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# S. RES. 755

Requesting information on the Government of Turkey's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 22 (legislative day, OCTOBER 19), 2020

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE GOVERN-**  
3                               **MENT OF TURKEY'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRAC-**  
4                               **TICES.**

5           (a) STATEMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days  
6 after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Sec-  
7 retary of State shall, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the  
8 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)),  
9 transmit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
2 House of Representatives a statement, prepared with the  
3 assistance of the Assistant Secretary of State for Democ-  
4 racy, Human Rights, and Labor, with respect to Turkey.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted under  
6 subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

7 (1) All the available information about observ-  
8 ance of and respect for human rights and funda-  
9 mental freedom in Turkey, and a detailed descrip-  
10 tion of practices by the Government of Turkey with  
11 respect thereto, including alleged violations of such  
12 rights and freedoms by the Government of Turkey,  
13 including—

14 (A) arbitrary killings;

15 (B) suspicious deaths of persons in deten-  
16 tion;

17 (C) forced disappearances;

18 (D) torture;

19 (E) arbitrary arrest and detention without  
20 charges and trial;

21 (F) restrictions on freedom of expression,  
22 the press, and the internet;

23 (G) restrictions on freedoms of assembly,  
24 association, and movement;

25 (H) refoulement of refugees; and

1 (I) discrimination and violence against  
2 women, minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
3 transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) persons.

4 (2) The steps the United States Government  
5 has taken to—

6 (A) promote respect for and observance of  
7 human rights in Turkey and to discourage any  
8 practices in Turkey that are inimical to inter-  
9 nationally recognized human rights; and

10 (B) publicly or privately call attention to,  
11 and to disassociate the United States and any  
12 security assistance provided for Turkey from  
13 such practices.

14 (3) Whether, in the opinion of the Secretary of  
15 State, notwithstanding any such practices, extraor-  
16 dinary circumstances exist that necessitate a con-  
17 tinuation of security assistance for Turkey and, if  
18 so, a description of the circumstances and the extent  
19 to which the assistance should be continued (subject  
20 to such conditions as Congress may impose under  
21 section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
22 (22 U.S.C. 2304)), and all the facts pursuant to  
23 which it is in the national interest of the United  
24 States to provide such assistance.

25 (4) Other information, including—

1 (A) all available credible information con-  
2 cerning alleged violations of internationally rec-  
3 ognized human rights or international humani-  
4 tarian law by the Government of Turkey, its  
5 armed forces, and associated groups and per-  
6 sons in the South Caucasus, Syria, Libya, and  
7 Iraq, including through indiscriminate or dis-  
8 proportionate attacks, the displacement of civil-  
9 ian populations, and attacks on civilian infra-  
10 structure and houses of worship;

11 (B) whether United States-built F-16s  
12 have been used by the Government of Turkey in  
13 the South Caucasus since conflict in the region  
14 escalated on September 27, 2020, in a manner  
15 inimical to internationally recognized human  
16 rights; and

17 (C) a description of the steps the United  
18 States has taken to—

19 (i) discourage any practices by the  
20 Government of Turkey, its armed forces,  
21 or associated groups or persons in the  
22 South Caucasus, Syria, Libya, or Iraq that  
23 are inimical to internationally recognized  
24 human rights; and

1                   (ii) publicly or privately call attention  
2                   to, and disassociate the United States and  
3                   any security assistance provided to the  
4                   Government of Turkey from such practices  
5                   in the South Caucasus, Syria, Libya, or  
6                   Iraq.

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