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To require certifications regarding actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING ACTIONS BY**
4 **SAUDI ARABIA IN YEMEN.**

5 (a) INITIAL CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of
8 Congress a certification whether the Government of Saudi
9 Arabia is undertaking—

1 (1) an urgent and good faith effort to conduct
2 diplomatic negotiations to end the civil war in
3 Yemen; and

4 (2) appropriate measures to alleviate the hu-
5 manitarian crisis in Yemen by increasing access for
6 all Yemenis to food, fuel, and medicine.

7 (b) SUBSEQUENT CERTIFICATIONS.—Not later than
8 180 and 360 days after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate
10 committees of Congress a certification whether the Gov-
11 ernment of Saudi Arabia is undertaking the efforts de-
12 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).

13 (c) RESTRICTION.—If the Secretary of State is un-
14 able under subsections (a) and (b) to certify that the Gov-
15 ernment of Saudi Arabia is taking demonstrable action as
16 described in subsection (a), no Federal funds may be obli-
17 gated or expended for United States air refueling of
18 Saudi-led coalition non-United States aircraft conducting
19 missions in Yemen other than missions related to—

20 (1) al Qaeda, al Qaeda in the Arabian Penin-
21 sula (AQAP), and the Islamic State in Iraq and
22 Syria (ISIS);

23 (2) Iranian terrorist activities in Yemen;

1 (3) countering the transport, assembly, or em-
2 ployment of Iranian ballistic missiles or components
3 in Yemen;

4 (4) helping coalition aircraft return safely to
5 base in emergency situations; or

6 (5) force protection of United States aircraft or
7 personnel.

8 (d) FORM OF CERTIFICATIONS.—The certifications
9 required under subsections (a) and (b) shall be written,
10 detailed, and submitted in unclassified form.

11 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
13 tees of Congress” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
15 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
16 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

17 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
18 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
19 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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