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Stating that it is the policy of the United States to oppose the sale, shipment, performance of maintenance, refurbishment, modification, repair, and upgrade of any military equipment from or by the Russian Federation to or for the Syrian Arab Republic.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 25, 2012

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the General Director of Rosoboronexport, the largest Russian arms exporter, recently announced that his company was transferring anti-aircraft and anti-ship missile systems to Syria;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has announced the deployment of 11 warships, including amphibious ships designed to carry naval infantry, to the eastern Mediterranean, and it is expected that some of those ships will dock at the Syrian port of Tartus;

Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently stated, “What can every nation and group represented here do? . . . I ask you to reach out to Russia and China, and to not only urge but demand that they get off the sidelines and begin to support the legitimate aspirations of the Syrian people.”;

Whereas Secretary of State Clinton further stated on July 17, 2012, “[O]ur commitment is to try to get Russia to cooperate. So we want the rest of the world to put pressure on Russia . . . as long as he [Bashar al-Assad] has Russia uncertain about whether or not to side against him in any more dramatic way that it already has, he [Assad] feels like he can keep going.”;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation recently refurbished at least three Syrian Mi–25 helicopters; and

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has taken a tentative positive step of expounding a new policy that it will not enter into new arms agreements with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the policy of the United States—
 3 (1) to oppose the sale, shipment, performance
 4 of maintenance, refurbishment, modification, repair,
 5 or upgrade of any military equipment, including
 6 parts that can be used in military equipment, from
 7 or by the Government of the Russian Federation to
 8 or for the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic;
 9 and

1 (2) to oppose any effort by the Government of
2 the Russian Federation to increase, maintain, or
3 sustain the military readiness and or military capa-
4 bilities of the Government of the Syrian Arab Re-
5 public.

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