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To strengthen sanctions against the Government of Syria, to enhance multilateral commitment to address the Government of Syria's threatening policies, to establish a program to support a transition to a democratically-elected government in Syria, and for other purposes.

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PENCE, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MACK, Mr. POE, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. TIBERI, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. TERRY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. LINDER, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Mr. MCHUGH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To strengthen sanctions against the Government of Syria, to enhance multilateral commitment to address the Government of Syria's threatening policies, to establish a program to support a transition to a democratically-elected government in Syria, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Syria Accountability and Liberation Act”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
9 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
3 of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
6 Senate.

7 (2) DEVELOP; DEVELOPMENT.— To “develop”,
8 or the “development” of, petroleum resources means
9 the exploration for, or the extraction, refining, or
10 transportation by pipeline of, petroleum resources.

11 (3) GOODS AND TECHNOLOGY.—The terms
12 “goods” and “technology” have the meanings given
13 those terms in section 16 of the Export Administra-
14 tion Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2415).

15 (4) GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The term “Gov-
16 ernment of Syria” includes any agency or instru-
17 mentality of the Government of Syria, including any
18 entity that is controlled by the Government of Syria.

19 (5) INVESTMENT.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “investment”
21 means any of the following activities if the ac-
22 tivity is undertaken pursuant to an agreement,
23 or pursuant to the exercise of rights under such
24 an agreement, that is entered into with the
25 Government of Syria or a nongovernmental en-

1 tity in Syria on or after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act:

3 (i) The entry into a contract that in-
4 cludes responsibility for the development of
5 petroleum resources located in Syria, or
6 the entry into a contract providing for the
7 general supervision and guarantee of an-
8 other person's performance of such a con-
9 tract.

10 (ii) The purchase of a share of owner-
11 ship, including an equity interest, in that
12 development.

13 (iii) The entry into a contract pro-
14 viding for the participation in royalties,
15 earnings, or profits in that development,
16 without regard to the form of the partici-
17 pation.

18 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “investment”
19 does not include the entry into, performance, or
20 financing of a contract to sell or purchase
21 goods, services, or technology.

22 (C) AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS.—
23 For purposes of this paragraph, an amendment
24 or other modification that is made, on or after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, to an

1 agreement or contract shall be treated as the
2 entry of an agreement or contract.

3 (6) PERSON.—The term “person” means—

4 (A) a natural person; and

5 (B) a corporation, business association,
6 partnership, society, trust, any other non-
7 governmental entity, organization, or group,
8 and any governmental entity operating as a
9 business enterprise.

10 (7) PETROLEUM RESOURCES.— The term “pe-
11 troleum resources” includes petroleum and natural
12 gas resources.

13 (8) UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.—The term
14 “United States assistance” means—

15 (A) any assistance under the Foreign As-
16 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2251 et seq.),
17 other than urgent humanitarian assistance or
18 medicine;

19 (B) sales and assistance under the Arms
20 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

21 (C) financing by the Commodity Credit
22 Corporation for export sales of agricultural
23 commodities; and

24 (D) financing under the Export-Import
25 Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635 et seq.).

1 **TITLE** **I—STRENGTHENING**
2 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS**
3 **AGAINST SYRIA**

4 **SEC. 101. DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.**

5 Congress makes the following declarations of policy:

6 (1) The actions of the Government of the Syr-
7 ian Arab Republic, including its support for, and fa-
8 cilitation of, terrorist activities, including inside of
9 Iraq, its development of long-range missiles and
10 weapons of mass destruction programs and capabili-
11 ties, its continued interference with the internal af-
12 fairs of the Lebanese Republic in violation of mul-
13 tiple United Nations Security Council resolutions
14 and of its international obligations, and its massive,
15 systematic, and extraordinary violations of human
16 rights of the Syrian people, are a threat to the na-
17 tional security interests of the United States and
18 international peace.

19 (2) The policy of the United States shall be to
20 deny the Government of Syria the ability to carry
21 out the following:

22 (A) To finance, provide safe-haven, or oth-
23 erwise support terrorist organizations.

1 (B) To develop chemical, biological, radio-
2 logical, or nuclear weapons and long-range bal-
3 listic missiles.

