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Requesting information on Saudi Arabia's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SAUDI ARA-**
3 **BIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests
5 that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the adoption of this resolution, transmits to
7 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
8 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign
10 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement

1 regarding Saudi Arabia's human rights practices that has
2 been prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Sec-
3 retary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
4 and the Office of the Legal Adviser.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted under
6 subsection (a) should include—

7 (1) all available credible information concerning
8 alleged violations of internationally recognized
9 human rights by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in-
10 cluding—

11 (A) torture and inhuman treatment of de-
12 tainees;

13 (B) execution of people for nonviolent of-
14 fenses;

15 (C) discrimination against women;

16 (D) severe restrictions on religious free-
17 dom;

18 (E) forced disappearances;

19 (F) transnational repression; and

20 (G) the denial of the right to life in the
21 context of the armed conflict in Yemen caused
22 by indiscriminate or disproportionate oper-
23 ations;

24 (2) a description of the steps that the United
25 States Government has taken—

1 (A) to promote respect for and observance
2 of human rights as part of the Kingdom of
3 Saudi Arabia's activities, including in the con-
4 text of the armed conflict in Yemen;

5 (B) to discourage any practices that are
6 inimical to internationally recognized human
7 rights; and

8 (C) to publicly or privately call attention
9 to, and disassociate the United States and any
10 security assistance provided for the Kingdom of
11 Saudi Arabia from, any practices described in
12 subparagraph (B);

13 (3) an assessment, notwithstanding any prac-
14 tices described in paragraph (2)(B), whether ex-
15 traordinary circumstances exist that necessitate a
16 continuation of security assistance for the Kingdom
17 of Saudi Arabia;

18 (4) if such circumstances exist, a description of
19 the circumstances and the extent to which security
20 assistance should be continued (subject to such con-
21 ditions as Congress may impose under section 502B
22 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
23 2304)); and

24 (5) other information, including—

1 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
2 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
3 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
4 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
5 2304(d))) will be used in support of Saudi ac-
6 tivities related to the armed conflict in Yemen;

7 (B) a description and assessment of the
8 actions that the United States Government is
9 taking to ensure end use monitoring protocols
10 for all weapons sold or transferred to the King-
11 dom of Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen;

12 (C) an assessment of any impact or ad-
13 verse effect to Israel's qualitative military edge
14 of security assistance provided by the United
15 States or other countries;

16 (D) a description of any actions that the
17 United States Government is taking to address
18 allegations of detention, torture, or forced dis-
19 appearances of United States citizens by the
20 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

21 (E) a description of any actions that the
22 United States Government is taking to deter in-
23 cidents of intimidation or harassment by the
24 Government of Saudi Arabia against United
25 States citizens, individuals in the United States,

1 and their family members who are not United
2 States citizens, whether living in Saudi Arabia
3 or in the United States; and

4 (F) a description of any actions that the
5 United States Government is taking to prevent
6 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from aiding
7 Saudi citizens accused of violent crimes in the
8 United States to flee from the United States.

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