

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To require the imposition of sanctions with respect to persons that aid or assist the Russian Federation in acts of military aggression toward Ukraine.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Belarus Aggression
5 Accountability Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) the buildup of Russian forces in Belarus
9 along its southern border with Ukraine is of great

1 concern to the United States and not consistent with
2 regularly-scheduled joint military exercises between
3 the militaries of Belarus and the Russian Federa-
4 tion;

5 (2) the United States should make no distine-
6 tion between the Russian Federation and any other
7 government that aids or assists Russian forces in
8 any acts of military aggression that violate the sov-
9 ereignty or territorial integrity of Ukraine;

10 (3) the Government of Belarus should incur sig-
11 nificant penalties for any actions that aid or assist
12 the Government of the Russian Federation in acts of
13 military aggression towards Ukraine; and

14 (4) the penalties imposed by the United States
15 on the Government of Belarus for such actions
16 should be comparable to the penalties incurred by
17 the Government of the Russian Federation for any
18 acts of military aggression that violate the sov-
19 ereignty or territorial integrity of Ukraine.

20 **SEC. 3. REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON SUPPORT FOR RUSSIAN**
21 **AGGRESSION TOWARD UKRAINE BY**
22 **BELARUS.**

23 (a) INTERIM REPORTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 30

1 days thereafter until the date that is 180 days after
2 such date of enactment, the Secretary of State, in
3 consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury,
4 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees a report on support for Russian aggression
6 toward Ukraine by the Government of Belarus.

7 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required by para-
8 graph (1) shall include—

9 (A) an assessment of the activities of the
10 armed forces of Belarus that aid or assist the
11 Government of the Russian Federation in any
12 act of military aggression that violates the sov-
13 ereignty or territorial integrity of Ukraine, in-
14 cluding the extent to which the armed forces of
15 Belarus—

16 (i) provide material, tactical, or other
17 support to any such act of military aggres-
18 sion;

19 (ii) serve as a host to any Russian
20 forces that participate in any such act of
21 military aggression;

22 (iii) operate for or on behalf of the de-
23 fense or intelligence sectors of the Govern-
24 ment of the Russian Federation in any
25 such act of military aggression; or

1 (iv) participate jointly with the Gov-
2 ernment of Russian Federation in any
3 such act of military aggression;

4 (B) an identification of persons in Belarus
5 that engage in any activity described in para-
6 graph (1);

7 (C) an identification of persons in Belarus
8 that engage in a significant transaction with
9 the Russian Federation described in section
10 231(a) of the Countering America's Adversaries
11 Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9525(a)),
12 including persons that procure lethal capabili-
13 ties that are used in an act of military aggres-
14 sion that violates the sovereignty and territorial
15 integrity of Ukraine.

16 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
19 nually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-
20 mit to Congress a report on military cooperation be-
21 tween Belarus and the Russian Federation.

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
23 graph (1) shall include—

1 (A) a description of developments in mili-
2 tary cooperation between Belarus and the Rus-
3 sian Federation;

4 (B) an assessment of threats to the secu-
5 rity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
6 resulting from the developments described in
7 subparagraph (A); and

8 (C) a plan to adjust the force posture of
9 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the
10 United States to adequately respond to the
11 threats described in subparagraph (B).

12 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
14 sional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
16 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

17 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
18 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives.

20 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

21 (a) SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS THAT
22 ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 30
23 days after the date of the submission of a report required
24 by section 3(a), the President shall impose the sanctions
25 described in section 8(b) of the Support for the Sov-

1 ereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of
2 Ukraine Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8907(b)) with respect to
3 not fewer than 5 persons identified pursuant to section
4 3(a)(2)(B).

5 (b) SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS THAT
6 ENGAGE IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—Not later than 30
7 days after the date of the submission of a report required
8 by section 3(a), the President may impose the sanctions
9 described in section 235 of the Countering America’s Ad-
10 versaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9529) with
11 respect to the persons identified pursuant to section
12 3(a)(2)(C).