within weeks after the arrival of the de-  
15 stroyers, the Russians are scheduled to transfer the  
16 first of several of the ship's most lethal weapon, the  
17 radar-guided Moskit (also known as Sunburn) anti-  
18 ship missile, which can carry either conventional or  
19 nuclear warheads.

20 (3) The supersonic Moskit missile, which can be  
21 mounted on a naval or mobile land platform, was de-  
22 signed specifically to destroy American aircraft car-  
23 riers and other warships equipped with advanced  
24 Aegis radar and battle management systems. The

1 United States Navy considers the missile to be ex-  
2 tremely difficult to defend against.

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

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

17 (6) Land-, sea-, or air-launched Moskit missiles  
18 raise the potential for American casualties and could  
19 affect the outcome in any future conflict in the Tai-  
20 wan Strait or South China Sea. The transfer of the  
21 missile by China to Iran or other belligerent nations  
22 in the Persian Gulf region would increase the poten-  
23 tial for conflict and for American casualties. A  
24 Moskit missile mounted on a mobile land platform

1 would be difficult to locate and could wreak havoc  
2 on the coastline of the Straits of Hormuz.

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

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
5 President shall not reschedule or forgive any outstanding  
6 bilateral debt owed to the United States by the Russian  
7 Federation, until the President certifies to the Congress  
8 that the Russian Federation has permanently terminated  
9 all transfers of Moskit anti-ship missiles that endanger  
10 United States national security, particularly transfers to  
11 the People's Republic of China.

12 **SEC. 5. REPORTS ON THE TRANSFER BY RUSSIA OF MOSKIT**  
13 **MISSILES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act and every 6 months  
16 thereafter, until the certification under section 4, the  
17 President shall submit to the Committee on International  
18 relations of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
19 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report identi-  
20 fying the status of any contract and the date of the trans-  
21 fer of any version of the Moskit missile, particularly trans-  
22 fers to the People's Republic of China, occurring on or  
23 after February 1, 2000.

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

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