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To require a report on the military dimensions of Iran’s nuclear program and to prohibit the provision of sanctions relief to Iran until Iran has verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear program, and for other purposes.

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Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KIRK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. INHOFE) 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 “Ending Iran’s Nuclear
5 Weapon Program Before Sanctions Relief Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON MILITARY DIMENSIONS OF IRAN'S NU-**
2 **CLEAR PROGRAM; LIMITATIONS ON SANC-**
3 **TIONS RELIEF.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
6 Intelligence, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy,
7 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
8 a report that—

9 (1) at a minimum, provides a detailed assess-
10 ment of the nature, scope, and duration of each ac-
11 tivity specified in subsection (b);

12 (2) with respect to each activity specified in
13 subsection (b), assesses—

14 (A) whether the activity continues or when
15 the activity ended;

16 (B) whether Iran consulted, cooperated, or
17 collaborated with any foreign entity in the activ-
18 ity and, if so, a full description of the nature,
19 scope, and duration of such consultation, co-
20 operation, or collaboration;

21 (C) the differences between the conclusions
22 of the International Atomic Energy Agency and
23 the most recent determination of the intel-
24 ligence community (as defined in section 3(4) of
25 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
26 3003(4)));

1 (D) the ability of Iran to quickly resume
2 the activity, if the activity has ended, and to
3 advance beyond the current stage of develop-
4 ment; and

5 (E) the credibility of Iran's arguments re-
6 lated to dual-use technology; and

7 (3) includes—

8 (A) a summary of refusals by Iran to co-
9 operate with International Atomic Energy
10 Agency inspectors and requests since January
11 2003;

12 (B) a list of any Iranian institutes or other
13 entities involved in nuclear weapon activities or
14 research;

15 (C) a list of Iranian scientists or other ex-
16 perts who worked on Iran's nuclear weapon
17 program; and

18 (D) a list of sites where Iranian nuclear
19 weapon related activities are occurring or have
20 occurred.

21 (b) ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED.—The activities specified
22 in this subsection are the following:

23 (1) The existence of management and organiza-
24 tion structures to facilitate the development of a nu-
25 clear explosive device.

1 (2) Procurement activities associated with a nu-
2 clear weapon program.

3 (3) Covert acquisition of uranium or plutonium,
4 covert uranium conversion, covert uranium reconver-
5 sion, and covert uranium enrichment activities.

6 (4) Attempted or actual acquisition of nuclear
7 weapon design information.

8 (5) Metallurgical work associated with nuclear
9 devices.

10 (6) Development of detonators and associated
11 equipment for a nuclear weapon.

12 (7) Possession of multipoint initiation tech-
13 nology relevant to a nuclear explosive device.

14 (8) Use of multipoint initiation technology for
15 experiments associated with a nuclear explosive de-
16 vice.

17 (9) Development of simulated components for a
18 nuclear explosive device, including components rel-
19 evant to the dynamic compressive testing of those
20 components.

21 (10) Computer modeling studies of component
22 arrangements specific to nuclear explosive configura-
23 tions based on implosion technology and studies re-
24 lating to high explosives modeling.

1 (11) Experiments with materials and configura-
2 tions that could generate neutrons under shock com-
3 pression for the purpose of initiating an implosion-
4 type nuclear explosive device.

5 (12) Planning, preparation, and execution of
6 experiments relevant to testing a nuclear explosive
7 device, specifically, but not limited to, tests to deter-
8 mine whether detonator firing components would
9 function over a long distance between the firing
10 point and a test device located down a deep shaft.

11 (13) Activities related to the integration of a
12 new spherical payload into the existing payload
13 chamber of the re-entry vehicle for a ballistic missile.

14 (14) Activities related to a fuzing, arming, and
15 firing system for a heavy spherical ballistic missile
16 payload.

17 (15) Activities at Parchin Military Complex re-
18 lated to nuclear weapons.

19 (16) Nuclear weapon related activities at the
20 Physics Research Center and subsequent organiza-
21 tions, and the purpose of such activities.

22 (17) Activities associated with the research, de-
23 velopment, testing, or fielding related to ballistic
24 missiles capable of carrying a nuclear weapon.

1 (18) Activities by Iran to conceal nuclear weap-
2 on related activities.

3 (c) LIMITATIONS ON PROVISION OF SANCTIONS RE-
4 LIEF TO IRAN.—Notwithstanding section 135 of the
5 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2160e) or any
6 other provision of law, the United States Government shall
7 not provide any sanctions relief to Iran until the date that
8 is 90 days after—

9 (1) the submission of the report required by
10 subsection (a);

11 (2) the Director of National Intelligence, the
12 Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of State, and the
13 Secretary of Defense jointly certify to the appro-
14 priate congressional committees that Iran has
15 verifiably ended all military dimensions of its nuclear
16 program, including research, development, testing,
17 or fielding related to ballistic missiles capable of car-
18 rying a nuclear weapon; and

19 (3) there is enacted into law a joint resolution
20 approving the provision of sanctions relief.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
23 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
3 Affairs, the Committee on Finance, the Com-
4 mittee on Foreign Relations, and the Select
5 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

6 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
7 Committee on Financial Services, the Com-
8 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
9 Ways and Means, and the Permanent Select
10 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives.

12 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
13 son” means a person that is not a United States
14 person.

15 (3) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-
16 dividual or entity.

17 (4) SANCTIONS RELIEF.—The term “sanctions
18 relief” means the termination, waiver, deferral, or
19 other suspension of any sanctions imposed by the
20 United States with respect to Iran pursuant to a
21 statute, executive order, or regulation, including
22 sanctions applicable to United States persons and
23 sanctions applicable to foreign persons.

24 (5) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
25 “United States person” means—

1 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
2 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
3 United States; or

4 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
5 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
6 the United States, including a foreign branch of
7 such an entity.

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