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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To improve defense cooperation between the United States
and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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 “United States-Jordan
3 Defense Cooperation Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) As of January 22, 2015, the United States
7 Government has provided \$3,046,343,000 in assist-
8 ance to the Syria humanitarian response, of which
9 nearly \$467,000,000 has been to the Hashemite
10 Kingdom of Jordan.

11 (2) As of January 2015, according to the
12 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
13 (UNHCR), there are 621,937 registered Syrian ref-
14 ugees in Jordan and 83.8 percent of those refugees
15 live outside refugee camps.

16 (3) In 2000, the United States and Jordan
17 signed a free-trade agreement that went into force
18 in 2001.

19 (4) In 1996, the United States granted Jordan
20 major non-NATO ally status.

21 (5) Jordan is suffering from the Syrian refugee
22 crisis and the threat of the Islamic State of Iraq and
23 the Levant (ISIL).

24 (6) The Government of Jordan was elected as
25 a non-permanent member of the United Nations Se-

1 security Council beginning in January 2014 and ter-
2 minating in December 2015.

3 (7) Enhanced support for defense cooperation
4 with Jordan is important to the national security of
5 the United States, including through creation of a
6 status in law for Jordan similar to the countries in
7 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Japan,
8 Australia, the Republic of Korea, Israel, and New
9 Zealand, with respect to consideration by Congress
10 of foreign military sales to Jordan.

11 (8) The Colorado National Guard's relationship
12 with the Jordanian military provides a significant
13 benefit to both the United States and Jordan.

14 (9) Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh was bru-
15 tally murdered by ISIL.

16 (10) On February 3, 2015, Secretary of State
17 John Kerry and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser
18 Judeh signed a new Memorandum of Understanding
19 that reflects the intention to increase United States
20 assistance to the Government of Jordan from
21 \$660,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 per year for the
22 years 2015 through 2017.

23 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

24 It should be the policy of the United States to sup-
25 port the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in its response

1 to the Syrian refugee crisis, provide necessary assistance
2 to alleviate the domestic burden to provide basic needs for
3 the assimilated Syrian refugees, cooperate with Jordan to
4 combat the terrorist threat from the Islamic State of Iraq
5 and the Levant (ISIL) or other terrorist organizations,
6 and help secure the border between Jordan and its neigh-
7 bors Syria and Iraq.

8 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that expeditious consider-
10 ation of certifications of letters of offer to sell defense arti-
11 cles, defense services, design and construction services,
12 and major defense equipment to the Hashemite Kingdom
13 of Jordan under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control
14 Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(b)) is fully consistent with United
15 States security and foreign policy interests and the objec-
16 tives of world peace and security.

17 **SEC. 5. ENHANCED DEFENSE COOPERATION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the 3-year period beginning
19 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Hashemite
20 Kingdom of Jordan shall be treated as if it were a country
21 listed in the provisions of law described in subsection (b)
22 for purposes of applying and administering such provi-
23 sions of law.

1 (b) PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The provisions of law de-
 2 scribed in this subsection are the following provisions of
 3 the Arms Export Control Act:

4 (1) Subsections (b)(2), (d)(2)(B), (d)(3)(A)(i),
 5 and (d)(5) of section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753).

6 (2) Subsections (e)(2)(A), (h)(1)(A), (h)(2) of
 7 section 21 (22 U.S.C. 2761).

8 (3) Subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(6), (c), and
 9 (d)(2)(A) of section 36 (22 U.S.C. 2776).

10 (4) Section 62(c)(1) (22 U.S.C. 2796a(c)(1)).

11 (5) Section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C. 2796b(a)(2)).

12 **SEC. 6. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

13 The Secretary of State is authorized, subject to the
 14 availability of appropriations, to enter into a Memo-
 15 randum of Understanding with the Hashemite Kingdom
 16 of Jordan to increase economic support funds, military co-
 17 operation, including joint military exercises, personnel ex-
 18 changes, support for international peacekeeping missions,
 19 and enhanced strategic dialogue.

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Attest:

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Clerk.