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To impose sanctions with respect to Turkey, and for other purposes.

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# A BILL

To impose sanctions with respect to Turkey, 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 “Countering Turkish  
5 Aggression Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO TUR-**

7                               **KEY.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after that effective date  
9 described in subsection (f), the President shall impose the  
10 sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to—

11               (1) each official of the Government of Turkey  
12 described in subsection (b);

13               (2) any foreign person that the President deter-  
14 mines knowingly sells or provides financial, material,  
15 or technological support to, or knowingly conducts a  
16 transaction with, the Turkish Armed Forces, includ-  
17 ing—

18                       (A) aircraft or aircraft parts or machinery  
19 used by the Turkish Air Force;

20                       (B) automotive equipment and services  
21 used by the Turkish Land and Naval Forces;

22                       and

1 (C) defense articles, services, technology,  
2 or materials used by the Turkish Armed  
3 Forces; or

4 (3) any foreign person that the President deter-  
5 mines knowingly supplies goods, services, technology,  
6 information, or other support that maintains or sup-  
7 ports the production of petroleum or natural gas in  
8 Turkey for use by the Turkish Armed Forces.

9 (b) OFFICIALS DESCRIBED.—An official of the Gov-  
10 ernment of Turkey described in this subsection is any of  
11 the following:

12 (1) The President of Turkey.

13 (2) The Vice President of Turkey.

14 (3) The Minister of National Defense of Tur-  
15 key.

16 (4) The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey.

17 (5) The Minister of Treasury and Finance of  
18 Turkey.

19 (6) The Minister of Trade of Turkey.

20 (7) The Minister of Energy and Natural Re-  
21 sources of Turkey.

22 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
23 scribed in this subsection are the blocking and prohibiting,  
24 pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Pow-  
25 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), of all transactions in

1 property and interests in property of a person subject to  
2 subsection (a) if such property and interests in property  
3 are in the United States, come within the United States,  
4 or come within the possession or control of a United  
5 States person.

6 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—

7 (1) SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE OF TURKEY.—Sanctions  
8 tions under this section shall not apply with respect  
9 to—

10 (A) the provision of humanitarian assist-  
11 ance (including medical assistance) to the peo-  
12 ple of Turkey; or

13 (B) efforts to promote democracy in Tur-  
14 key, including through providing election assist-  
15 ance.

16 (2) INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions  
17 under this section shall not apply with respect to ac-  
18 tivities subject to the reporting requirements under  
19 title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50  
20 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.), or any authorized intelligence  
21 activities of the United States.

22 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

23 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
24 ercise all authorities provided to the President under  
25 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-

1 agency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and  
2 1704) to carry out this section.

3 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
4 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
5 violation of this section or any regulation, license, or  
6 order issued to carry out this section shall be subject  
7 to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)  
8 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-  
9 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-  
10 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-  
11 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

12 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
14 graph (2), the effective date described in this sub-  
15 section is the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (2) DELAYS OF EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Presi-  
17 dent may delay the effective date described in para-  
18 graph (1) for successive periods of not more than 90  
19 days each if, before each such delay takes effect, the  
20 President certifies to Congress that Turkey—

21 (A) is not operating in Syria, east of the  
22 Euphrates and west of the Iraqi border, without  
23 the support of the United States; and

24 (B) has withdrawn the Turkish Armed  
25 Forces and rebel groups supported by the Gov-

1           ernment of Turkey from areas occupied by Tur-  
2           key during the operation beginning on October  
3           9, 2019.

4           (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5           (1) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
6           son” means an individual or entity that is not a  
7           United States person.

8           (2) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with  
9           respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,  
10          means that a person has actual knowledge, or should  
11          have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the  
12          result.

13          (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
14          “United States person” means—

15                (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
16                fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
17                United States; or

18                (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
19                the United States or any jurisdiction within the  
20                United States, including a foreign branch of  
21                such an entity.

1 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF PURCHASE OF S-400 SURFACE-TO-**  
2 **AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM AS A SIGNIFICANT**  
3 **TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 231 OF THE**  
4 **COUNTERING AMERICA'S ADVERSARIES**  
5 **THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall—

7 (1) treat the purchase by the Government of  
8 Turkey of the S-400 surface-to-air defense system  
9 from the Russian Federation as a significant trans-  
10 action described in section 231 of the Countering  
11 America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22  
12 U.S.C. 9525); and

13 (2) not later than 180 days after that purchase,  
14 impose 5 or more of the sanctions described in sec-  
15 tion 235 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 9529) with respect  
16 to the Government of Turkey.

17 (b) DEFINITION.—In subsection (a), the term “pur-  
18 chase” means the execution of a contract, the delivery of  
19 any goods or services, or the payment for any goods or  
20 services.

21 (c) NONAPPLICABILITY OF WAIVER AND DELAY PRO-  
22 VISIONS.—The following provisions of law shall not apply  
23 for purposes of subsection (a):

24 (1) Subsection (b) or (c) of section 231 of the  
25 Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanc-  
26 tions Act (22 U.S.C. 9525).

1 (2) Section 236 or 237 of that Act.

2 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES MILITARY AS-**  
3 **SISTANCE.**

4 Effective as of the date of the enactment of this Act,  
5 no funds may be obligated or expended to sell or transfer  
6 any United States defense articles, services, technology,  
7 or materials or ammunition for end use by the Turkish  
8 Armed Forces.

9 **SEC. 5. VISA RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF**  
10 **THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the date of the en-  
12 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State may not issue  
13 a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
14 exclude from the United States, an official of the Govern-  
15 ment of Turkey described in section 2(b).

16 (b) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL  
17 OBLIGATIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to the ad-  
18 mission of an official described in section 2(b) if the ad-  
19 mission of that official is necessary to comply with United  
20 States obligations under the Agreement between the  
21 United Nations and the United States of America regard-  
22 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at  
23 Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-  
24 vember 21, 1947, under the Convention on Consular Rela-  
25 tions, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and entered into



1 force March 19, 1967, or under other international agree-  
2 ments.

3 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON NET WORTH OF RECEP TAYYIP**  
4 **ERDOGAN.**

5 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress  
7 a report on the net worth and assets of the President of  
8 Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

9 **SEC. 7. EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF**  
10 **GOODS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements  
12 to impose sanctions authorized under this Act shall not  
13 include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions  
14 on the importation of goods.

15 (b) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
16 “good” means any article, natural or manmade substance,  
17 material, supply or manufactured product, including in-  
18 spection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

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