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H. R. 8293

To require a report on security cooperation with respect to Western Balkan countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself and Mrs. MCCLAIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Oversight and Reform, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require a report on security cooperation with respect to Western Balkan countries.

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 “Balkans Security Co-
5 operation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON SECURITY COOPERATION WITH RE-**
2 **SPECT TO WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
5 fense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall
6 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
7 port on security cooperation with respect to Western Bal-
8 kan countries.

9 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
10 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of security cooperation be-
12 tween each Western Balkan country and the Russian
13 Federation, including the following:

14 (A) A list of Russian weapons systems and
15 other military hardware and technology valued
16 at \$1,000,000 or more that have been provided
17 to or purchased by each Western Balkan coun-
18 try since 2012.

19 (B) A description of the participation of
20 each Western Balkan country's security forces
21 in training or exercises with the Russian Fed-
22 eration since 2012.

23 (C) A description of any security coopera-
24 tion agreements each Western Balkan country
25 has entered into with the Russian Federation.

1 (D) An assessment of intelligence coopera-
2 tion between each Western Balkan country and
3 the Russian Federation.

4 (E) An assessment of how security co-
5 operation between each Western Balkan coun-
6 try and the Russian Federation affects the se-
7 curity interests of the United States, the North
8 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the
9 Western Balkan country, and each NATO
10 member state that borders the Western Balkan
11 country.

12 (2) An assessment of security cooperation be-
13 tween each Western Balkan country and the Peo-
14 ple's Republic of China, including the following:

15 (A) A list of Chinese weapons systems and
16 other military hardware and technology valued
17 at \$1,000,000 or more that have been provided
18 to or purchased by each Western Balkan coun-
19 try since 2012.

20 (B) A description of the participation of
21 each Western Balkan country's security forces
22 in training or exercises with the People's Re-
23 public of China since 2012.

24 (C) A description of any security coopera-
25 tion agreements each Western Balkan country

1 has entered into with the People's Republic of
2 China.

3 (D) An assessment of intelligence coopera-
4 tion between each Western Balkan country and
5 the People's Republic of China.

6 (E) An assessment of how security co-
7 operation between each Western Balkan coun-
8 try and the People's Republic of China affects
9 the security interests of the United States, the
10 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),
11 the Western Balkan country, and each NATO
12 member state that borders the Western Balkan
13 country.

14 (3) An assessment of security cooperation be-
15 tween each Western Balkan country and the United
16 States, including the following:

17 (A) A list of United States weapons sys-
18 tems and other military hardware and tech-
19 nology valued at \$1,000,000 or more that have
20 been provided to or purchased by each Western
21 Balkan country since 2012.

22 (B) A description of the participation of
23 each Western Balkan country's security forces
24 in training or exercises with the United States
25 since 2012.

1 (C) A description of any security coopera-
2 tion agreements each Western Balkan country
3 has entered into with the United States.

4 (D) An assessment of intelligence coopera-
5 tion between each Western Balkan country and
6 the United States.

7 (4) An assessment of security cooperation be-
8 tween each Western Balkan country and NATO.

9 (5) A description of each Western Balkan coun-
10 try's participation and activities in NATO's Partner-
11 ship for Peace program, if applicable.

12 (6) An assessment of the Russian Humanitarian
13 Center in Niš, Serbia, and any influence or
14 coordination it may have with Russian Federation
15 Intelligence Agencies.

16 (c) ASSESSMENT AND DETERMINATION RELATING
17 TO CONDUCT OF SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS UNDER
18 CAATSA.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, act-
20 ing through the President, shall include in the report
21 required by subsection (a) an assessment and deter-
22 mination of whether any Western Balkan country
23 has conducted a significant transaction described in
24 section 231 of the Countering America's Adversaries
25 Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9525).

1 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
2 subsection may be construed to obviate any require-
3 ment of section 231 of the Countering America’s
4 Adversaries Through Sanctions Act.

5 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
6 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
7 a classified annex.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means—

11 (A) congressional defense committees (as
12 such term is defined in section 101 of title 10,
13 United States Code); and

14 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
15 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
16 fairs of the House of Representatives; and

17 (2) the term “Western Balkan countries”
18 means—

19 (A) Albania;

20 (B) Bosnia and Herzegovina;

21 (C) Croatia;

22 (D) Kosovo;

23 (E) Montenegro;

24 (F) North Macedonia;

25 (G) Serbia; and

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(H) Slovenia.

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