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To prohibit certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013, military coup d'état.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Egyptian Military
5 Coup Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE**
7 **TO EGYPTIAN MILITARY COUP D'ÉTAT.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
9 ings:

1 (1) On June 30, 2012, Mohamed Morsi was
2 elected President of Egypt in elections that were cer-
3 tified as free and fair by the Egyptian Presidential
4 Election Commission and the United Nations.

5 (2) On July 3, 2013, the military of Egypt re-
6 moved the democratically elected President of Egypt,
7 arrested his supporters, and suspended the Constitu-
8 tion of Egypt. These actions fit the definition of a
9 military coup d'état.

10 (3) On August 14, 2013, Egyptian security
11 forces killed over 600 protestors in the dispersal of
12 a demonstration in Rabaa, Egypt.

13 (4) Since the July 2013 military coup d'état,
14 the Egyptian military and security officials are esti-
15 mated to have killed more than 1,000 Egyptian citi-
16 zen protestors.

17 (5) On January 17, 2014, President Barack
18 Obama signed into law the Consolidated Appropria-
19 tions Act, 2014 (Public Law 113–76), which in-
20 cluded language in section 7041(a) that conditioned
21 economic assistance to the Government of Egypt on
22 concrete and measurable actions to restore democ-
23 racy to the citizens of Egypt.

24 (6) On April 23, 2014, President Obama ap-
25 proved the transfer of 10 AH–64 Apache Heli-

1 copters and \$650,000,000 in financial aid to the
2 military-controlled Government of Egypt.

3 (7) On April 28, 2014, a court in Egypt sen-
4 tenced 683 Egyptian citizens to death for protests in
5 the town of Edwa, Egypt, following a five-minute
6 hearing that was not long enough to recite the full
7 names of the accused.

8 (8) On May 5, 2014, Former Army Chief Abdul
9 Fattah al-Sisi, who led Egyptian military forces in
10 the coup d'état against a ruling party that was elect-
11 ed with 51.7 percent of the vote, said on Egyptian
12 television that, if elected, the previous ruling political
13 party would “not exist”.

14 (9) On May 6, 2014, a court in Egypt banned
15 members of the National Democratic Party from
16 participating in any Presidential, parliamentary, or
17 local elections.

18 (10) Pursuant to section 7008 of the Depart-
19 ment of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-
20 grams Act, 2012 (division I of Public Law 112–74;
21 125 Stat. 1195), the United States is legally prohib-
22 ited from providing foreign assistance to any country
23 whose duly elected head of government is deposed by
24 a military coup d'état, or removed in such a way
25 that the military plays a decisive role.

1 (11) The United States has suspended aid to
2 countries that have undergone military coups d'état
3 in the past, including the Ivory Coast, the Central
4 African Republic, Thailand, Mali, Fiji, and Hon-
5 duras.

6 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
7 EGYPT.—

8 (1) RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANCE UNDER SEC-
9 TION 7008.—In accordance with section 7008 of the
10 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Re-
11 lated Programs Act, 2012 (division I of Public Law
12 112–74; 125 Stat. 1195), the United States Govern-
13 ment, including the Department of State, shall re-
14 frain from providing to the Government of Egypt
15 the assistance restricted under such section.

16 (2) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS.—In addition to
17 the restrictions referred to in paragraph (1), the fol-
18 lowing restrictions shall be in effect with respect to
19 United States assistance to the Government of
20 Egypt:

21 (A) Deliveries of defense articles currently
22 slated for transfer to Egyptian Ministry of De-
23 fense (MOD) and Ministry of Interior (MOI)
24 shall be suspended until the President certifies
25 to Congress that democratic national elections

1 have taken place in Egypt followed by a peace-
2 ful transfer of power.

3 (B) Provision of defense services to Egyp-
4 tian MOD and MOI shall be halted immediately
5 until the President certifies to Congress that
6 democratic national elections have taken place
7 in Egypt followed by a peaceful transfer of
8 power.

9 (C) Processing of draft Letters of Offer
10 and Acceptance (LOAs) for future arms sales
11 to Egyptian MOD and MOI entities shall be
12 halted until the President certifies to Congress
13 that democratic national elections have taken
14 place in Egypt followed by a peaceful transfer
15 of power.

16 (D) All costs associated with the delays in
17 deliveries and provision of services required
18 under subparagraphs (A) through (C) shall be
19 borne by the Government of Egypt.

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