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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COSTA RICA'S**  
3               **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, submit to the  
7       Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the  
8       Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-  
9       tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-  
10      ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-

1 regarding Costa Rica's human rights practices that has been  
2 prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of  
3 State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the  
4 Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

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

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

11 (A) arbitrary and unlawful arrest, deten-  
12 tion, imprisonment, torture and cruel or inhu-  
13 mane treatment, including of people who are  
14 not citizens of Costa Rica but have been re-  
15 moved to Costa Rica by the United States Gov-  
16 ernment;

17 (B) violations of due process rights, includ-  
18 ing a description of any opportunity provided to  
19 people who are not citizens of Costa Rica but  
20 have been removed to Costa Rica by the United  
21 States Government to demonstrate that they  
22 have been wrongfully arrested, detained, or im-  
23 prisoned;

24 (C) enforced disappearances and arbitrary  
25 or unlawful killings, including extrajudicial

1 killings, including of people who are not citizens  
2 of Costa Rica but have been removed to Costa  
3 Rica by the United States Government;

4 (D) trafficking in persons, including forced  
5 or slave labor, including of people who are not  
6 citizens of Costa Rica but have been removed to  
7 Costa Rica by the United States Government;  
8 and

9 (E) treatment of and legal rights and sta-  
10 tus provided by the Government of Costa Rica  
11 to people in Costa Rica who are not citizens of  
12 Costa Rica but have been removed to Costa  
13 Rica by the United States Government;

14 (2) a description of the steps the United States  
15 Government has taken—

16 (A) to promote respect for and observance  
17 of human rights as part of the Government of  
18 Costa Rica's activities;

19 (B) to discourage any practices that are  
20 inimical to internationally recognized human  
21 rights;

22 (C) to publicly or privately call attention  
23 to, and disassociate the United States and any  
24 security assistance provided for the Government

1 of Costa Rica from, any practices described in  
2 subparagraph (B); and

3 (D) to assess, prior to removal, how the  
4 Government of Costa Rica would treat people  
5 who are not citizens of Costa Rica but have  
6 been removed to Costa Rica by the United  
7 States Government, including—

8 (i) conducting individualized assess-  
9 ments of such individuals to determine  
10 whether the Government of Costa Rica  
11 may send that person to their country of  
12 origin or last residence, and if so, whether  
13 the Government of Costa Rica would pro-  
14 vide them with meaningful opportunity be-  
15 fore their removal to show that they may  
16 be persecuted, tortured, or otherwise  
17 harmed; and

18 (ii) ensuring that the Government of  
19 Costa Rica would provide such individuals  
20 with legal immigration status, should they  
21 wish to remain in Costa Rica, and would  
22 be treated humanely; and

23 (3) other information, including—

24 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of  
25 State of the likelihood that United States secu-

1           rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of  
2           the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.  
3           2304(d))) provided to Costa Rica could be used  
4           in support of activities by government officials  
5           related to the rendition, trafficking, detention,  
6           or imprisonment of people who are not citizens  
7           of Costa Rica but have been removed to Costa  
8           Rica by the United States Government;

9           (B) any analysis conducted by the United  
10          States Government of the conditions to be faced  
11          in Costa Rica by people who are not citizens of  
12          Costa Rica but have been removed to Costa  
13          Rica by the United States Government, prior to  
14          the rendition, removal, trafficking, detention, or  
15          imprisonment of such individuals to Costa Rica;

16          (C) an assessment from the Secretary of  
17          State of the conditions in any detention centers  
18          or prisons in Costa Rica that may hold people  
19          who are not citizens of Costa Rica but have  
20          been removed to Costa Rica by the United  
21          States Government, including an assessment of  
22          allegations of torture and other gross violations  
23          of human rights;

24          (D) a description of any actions that the  
25          United States Government is taking to ensure

1           that the Government of Costa Rica returns peo-  
2           ple who are not citizens of Costa Rica but have  
3           been removed to Costa Rica by the United  
4           States Government, in compliance with United  
5           States court orders regarding their return to  
6           the United States;

7           (E) a description of any actions that the  
8           United States Government is taking to address  
9           the risk of detention, torture, or forced dis-  
10          appearances of people who are not citizens of  
11          Costa Rica but have been removed to Costa  
12          Rica by the United States Government, or ef-  
13          forts to facilitate the detention, torture, or  
14          forced disappearances of such people;

15          (F) a description of any actions the United  
16          States Government is taking to protect people  
17          who are not citizens of Costa Rica but are with-  
18          in the United States' jurisdiction or effective  
19          control from unlawful rendering, trafficking, or  
20          other means of removal to Costa Rica;

21          (G) all information regarding any agree-  
22          ment or financial transaction between the  
23          United States Government and the Government  
24          of Costa Rica related to the rendition, removal,  
25          trafficking, detention, or imprisonment of indi-

1           viduals who are not citizens of Costa Rica but  
2           have been removed to Costa Rica by the United  
3           States Government;

4                 (H) all information regarding any individ-  
5           uals sent to Costa Rica by the United States  
6           Government in 2025;

7                 (I) a description of any actions that the  
8           United States Government is taking to facilitate  
9           the release or return of people who are not citi-  
10          zens of Costa Rica but have been wrongfully re-  
11          moved to Costa Rica by the United States Gov-  
12          ernment;

13                (J) all information regarding any assur-  
14          ances the United States Government sought or  
15          received regarding the treatment of people who  
16          are not citizens of Costa Rica but have been re-  
17          moved to Costa Rica by the United States Gov-  
18          ernment, prior to the rendition, removal, or  
19          trafficking of such individuals to Costa Rica;

20                (K) all information regarding assurances  
21          the United States Government sought or re-  
22          ceived regarding the further rendition, traf-  
23          ficking, removal, or transfer of people who are  
24          not citizens of Costa Rica but have been re-  
25          moved to Costa Rica by the United States Gov-

1           ernment to countries that are not Costa Rica,  
2           including the human rights conditions for such  
3           individuals in those countries; and

4           (L) a summary of all meetings in 2025 be-  
5           tween Government of Costa Rica officials and  
6           Washington-based officials of the United States  
7           Government.