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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE DEMO-**
3 **CRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO'S HUMAN**
4 **RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

5 (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests
6 that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after
7 the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
9 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-

1 tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-
2 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-
3 garding the Democratic Republic of the Congo's human
4 rights practices that has been prepared in collaboration
5 with the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy,
6 Human Rights, and Labor and the Office of the Legal
7 Adviser at the Department of State.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted pursuant
9 to subsection (a) should include—

10 (1) all available credible information concerning
11 alleged violations of internationally recognized
12 human rights by the Government of the Democratic
13 Republic of the Congo, including—

14 (A) arbitrary and unlawful arrest, deten-
15 tion, imprisonment, torture and cruel or inhu-
16 mane treatment, including of people who are
17 not citizens of the Democratic Republic of the
18 Congo but have been removed to the Demo-
19 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United
20 States Government;

21 (B) violations of due process rights, includ-
22 ing a description of any opportunity provided to
23 people who are not citizens of the Democratic
24 Republic of the Congo but have been removed
25 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the

1 United States Government to demonstrate that
2 they have been wrongfully arrested, detained, or
3 imprisoned;

4 (C) enforced disappearances and arbitrary
5 or unlawful killings, including extrajudicial
6 killings, including of people who are not citizens
7 of the Democratic Republic of the Congo but
8 have been removed to the Democratic Republic
9 of the Congo by the United States Government;

10 (D) trafficking in persons, including forced
11 or slave labor, including of people who are not
12 citizens of the Democratic Republic of the
13 Congo but have been removed to the Demo-
14 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United
15 States Government; and

16 (E) treatment of and legal rights and sta-
17 tus provided by the Government of the Demo-
18 cratic Republic of the Congo to people in the
19 Democratic Republic of the Congo who are not
20 citizens of the Democratic Republic of the
21 Congo but have been removed to the Demo-
22 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United
23 States Government;

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

1 (A) to promote respect for and observance
2 of human rights as part of the Government of
3 the Democratic Republic of the Congo's activi-
4 ties;

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

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

14 (D) to assess, prior to removal, how the
15 Government of the Democratic Republic of the
16 Congo would treat people who are not citizens
17 of the Democratic Republic of the Congo but
18 have been removed to the Democratic Republic
19 of the Congo by the United States Government,
20 including—

21 (i) conducting individualized assess-
22 ments of such individuals to determine
23 whether the Government of the Democratic
24 Republic of the Congo may send that per-
25 son to their country of origin or last resi-

1 dence, and if so, whether the Government
2 of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
3 would provide them with meaningful op-
4 portunity before their removal to show that
5 they may be persecuted, tortured, or other-
6 wise harmed; and

7 (ii) ensuring that the Government of
8 the Democratic Republic of the Congo
9 would provide such individuals with legal
10 immigration status, should they wish to re-
11 main in the Democratic Republic of the
12 Congo, and would be treated humanely;
13 and

14 (3) other information, including—

15 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
16 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
17 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
18 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
19 2304(d))) provided to the Democratic Republic
20 of the Congo could be used in support of activi-
21 ties by government officials related to the ren-
22 dition, trafficking, detention, or imprisonment
23 of people who are not citizens of the Demo-
24 cratic Republic of the Congo but have been re-

1 moved to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2 by the United States Government;

3 (B) any analysis conducted by the United
4 States Government of the conditions to be faced
5 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by
6 people who are not citizens of the Democratic
7 Republic of the Congo but have been removed
8 to the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the
9 United States Government, prior to the ren-
10 dition, removal, trafficking, detention, or im-
11 prisonment of such individuals to the Demo-
12 cratic Republic of the Congo;

13 (C) an assessment from the Secretary of
14 State of the conditions in any detention centers
15 or prisons in the Democratic Republic of the
16 Congo that may hold people who are not citi-
17 zens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
18 but have been removed to the Democratic Re-
19 public of the Congo by the United States Gov-
20 ernment, including an assessment of allegations
21 of torture and other gross violations of human
22 rights;

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

1 lic of the Congo returns people who are not citi-
2 zens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
3 but have been removed to the Democratic Re-
4 public of the Congo by the United States Gov-
5 ernment, in compliance with United States
6 court orders regarding their return to the
7 United States;

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

17 (F) a description of any actions the United
18 States Government is taking to protect people
19 who are not citizens of the Democratic Republic
20 of the Congo but are within the United States'
21 jurisdiction or effective control from unlawful
22 rendering, trafficking, or other means of re-
23 moval to the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

24 (G) all information regarding any agree-
25 ment or financial transaction between the

1 United States Government and the Government
2 of the Democratic Republic of the Congo re-
3 lated to the rendition, removal, trafficking, de-
4 tention, or imprisonment of individuals who are
5 not citizens of the Democratic Republic of the
6 Congo but have been removed to the Demo-
7 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United
8 States Government;

9 (H) all information regarding any individ-
10 uals sent to the Democratic Republic of the
11 Congo by the United States Government in
12 2025 and 2026;

13 (I) a description of any actions that the
14 United States Government is taking to facilitate
15 the release or return of people who are not citi-
16 zens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
17 but have been wrongfully removed to the Demo-
18 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United
19 States Government;

20 (J) all information regarding any assur-
21 ances the United States Government sought or
22 received regarding the treatment of people who
23 are not citizens of the Democratic Republic of
24 the Congo but have been removed to the Demo-
25 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United

1 States Government, prior to the rendition, re-
2 moval, or trafficking of such individuals to the
3 Democratic Republic of the Congo;

4 (K) all information regarding assurances
5 the United States Government sought or re-
6 ceived regarding the further rendition, traf-
7 ficking, removal, or transfer of people who are
8 not citizens of the Democratic Republic of the
9 Congo, but have been removed to the Demo-
10 cratic Republic of the Congo by the United
11 States Government to countries that are not the
12 Democratic Republic of the Congo, including
13 the human rights conditions for such individ-
14 uals in those countries; and

15 (L) a summary of all meetings in 2025
16 and 2026 between Government of the Demo-
17 cratic Republic of the Congo officials and
18 Washington-based officials of the United States
19 Government.