4 (C) To continue to interfere in the affairs
5 of the Government of Lebanon in contravention
6 of multiple United Nations Security Council
7 Resolutions, and other pertinent obligations.

8 (D) To continue to oppress the people of
9 Syria.

10 (3) The President should advocate for, and
11 should instruct the United States Permanent Rep-
12 resentative to the United Nations to propose and
13 seek within the United Nations Security Council, a
14 mandatory international embargo against the Gov-
15 ernment of Syria, pursuant to Article 41 of the
16 Charter of the United Nations.

17 (4) Any effort by a country that is a recipient
18 of United States assistance to facilitate, directly or
19 indirectly, the development of Syria's chemical, bio-
20 logical, radiological, or nuclear weapons capabilities,
21 long-range ballistic missile development programs, or
22 to help make operational any nuclear facility in
23 Syria will have a detrimental impact on United
24 States assistance to, or commercial and financial re-
25 lations with, such country.

1 **SEC. 102. CODIFICATION OF EXISTING SANCTIONS.**

2 Restrictions against the Government of Syria, and on
3 persons by reason of their direction of, or contribution to,
4 activities of the Government of Syria, that were imposed
5 pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Pow-
6 ers Act, the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sov-
7 ereignty Act of 2003, the Iran, North Korea, and Syria
8 Nonproliferation Act, or any similar provision of law, as
9 in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, includ-
10 ing the restrictions imposed under Executive Order 12938
11 (as amended by Executive Order 13094), Executive Order
12 13338, Executive Order 13399, and any similar Executive
13 Order, shall remain in effect against the Government of
14 Syria and may not be lifted pursuant to such provisions
15 of law until the President certifies to the appropriate con-
16 gressional committees that a government exists in Syria
17 that—

18 (1) has ceased any and all support for terrorism
19 and has not provided such support during the pre-
20 ceding 5-year period, including support for Pales-
21 tinian terrorist groups, and has not been determined
22 by the Secretary of State, for the purposes of section
23 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, sec-
24 tion 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961,
25 section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act, or any
26 other provision of law, to be a government that has

1 repeatedly provided support for acts of international
2 terrorism at any time during that 5-year period;

3 (2) has permanently dismantled Syria's chem-
4 ical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons
5 programs and has taken demonstrable steps to com-
6 bat the proliferation of such weapons;

7 (3) respects the boundaries, sovereignty, and
8 right to exist of all neighboring countries; and

9 (4) upholds and defends the human rights and
10 civil liberties of its people.

11 **SEC. 103. SANCTIONS AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONS.**

12 (a) PROHIBITION.—If any person transfers or re-
13 transfers goods or technology so as to contribute to the
14 efforts by the Government of Syria to acquire or develop
15 destabilizing numbers or types of advanced conventional
16 weapons, or to acquire, develop, produce, or stockpile bio-
17 logical, chemical, radiological, or nuclear weapons or long-
18 range ballistic missiles, then the sanctions described in
19 subsection (b) shall be imposed.

20 (b) SANCTIONS.—The sanctions to be imposed pursu-
21 ant to subsection (a) are as follows:

22 (1) PROCUREMENT SANCTION.—The United
23 States Government shall not procure, or enter into
24 any contract for the procurement of, any goods or
25 services from the sanctioned person.

1 (2) EXPORT SANCTION.—The United States
2 Government shall not issue any license for any ex-
3 port by or to the sanctioned person.

4 (3) IMPORT SANCTION.—The President shall
5 ban the importation of any article that is a product
6 of the sanctioned person.

7 (c) PERSONS AGAINST WHOM SANCTIONS ARE TO
8 BE IMPOSED.—The sanctions described in subsections (a)
9 and (b) shall be imposed on—

10 (1) any person the President determines has
11 carried out the activities described in subsection (a);
12 and

13 (2) any person the President determines—

14 (A) is a successor entity to the person re-
15 ferred to in paragraph (1);

16 (B) is a parent or subsidiary of the person
17 referred to in paragraph (1) if that parent or
18 subsidiary engaged in the activities referred to
19 in paragraph (1); or

20 (C) is an affiliate of the person referred to
21 in paragraph (1) if that affiliate engaged in the
22 activities referred to in paragraph (1) and if
23 that affiliate is controlled in fact by the person
24 referred to in paragraph (1).

