

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8259
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN**
2 **THE G7.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, no Federal funds are authorized to be appro-
5 priated, obligated, or expended to take any action to sup-
6 port or facilitate—

7 (1) the participation of Russia in a Group of
8 Seven proceeding; or

9 (2) the reconstitution of the Group of Eight to
10 include Russia.

11 (b) **TERMINATION.**—Subsection (a) shall cease to
12 have any force or effect after the date on which—

13 (1) the Secretary of State and the Director of
14 National Intelligence, in consultation with the Sec-
15 retary of Homeland Security and the Director of the
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation, certify to the ap-
17 propriate congressional committees and leadership
18 that the Government of Russia, and all persons act-

1 ing as an agent of or otherwise on behalf of such
2 government, has halted all interference in United
3 States elections or elections of the other members of
4 the Group of Seven, members of the North Atlantic
5 Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European
6 Union, and other allies and partners; and

7 (2) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
8 the Director of National Intelligence, determines and
9 certifies to the appropriate congressional committees
10 and leadership that the Government of Russia, and
11 all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise on be-
12 half of such government, has—

13 (A) ended its illegal occupation of Crimea
14 and is fully complying with its commitments
15 under the Minsk agreement with respect to
16 Eastern Ukraine;

17 (B) ended its illegal occupation of South
18 Ossetia and Abkhazia and will support efforts
19 for the reintegration of these regions with the
20 Republic of Georgia; and

21 (C) withdrawn its troops and armaments
22 from Transnistria and fully respects Moldova's
23 sovereignty and territorial integrity.

24 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in

1 coordination with the Director of National Intelligence
2 and in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
3 eral departments and agencies, shall submit to the appro-
4 priate congressional committees and leadership a report
5 on the threats and challenges of Russia to NATO and the
6 United States in Afghanistan and to United States efforts
7 to counter such threats and challenges, including—

8 (1) an assessment of support provided by the
9 Government of Russia, and all persons acting as an
10 agent of or otherwise on behalf of such government,
11 for Taliban-linked militants, including—

12 (A) the provision of defense articles, de-
13 fense services, or technology (as such terms are
14 defined and described in the Arms Export Con-
15 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)) or financial
16 assistance for purposes that undermine or run
17 counter to the principles agreed upon in the
18 Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan
19 entered into on February 29, 2020;

20 (B) financial transactions, including trans-
21 actions made through the hawala system, be-
22 tween the individuals and entities of the Gov-
23 ernment of Russia, or individuals or entities
24 acting in connection with that government, to
25 Taliban-linked militants, other militants with

1 connections to Afghanistan, and their inter-
2 mediaries; and

3 (C) any alleged program to incentivize the
4 killing of United States or NATO coalition sol-
5 diers by the Government of Russia or any other
6 foreign government;

7 (2) a description of United States Government
8 efforts to engage in diplomatic efforts with Russia
9 and the governments of NATO coalition allies and
10 partners to counter Russian malign influence in Af-
11 ghanistan; and

12 (3) a description of the views of the govern-
13 ments of other NATO members, including heads of
14 government, political leaders, and military com-
15 manders in the region on Russian interference and
16 malign influence in Afghanistan.

17 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
18 AND LEADERSHIP.—In this section, the term “appropriate
19 congressional committees and leadership” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-
21 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
22 mittee on Homeland Security, and the Speaker, the
23 majority leader, and the minority leader of the
24 House of Representatives; and

1 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
2 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on
3 Homeland Security, and the majority leader and the
4 minority leader of the Senate.

