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To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Cooperation Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

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 “United States-Jordan
5 Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the
9 fight against terrorism, including as a member of
10 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-

1 bined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Re-
2 solve.

3 (2) In 2014, His Majesty King Abdullah stated
4 that “Jordanians and Americans have been standing
5 shoulder to shoulder against extremism for many
6 years, but to a new level with this coalition against
7 ISIL”.

8 (3) On February 3, 2015, the United States
9 signed a 3-year memorandum of understanding with
10 Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with
11 \$1,000,000,000 annually in United States foreign
12 assistance, subject to the approval of Congress.

13 (4) On February 14, 2018, the United States
14 signed a new 5-year Memorandum of Understanding
15 with Jordan in which the United States pledged to
16 provide no less than \$1,275,000,000 per year, sub-
17 ject to congressional appropriations, in United
18 States bilateral foreign assistance to Jordan.

19 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that—

21 (1) Jordan plays a critical role in responding to
22 the overwhelming humanitarian needs created by the
23 conflict in Syria;

24 (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-
25 ners should continue working together to address

1 this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-
2 bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-
3 dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-
4 dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-
5 side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,
6 and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-
7 sis; and

8 (3) the United States should continue to assist
9 Jordan in creating sustainable economic develop-
10 ment.

11 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**
12 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

13 Section 5(a) of the United States-Jordan Defense Co-
14 operation Act of 2015 (22 U.S.C. 2753 note) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (1) by striking “During the 3-year period” and
17 inserting “During the period”; and

18 (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,
19 2024” after “enactment of this Act”.

20 **SEC. 5. PURSUING INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR JORDAN.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
22 end of the transition period, the Chief Executive Officer
23 of the United States International Development Finance
24 Corporation shall issue a call for proposals pursuing in-
25 vestment funds with a focus on Jordan, whether as a spe-

1 cific country fund or as part of a regional fund with Jor-
2 dan as a significant focus.

3 (b) BRIEFING.—Following the completion of the call
4 process in subsection (a), the Chief Executive Officer of
5 the United States International Development Finance
6 Corporation shall brief the appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees describing the call process, any proposals sub-
8 mitted, and any funds approved pursuant to section
9 1421(c) of the BUILD Act (22 U.S.C. 9621).

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
15 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
16 of Representatives; and

17 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
18 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
19 Senate.

20 (2) TRANSITION PERIOD.—The term “transi-
21 tion period” has the meaning given such term in sec-
22 tion 1461 of the BUILD Act of 2018 (Public Law
23 115–254; 22 U.S.C. 9681).

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