1 (d) SANCTIONED PERSON DEFINED.—For purposes
2 of this title, the term “sanctioned person” means any per-
3 son or entity described in paragraph (1).

4 **SEC. 104. SANCTIONS AGAINST CERTAIN FOREIGN COUN-**
5 **TRIES.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—If the President determines that
7 the government of any foreign country transfers or re-
8 transfers goods or technology, or provides assistance, so
9 as to contribute to the efforts by the Government of Syria
10 to acquire or develop destabilizing numbers and types of
11 advanced conventional weapons, or to acquire, develop,
12 produce, or stockpile chemical, biological, radiological, or
13 nuclear weapons and long-range ballistic missiles, then the
14 President shall impose two or more of the sanctions de-
15 scribed in subsection (b), and the sanctions described in
16 subsection (c).

17 (b) SANCTIONS.—The sanctions referred to in sub-
18 section (a) are as follows:

19 (1) SUSPENSION OF UNITED STATES ASSIST-
20 ANCE.—The United States Government shall sus-
21 pend United States assistance to the sanctioned
22 country.

23 (2) EXPORT SANCTION.—The United States
24 Government shall not issue any license for any ex-
25 port by or to the sanctioned country.

1 (3) IMPORT SANCTION.—The President shall
2 ban the importation of any article that is a product
3 of the sanctioned country.

4 (4) INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
5 ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall
6 instruct the United States Executive Director at
7 each international financial institution (as defined in
8 section 1701(c)(2) of the International Financial In-
9 stitutions Act) to oppose and vote against the exten-
10 sion by such institution of any financial or technical
11 assistance to the sanctioned country.

12 (5) SUSPENSION OF CODEVELOPMENT OR CO-
13 PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS.—The United States
14 Government shall suspend compliance with its obli-
15 gations under any memorandum of understanding
16 with the sanctioned country for the codevelopment
17 or coproduction of any item on the United States
18 Munitions List (established under section 38 of the
19 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778)), includ-
20 ing any obligation for implementation of the memo-
21 randum of understanding through the sale to the
22 sanctioned country of technical data or assistance or
23 the licensing for export to the sanctioned country of
24 any component part.

1 (6) UNITED STATES MUNITIONS LIST.—No
2 item on the United States Munitions List (estab-
3 lished pursuant to section 38 of the Arms Export
4 Control Act) may be exported to the sanctioned
5 country.

6 (c) SUSPENSION OF MILITARY AND DUAL-USE
7 TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS.—The United
8 States Government shall suspend compliance with its obli-
9 gations under any technical exchange agreement involving
10 military and dual-use technology between the United
11 States and the sanctioned country that does not directly
12 contribute to the security of the United States, and no
13 military or dual-use technology may be exported from the
14 United States to the sanctioned country pursuant to that
15 agreement during that period.

16 **TITLE II—SANCTIONS TAR-**
17 **GETING SYRIA’S ENERGY SEC-**
18 **TOR**

19 **SEC. 201. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

20 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Except as provided
21 in subsection (f), the President shall impose the sanctions
22 specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) and
23 one more of the sanctions specified in paragraphs (3)
24 through (6) of such subsection, if the President deter-
25 mines that a person has, on or after the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, made an investment of \$5,000,000 or
2 more (or any combination of investments thereof, which
3 in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$5,000,000 in any 12-
4 month period), that contributed to the enhancement of the
5 Government of Syria's ability to develop petroleum re-
6 sources in Syria.

7 (b) SANCTIONS SPECIFIED.—The sanctions specified
8 in this subsection are as follows:

9 (1) EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ASSISTANCE FOR
10 EXPORTS TO SANCTIONED PERSONS.—The President
11 shall direct the Export-Import Bank of the United
12 States not to give approval to the issuance of any
13 guarantee, insurance, extension of credit, or partici-
14 pation in the extension of credit in connection with
15 the export of any goods or services to any sanctioned
16 person.

