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RUSSIAN WAR OF **AGGRESSION IN** UKRAINE

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War in Ukraine

It is in America's national security interest to have Ukraine emerge from this war of russian aggression as a resilient sovereign and democratic state, in charge of its own foreign policy, militarily strong, with secured borders, and economically viable.

After two years of war, Ukraine's defenders will need a continued supply of American and NATO defensive weaponry, as well as economic and humanitarian assistance.

Issues

Assistance

Recent passage in the U.S. Senate for the \$60b supplemental bill provides Ukraine crucial military and humanitarian assistance.

All efforts must be exerted in the House of Representatives to pass the bill.

Sanctions

A russia-sanctions regime should include more banks banned from SWIFT, a REPO "freeze & seize" program, as well as applying additional sanctions of the financial and energy sectors.

State Sponsor of Terror

The designation of russia as a State Sponsor of Terror would instill additional sanctions for its aggression against Ukraine.

Recognition of the Wagner Group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) would also instill crippling sanctions.

War Crimes/Genocide

Measures expanding programs to assist Ukraine in the prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide are important signs of political and judicial support.











GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE

Article I of the Genocide Convention confirms "that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law..."





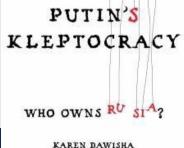




REBUILDING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITIES (REPO)

FOR UKRAINIANS ACT

- H.R.4175 and S.2003 authorizes the Secretary of State to provide additional
 assistance to Ukraine using assets confiscated from the Central Bank of the
 russian federation [sic] and other sovereign assets of the russian federation [sic];
 and,
- The extreme illegal actions taken by the russian federation [sic], including an act
 of aggression, present a unique situation, requiring and justifying the
 establishment of a legal authority to compensate victims of aggression by the
 russian federation [sic] in Ukraine.















AN OVERVIEW

For two years, the world has watched in horror as russia continues to launch unspeakable horror upon Ukrainian civilians, as recently witnessed by massive rocket attacks on Ukrainian cities. These kremlin war tactics can be clearly classified as terrorist acts.

Currently, there are four countries listed as state sponsors of terror: Cuba, Syria, Iran, and North Korea. The Secretary of State determines countries that "have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism...include a ban on defense exports and sales; certain controls over exports of dual use items; and miscellaneous financial and other restrictions."

H.R.3979 - To provide for the designation of the russian federation [sic] as a state sponsor of terrorism

"The United States has a range of tools available to hold the russian federation (sic) accountable, reduce its war machine, and isolate it economically and diplomatically, including by designating it as a state sponsor of terrorism and imposing corresponding sanctions."

H.R.506 & S.416 - Holding Accountable russian [sic] Mercenaries (HARM) Act

"To designate the russian-based [sic] mercenary Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization...The Wagner Group and its affiliated entities have committed, or are credibly accused of committing, terrorist activity through their involvement in: (A) the massacres, rape, and torture of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine."

TERRORISM







WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE & CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY



RUSSIA WAR CRIMES

Definition: an action carried out during the conduct of a war that violates accepted international rules of war. Source: Oxford Dictionaries

KIDNAPPING/ILLEGAL ABDUCTION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

S.RES.158...A resolution condemning the deportation of children from Ukraine to the russian federation [sic] and the forcible transfer of children within territories of Ukraine that are temporarily occupied by russian [sic] forces.

H.RES. 149...Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the russian federation [sic].

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RUSSIA WAR CRIMES

H.RES.81...Calling on the President to support the creation of a Special Tribunal for the Punishment of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

S.RES.227...A resolution that "would not limit or affect the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, including its exercise of jurisdiction over war crimes, crimes against humanity, and possible genocide committed in the context of russia's [sic] ongoing aggression against Ukraine."





