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Expressing the sense of Congress that any United States-Saudi Arabia civilian nuclear cooperation agreement must prohibit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from enriching uranium or separating plutonium on its own territory, in keeping with the strongest possible nonproliferation “gold standard”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that any United States-Saudi Arabia civilian nuclear cooperation agreement must prohibit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from enriching uranium or separating plutonium on its own territory, in keeping with the strongest possible nonproliferation “gold standard”.

Whereas, on May 21, 2009, the United States and the United Arab Emirates signed a bilateral agreement pursuant to section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153), establishing cooperation on civilian nuclear programs in which the United Arab Emirates agreed that it “shall not possess sensitive nuclear facilities within its territory or otherwise engage in activities within its terri-

tory for, or relating to, the enrichment or reprocessing of material, or for the alternation in form or content (except by irradiation or further irradiation or, if agreed by the Parties, post-irradiation examination) of plutonium, uranium 233, high enriched uranium, or irradiated source or special fissionable material”;

Whereas the civil nuclear cooperation agreement between the United States and the United Arab Emirates further obligates the United Arab Emirates to bring into force its Additional Protocol to its IAEA Safeguards Agreement before the United States licenses “exports of nuclear material, equipment, components, or technology” pursuant to the agreement; and

Whereas this agreement became known as the first “gold standard” civil nuclear agreement and was lauded as a step toward establishing a precedent for strong non-proliferation standards on the Arabian Peninsula: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that any
 3 United States-Saudi Arabia civilian nuclear cooperation
 4 agreement under section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act
 5 of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153), commonly known as a “123
 6 Agreement”, concluded in the future should prohibit the
 7 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from enriching uranium or sepa-
 8 rating plutonium on Saudi Arabian territory in keeping
 9 with the strongest possible nonproliferation “gold stand-
 10 ard” as well as require the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to

- 1 bring into force the Additional Protocol with the Inter-
- 2 national Atomic Energy Agency.

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