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H. RES. 368

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2025

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mrs. TORRES of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON EL SAL-**
3 **VADOR'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

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

1 House of Representatives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of
2 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)),
3 a statement regarding El Salvador's human rights prac-
4 tices that has been prepared in collaboration with the As-
5 sistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights,
6 and Labor and the Office of the Legal Adviser at the De-
7 partment 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 Republic of
13 El Salvador, including—

14 (A) torture and inhumane treatment of de-
15 tainees, including detainees who are not citizens
16 of El Salvador;

17 (B) forced disappearances;

18 (C) transnational repression;

19 (D) the denial of due process for residents
20 of El Salvador, including an evaluation of judi-
21 cial independence in El Salvador; and

22 (E) the treatment of citizens or residents
23 of other countries who are being detained or
24 imprisoned in El Salvador, including any oppor-
25 tunity provided to such citizens or residents to

1 demonstrate they are being wrongfully detained
2 or imprisoned;

3 (2) a description of the steps the United States
4 Government has taken—

5 (A) to promote respect for and observance
6 of human rights as part of the Government of
7 El Salvador’s activities, including in the context
8 of El Salvador’s ongoing State of Exception;

9 (B) to discourage any practices that are
10 inimical to internationally recognized human
11 rights; and

12 (C) to publicly or privately call attention
13 to, and disassociate the United States and any
14 security assistance provided for the Republic of
15 El Salvador from, any practices described in
16 subparagraph (B); and

17 (3) other information, including—

18 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of
19 State of the likelihood that United States secu-
20 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of
21 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
22 2304(d))) provided to the Republic of El Sal-
23 vador could be used in support of activities by
24 government officials related to the rendition,

1 trafficking, detention, or imprisonment of indi-
2 viduals who are not nationals of El Salvador;

3 (B) an assessment from the Secretary of
4 State of the conditions in El Salvador's Centro
5 de Confinamiento del Terrorismo (CECOT), in-
6 cluding an assessment of allegations of torture
7 and other gross violations of human rights;

8 (C) a description of any actions that the
9 United States Government is taking to ensure
10 that the Government of the Republic of El Sal-
11 vador releases United States citizens or resi-
12 dents being detained or imprisoned in El Sal-
13 vador in compliance with United States court
14 orders regarding their return to the United
15 States;

16 (D) a description of any actions that the
17 United States Government is taking to address
18 allegations of detention, torture, or forced dis-
19 appearances of United States citizens or resi-
20 dents by the Republic of El Salvador or efforts
21 to facilitate the detention, torture or forced dis-
22 appearances of United States citizens or legal
23 residents;

24 (E) a description of actions the United
25 States Government is taking to provide due

1 process in compliance with the laws of the
2 United States law for relevant persons detained
3 or imprisoned in El Salvador through an agree-
4 ment with the United States Government; and
5 (F) a description of any actions the United
6 States Government is taking to protect United
7 States citizens and residents from unlawful ren-
8 dering, trafficking, or other means of removal
9 from the United States to the Republic of El
10 Salvador.

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