17 (2) LOANS FROM UNITED STATES FINANCIAL
18 INSTITUTIONS.—The United States Government
19 shall prohibit any United States financial institution
20 from making loans or providing credits to any sanc-
21 tioned person totaling more than \$10,000,000 in
22 any 12-month period unless such person is engaged
23 in activities to relieve human suffering and the loans
24 or credits are provided for such activities.

1 (3) EXPORT SANCTION.—The President may
2 order the United States Government not to issue
3 any specific license and not to grant any other spe-
4 cific permission or authority to export any goods or
5 technology to a sanctioned person under—

6 (A) the Export Administration Act of
7 1979;

8 (B) the Arms Export Control Act;

9 (C) the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; or

10 (D) any other statute that requires the
11 prior review and approval of the United States
12 Government as a condition for the export or re-
13 export of goods or services.

14 (4) PROHIBITIONS ON FINANCIAL INSTITU-
15 TIONS.—The following prohibitions may be imposed
16 against a sanctioned person that is a financial insti-
17 tution:

18 (A) PROHIBITION ON DESIGNATION AS
19 PRIMARY DEALER.—Neither the Board of Gov-
20 ernors of the Federal Reserve System nor the
21 Federal Reserve Bank of New York may des-
22 ignate, or permit the continuation of any prior
23 designation of, such financial institution as a
24 primary dealer in United States Government
25 debt instruments.

1 (B) PROHIBITION ON SERVICE AS A RE-
2 POSITORY OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS.—Such fi-
3 nancial institution may not serve as an agent of
4 the United States Government or serve as re-
5 pository for United States Government funds.

6 The imposition of either sanction under subpara-
7 graph (A) or (B) shall be treated as one sanction for
8 purposes of this title, and the imposition of both
9 such sanctions shall be treated as two sanctions for
10 purposes of this title.

11 (5) PROCUREMENT SANCTION.—The United
12 States Government may not procure, or enter into
13 any contract for the procurement of, any goods or
14 services from a sanctioned person.

15 (6) ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS.—The President
16 may impose sanctions, as appropriate, to restrict im-
17 ports with respect to a sanctioned person, in accord-
18 ance with the International Emergency Economic
19 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 and following).

20 (c) PERSONS AGAINST WHICH THE SANCTIONS ARE
21 TO BE IMPOSED.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in
23 subsections (a) and (b) shall be imposed on—

1 (A) any person the President determines
2 has carried out the activities described in sub-
3 section (a); and

4 (B) any person the President determines—
5 (i) is a successor entity to the person
6 referred to in subparagraph (A);

7 (ii) is a parent or subsidiary of the
8 person referred to in subparagraph (A) if
9 that parent or subsidiary engaged in the
10 activities referred to in subparagraph (A);

11 or

12 (iii) is an affiliate of the person re-
13 ferred to in subparagraph (A) if that affil-
14 iate engaged in the activities referred to in
15 paragraph (1) and if that affiliate is con-
16 trolled in fact by the person referred to in
17 subparagraph (A).

18 (2) SANCTIONED PERSON DEFINED.—For pur-
19 poses of this title, the term “sanctioned person”
20 means any person or entity described in paragraph
21 (1).

22 (d) PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER.—The
23 President shall cause to be published in the Federal Reg-
24 ister a current list of sanctioned persons. The removal of
25 persons or entities from, and the addition of persons and

1 entities to, the list of sanctioned persons, shall also be so
2 published.

3 (e) PUBLICATION OF PROJECTS.—The President
4 shall cause to be published in the Federal Register a list
5 of all projects which have been publicly tendered in the
6 oil and gas sector in Syria.

7 (f) EXCEPTIONS.—The President shall not be re-
8 quired to apply or maintain the sanctions specified in sub-
9 section (b)—

10 (1) in the case of procurement of defense arti-
11 cles or defense services—

12 (A) under existing contracts or sub-
13 contracts, including the exercise of options for
14 production quantities to satisfy requirements
15 essential to the national security of the United
16 States;

17 (B) if the President determines and cer-
18 tifies in writing to the appropriate congressional
19 committees that the person to which the sanc-
20 tions would otherwise be applied is a sole source
21 supplier of the defense articles or services, that
22 the defense articles or services are essential,
23 and that alternative sources are not readily or
24 reasonably available; or

