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To require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSE of New York (for himself and Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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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 “Stopping Malign Ac-
5 tivities from Russian Terrorism Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
4 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
7 the Senate; and

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
9 the House of Representatives.

10 (2) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—The term
11 “state sponsor of terrorism” means a country the
12 government of which the Secretary of State has de-
13 termined, for purposes of section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of
14 the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
15 4813(c)(1)(A)(i)), section 620A of the Foreign As-
16 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371), section 40
17 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780),
18 or any other provision of law, is a government that
19 has repeatedly provided support for acts of inter-
20 national terrorism.

21 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE**
22 **RUSSIAN FEDERATION AS A STATE SPONSOR**
23 **OF TERRORISM.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
26 shall submit a determination to the appropriate congres-

1 sional committees that indicates whether the Russian Fed-
2 eration meets the criteria to be designated as a state spon-
3 sor of terrorism.

4 (b) FORM.—The determination required under sub-
5 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
6 may include a classified annex, if appropriate.

7 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE**
8 **RUSSIAN-SUPPORTED ARMED FORCES IN THE**
9 **DONBAS REGION OF UKRAINE AS FOREIGN**
10 **TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
13 shall submit a determination to the appropriate congres-
14 sional committees that indicates whether armed entities
15 that are physically present in the Donbas region of
16 Ukraine and are controlled or aided by the Russian Fed-
17 eration, or armed entities that are associated or controlled
18 by the “Donetsk People’s Republic” or the “Lugansk Peo-
19 ple’s Republic”, meet the criteria to be designated as for-
20 eign terrorist organizations under section 219 of the Im-
21 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

22 (b) FORM.—The determination required under sub-
23 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
24 may include a classified annex, if appropriate.

1 **SEC. 5. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this Act may be construed—

3 (1) to authorize the use of military force; or

4 (2) to limit bilateral military-to-military dia-

5 logue between the United States and the Russian

6 Federation for the purpose of reducing the risk of

7 conflict.

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