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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To address obstruction by the Russian Federation of multilateral action through the United Nations Security Council.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 482

To strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG)

Viz:

- 1 At the end of title VII, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. 714. ADDRESSING OBSTRUCTION BY THE RUSSIAN**
- 3 **FEDERATION OF MULTILATERAL ACTION**
- 4 **THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY**
- 5 **COUNCIL.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

- 8 (1) The Russian Federation routinely uses its
- 9 veto power and influence at the United Nations Se-
- 10 curity Council to obstruct multilateral action on

1 global challenges, undermining the security of the
2 United States and countries around the world.

3 (2) The Russian Federation has vetoed more
4 than a dozen United Nations Security Council reso-
5 lutions dealing with Syria since the beginning of the
6 conflict in Syria in 2011, including resolutions deal-
7 ing with the use of chemical weapons, the humani-
8 tarian situation in Syria, and violations of human
9 rights.

10 (3) In recent years, the Russian Federation has
11 blocked United Nations Security Council action re-
12 lated to numerous security challenges, including
13 those in Ukraine, Yemen, and Venezuela.

14 (4) The Russian Federation continues to im-
15 pede efforts by the United Nations Security Council
16 to enforce sanctions with respect to North Korea, in-
17 cluding sanctions relating to North Korean laborers
18 and exports of petroleum products.

19 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of State shall submit to the Committee on
23 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
24 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
25 an unclassified report on Russian obstruction of

1 multilateral action in the United Nations Security
2 Council.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
4 graph (1) shall describe—

5 (A) actions by the Russian Federation to
6 block multilateral action through the United
7 Nations Security Council counter to the policies
8 of the United States;

9 (B) the benefits and disadvantages to
10 United States national security priorities of ex-
11 panded United Nations Security Council mem-
12 bership of both permanent and rotating mem-
13 bers;

14 (C) the position of the United States on
15 United Nations Security Council reform pro-
16 posals presented by other United Nations mem-
17 bers and nongovernmental actors; and

18 (D) diplomatic means to respond to ob-
19 struction by the Russian Federation of multilat-
20 eral action through the United Nations Security
21 Council.