1 (C) if the President determines and cer-
2 tifies in writing to the appropriate congressional
3 committees that such articles or services are es-
4 sential to the national security of the United
5 States under defense coproduction agreements;

6 (2) in the case of procurement, to eligible prod-
7 ucts, as defined in section 308(4) of the Trade
8 Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2518(4)), of
9 any foreign country or instrumentality designated
10 under section 301(b)(1) of that Act (19 U.S.C.
11 2511(b)(1));

12 (3) to products, technology, or services provided
13 under contracts entered into before the date on
14 which the President publishes in the Federal Reg-
15 ister the name of the person with respect to whom
16 the sanctions are to be imposed;

17 (4) to—

18 (A) spare parts which are essential to
19 United States products or production; and

20 (B) component parts, but not finished
21 products, essential to United States products or
22 production; and

23 (5) to medicines, medical supplies, or other hu-
24 manitarian items.

1 **SEC. 202. ADVISORY OPINIONS.**

2 The Secretary of State may, upon the request of any
3 person, issue an advisory opinion to that person as to
4 whether a proposed activity by that person would subject
5 that person to sanctions under section 201. Any person
6 who relies in good faith on such an advisory opinion which
7 states that the proposed activity would not subject a per-
8 son to such sanctions, and any person who thereafter en-
9 gages in such activity, shall not be made subject to such
10 sanctions on account of such activity.

11 **SEC. 203. TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.**

12 The requirement to impose sanctions under section
13 201 shall no longer have force or effect with respect to
14 the Government of Syria if the President determines and
15 certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that
16 the Government of Syria—

17 (1) has ceased its efforts to design, develop,
18 manufacture, or acquire—

19 (A) a nuclear explosive device or related
20 materials and technology;

21 (B) chemical, biological, and radiological
22 weapons; and

23 (C) ballistic missiles and ballistic missile
24 launch technology;

25 (2) is no longer a country the government of
26 which the Secretary of State has determined, for the

1 purposes of section 6(j) of the Export Administra-
2 tion Act of 1979, section 620A of the Foreign As-
3 sistance Act of 1961, section 40 of the Arms Export
4 Control Act, or any other provision of law, to be a
5 government that has repeatedly provided support for
6 acts of international terrorism;

7 (3) is in compliance with all of its international
8 commitments, including pertinent United Nations
9 Security Council resolutions;

10 (4) respects the territorial integrity, sov-
11 ereignty, and right to exist of neighboring countries;
12 and

13 (5) poses no threat to United States security,
14 United States interests, and United States allies in
15 the region.

16 **SEC. 204. DURATION OF SANCTIONS; PRESIDENTIAL WAIV-**
17 **ER.**

18 (a) DELAY OF SANCTIONS.—

19 (1) CONSULTATIONS.—If the President makes a
20 determination under section 201 that a sanction
21 specified in such section should be imposed with re-
22 spect to a foreign person, Congress urges the Presi-
23 dent to initiate consultations immediately with the
24 government with primary jurisdiction over the for-

1 foreign person with respect to the imposition of sanc-
2 tions under such section.

3 (2) ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT OF JURISDIC-
4 TION.—In order to pursue consultations under para-
5 graph (1) with the government with primary juris-
6 diction over a foreign person described in such para-
7 graph, the President may delay imposition of sanc-
8 tions under section 201 with respect to the foreign
9 person for up to 90 days. Following such consulta-
10 tions with the government involved, the President
11 shall immediately impose such sanctions unless the
12 President determines and certifies to the appropriate
13 congressional committees that the government has
14 taken specific and effective actions, including the im-
15 position of appropriate penalties, to terminate the
16 involvement of the foreign person in the activities
17 that resulted in the determination by the President
18 to impose sanctions under section 201 with respect
19 to the person.

20 (b) DURATION OF SANCTIONS.—A sanction imposed
21 under section 201 shall remain in effect—

22 (1) for a period of not less than two years from
23 the date on which it is imposed; or

24 (2) until such time as the President determines
25 and certifies to the Congress that the person whose

1 activities were the basis for imposing the sanction is
2 no longer engaging in such activities and that the
3 President has received reliable assurances that such
4 person will not engage in such activities in the fu-
5 ture, except that such sanction shall remain in effect
6 for a period of not less than one year.

