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To require a review of United States-Turkey relations, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KINZINGER (for himself, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. STANTON, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 review of United States-Turkey relations, 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 “United States-Turkey
5 Relations Review Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Republic of Turkey has been a long-
2 standing ally of the United States, not only bilat-
3 erally, but also through the NATO alliance.

4 (2) The United States is concerned with the in-
5 creasing cooperation between Recep Erdogan, the
6 President of Turkey, and Vladimir Putin, the Presi-
7 dent of the Russian Federation.

8 (3) The United States remains concerned with
9 patterns of antidemocratic behavior espoused by the
10 Government of Turkey under the leadership of
11 President Erdogan.

12 (4) The United States is concerned with the
13 Government of Turkey's decision to acquire the S-
14 400 surface-to-air missile system from Russia.

15 (5) The United States is concerned with Presi-
16 dent Erdogan's order on October 9, 2019, to send
17 forces into northeastern Syria to attack the Syrian
18 Democratic Forces, America's partners in combating
19 ISIS.

20 (6) The United States is gravely concerned
21 that, in the event of regional upheaval, American
22 forces cannot guarantee the safety of strategic as-
23 sets.

24 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

25 It shall be the policy of the United States to—

1 (1) promote democratic reforms to counter the
2 deteriorating political situation in Turkey; and

3 (2) encourage NATO member states to protect
4 democratic values, civil rights, and human rights not
5 only globally, but internally and amongst themselves.

6 **SEC. 4. REVIEW OF UNITED STATES-TURKEY RELATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
8 nation with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of Na-
9 tional Intelligence, and the Secretary of Energy, shall—

10 (1) work with NATO member states to assess
11 and address the Republic of Turkey’s aptitude and
12 willingness to fulfill its duties and obligations to the
13 NATO alliance;

14 (2) review America’s bilateral relationship with
15 Turkey; and

16 (3) conduct an assessment of American force
17 posture in the Republic of Turkey, as well as the
18 surrounding region, to protect American service
19 members and critical technology.

20 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
23 of State, in coordination with the Secretary of De-
24 fense, Director of National Intelligence, and the Sec-
25 retary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate

1 congressional committees a report, based on the ac-
2 tions carried out under subsection (a), detailing the
3 following:

4 (A) A diplomatic assessment of relocating
5 American military personnel and assets from
6 Turkey.

7 (B) The security of United States and
8 NATO assets based at Incirlik Air Base,
9 Adana, Turkey.

10 (C) The current capability to host United
11 States military assets, as well as current United
12 States basing rights and required upgrades to
13 infrastructure at the following bases:

14 (i) RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus.

15 (ii) Romanian Air Force Base 71st
16 Air Base, Câmpia Turzii, Romania.

17 (iii) Air fields located in Larissa,
18 Greece.

19 (iv) Bezmer Air Base, Yambol, Bul-
20 garia.

21 (v) Vaziani Military Base, Gamarj-
22 veba, Georgia.

23 (vi) Aviano Air Base, Aviano, Italy.

24 (vii) Naval Air Station Sigonella,
25 Lentini, Italy.

1 (D) The feasibility and strategic advan-
2 tages of expanding cooperation with each of the
3 bases specified in subparagraph (C).

4 (E) The feasibility and strategic advan-
5 tages of reallocating United States and NATO
6 assets from Turkey to each of such bases.

7 (F) A cost assessment of relocating United
8 States and NATO assets to each of such bases.

9 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
10 graph (1) may be submitted in classified form. If
11 such report is so submitted, such report shall include
12 an unclassified summary.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “appro-
14 priate congressional committee” means—

15 (1) in the House of Representatives—

16 (A) the Committee on Armed Services;

17 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
18 Committee; and

19 (C) the Permanent Select Committee on
20 Intelligence; and

21 (2) in the Senate—

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services;

23 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations;

24 and

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(C) the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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