7 (c) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a
9 case by case basis, waive for a single period of not
10 more than six months the application of a sanction
11 imposed under section 201 with respect to a foreign
12 person, if the President certifies to the appropriate
13 congressional committees at least 30 days before
14 such waiver is to take effect that—

15 (A) such waiver is vital to the national se-
16 curity of the United States; and

17 (B) the government of the country with re-
18 spect to which the foreign person is a national
19 has undertaken substantial measures to prevent
20 the acquisition and development of weapons of
21 mass destruction by the Government of Syria
22 and to deny the Government of Syria the re-
23 sources and capability to engage in the state-
24 sponsorship of terrorism.

1 **SEC. 205. DETERMINATIONS NOT REVIEWABLE.**

2 A determination to impose sanctions under section
3 201 shall not be reviewable in any court.

4 **SEC. 206. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

5 Nothing in this title shall apply to any activities sub-
6 ject to the reporting requirements of title V of the Na-
7 tional Security Act of 1947.

8 **TITLE III—DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ISOLATE THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA**

11 **SEC. 301. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO BILATERAL EFFORTS.**

13 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State
14 should ensure that United States diplomatic personnel
15 abroad understand and, in their contacts with foreign offi-
16 cials, are communicating the reasons for United States
17 policy and sanctions against the Government of Syria, and
18 are urging foreign governments to cooperate more effec-
19 tively with the Government of the United States in com-
20 pelling the Government of Syria to cease policies and ac-
21 tivities that threaten global peace and security.

22 **SEC. 302. OPPOSITION TO SYRIA'S MEMBERSHIP AND CANDIDACY FOR LEADERSHIP POSTS IN UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTIONS.**

25 The President shall direct the United States Perma-
26 nent Representative to the United Nations, United Na-

1 tions organizations and entities, and United Nations-affili-
2 ated agencies and bodies, to continue to use the voice and
3 vote of the United States to oppose Syria's membership
4 and candidacy for leadership posts in such institutions,
5 and engage in diplomatic efforts to secure multilateral
6 support for such efforts.

7 **SEC. 303. ACTIONS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL AS-**
8 **SEMBLY.**

9 The President shall take the necessary steps to secure
10 support for the adoption of a resolution at the United Na-
11 tions General Assembly holding the Government of Syria
12 accountable for its systematic violations of human rights
13 of Syrian and Lebanese citizens and calling for the ap-
14 pointment of a United Nations Special Rapporteur to in-
15 vestigate such human rights violations.

16 **SEC. 304. ACTIONS AT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTI-**
17 **TUTIONS.**

18 The President shall instruct the United States Exec-
19 utive Director at each international financial institution
20 (as defined in section 1701(c)(2) of the International Fi-
21 nancial Institutions Act) to use the voice and vote of the
22 United States to oppose any loan or other assistance to
23 Syria and to oppose Syria's membership in the institution.

1 **SEC. 305. ACTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC EN-**
2 **ERGY AGENCY.**

3 The President shall instruct the United States Per-
4 manent Representative to the International Atomic En-
5 ergy Agency (IAEA) to—

6 (1) seek the adoption of a resolution calling on
7 Syria to declare all nuclear-related facilities, imme-
8 diately and unconditionally suspend any activity
9 which could be used to develop nuclear-weapons ca-
10 pability, and provide full access to IAEA inspectors
11 to its nuclear-related facilities;

12 (2) block the allocation of funds for IAEA de-
13 velopment, environmental, or nuclear-related assist-
14 ance or activity to the Government of Syria or any
15 agency or instrumentality thereof until the deter-
16 minations set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of
17 section 102 have been met; and

18 (3) block membership of the Government of
19 Syria on the Board of Governors of the IAEA.

20 **SEC. 306. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES AND RE-**
21 **GIONAL CONTACT GROUPS.**

22 The President shall seek to establish contact groups
23 with relevant countries in the Middle East to provide fo-
24 rums in which United States officials who are responsible
25 for counter-proliferation efforts are able to meet, at least

1 twice each year, with their counterpart from such coun-
2 tries to—

3 (1) discuss the global threats presented by Syr-
4 ian nuclear proliferation and sponsorship of inter-
5 national terrorism; and

6 (2) develop strategies to effectively address
7 these threats.

8 **SEC. 307. REPORT ON ASSISTANCE TO, AND COMMERCE**
9 **WITH, SYRIA.**

10 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, and on an annual basis there-
12 after, the President shall transmit to the appropriate con-
13 gressional committees a report on assistance to, and com-
14 merce with, Syria by other foreign countries during the
15 preceding 12-month period.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required by subsection
17 (a) shall, for the period covered by the report, contain the
18 following information, to the extent such information is
19 available:

20 (1) A description of all bilateral assistance pro-
21 vided to Syria by other foreign countries, including
22 humanitarian assistance.

23 (2) A description of Syria's commerce with for-
24 eign countries, including an identification of Syria's
25 trading partners and the extent of such trade.

1 (3) A description of the joint ventures com-
2 pleted, or under consideration, by foreign nationals
3 and business firms involving facilities in Syria, in-
4 cluding an identification of the location of the facili-
5 ties involved and a description of the terms of agree-
6 ment of the joint ventures and the names of the par-
7 ties that are involved.

8 (4) A determination of the amount of debt of
9 the Government of Syria that is owed to each for-
10 eign country, including—

11 (A) the amount of debt exchanged, for-
12 given, or reduced under the terms of each in-
13 vestment or operation in Syria involving foreign
14 nationals; and

15 (B) the amount of debt owed to the foreign
16 country that has been exchanged, forgiven, or
17 reduced in return for a grant by the Govern-
18 ment of Syria of an equity interest in a prop-
19 erty, investment, or operation of the Syrian
20 Government or of a Syrian national.

21 (5) A description of the steps taken to assure
22 that raw materials and semifinished or finished
23 goods produced by facilities in Syria involving for-
24 eign nationals do not enter the United States mar-

1 ket, either directly or through third countries or par-
2 ties.

3 (6) An identification of countries and entities
4 that provide, or have provided, arms or military sup-
5 plies from Syria or that otherwise have entered into
6 agreements with Syria that could have a military ap-
7 plication, including—

8 (A) a description of the military supplies,
9 equipment, or other material sold, bartered, or
10 exchanged between Syria and such countries;

11 (B) a listing of the goods, services, credits,
12 or other consideration received by Syria in ex-
13 change for military supplies, equipment, or ma-
14 terial; and

15 (C) the terms or conditions of any such
16 agreement.

17 (c) FORM.—The report submitted under subsection
18 (a) shall be in unclassified form but may include a classi-
19 fied annex.

20 **TITLE IV—ASSISTANCE TO**
21 **SUPPORT DEMOCRACY IN SYRIA**

22 **SEC. 401. DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.**

23 It shall be the policy of the United States to support
24 independent human rights and pro-democracy forces in

1 Syria to promote the emergence of a democratic govern-
2 ment in Syria that will—

3 (1) denounce and combat terrorism;

4 (2) dismantle its chemical, biological, radio-
5 logical, and nuclear weapons programs and commit
6 to combating the proliferation of such weapons;

7 (3) respect the boundaries, sovereignty, and
8 right to exist of its neighbors and live in peace and
9 security with all the countries in the region; and

10 (4) uphold and defend the human rights and
11 civil liberties of its citizens.

12 **SEC. 402. ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT A TRANSITION TO DE-**
13 **MOCRACY IN SYRIA.**

14 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, the President is authorized to provide as-
16 sistance and other support for individuals and independent
17 nongovernmental organizations to support a transition to
18 a freely-elected, internationally recognized democratic gov-
19 ernment in Syria.

20 (b) **ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.**—Assistance provided
21 under subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent prac-
22 ticable, be used to carry out the following activities:

23 (1) Democracy-building and civil society efforts
24 in Syria, including the provision of assistance to or-
25 ganizations certified by the President to be inde-

1 pendent democratic organizations, victims of political
2 repression and their families, and prisoners of con-
3 science and their families.

4 (2) Radio and television broadcasting to Syria
5 to support democracy-building and civil society ef-
6 forts in Syria.

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
8 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated
9 to the President sums as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2008 and each subsequent fiscal year.

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