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To amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that international organizations are not immune from the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States in certain cases related to terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. SCHMITT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Limiting Immunity
5 for Assisting Backers of Lethal Extremism Act” or the
6 “LIABLE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERRORISM EXCEPTION TO THE JURISDICTIONAL**
 2 **IMMUNITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-**
 3 **ZATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part IV of title 28, United States
 5 Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 97 the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 **“CHAPTER 97A—JURISDICTIONAL IMMU-**
 8 **NITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-**
 9 **ZATIONS**

“Sec.

“1621. Terrorism exception to the jurisdictional immunity of an international organization.

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 11 **munity of an international organization**

12 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) AIRCRAFT SABOTAGE; ARMED FORCES;
 14 EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLING; HOSTAGE TAKING; MATE-
 15 RIAL SUPPORT OR RESOURCES; NATIONAL OF THE
 16 UNITED STATES.—The terms ‘aircraft sabotage’,
 17 ‘armed forces’, ‘extrajudicial killing’, ‘hostage tak-
 18 ing’, ‘material support or resources’, and ‘national of
 19 the United States’ have the meanings given the
 20 terms in section 1605A.

21 “(2) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.—The
 22 term ‘international organization’—

1 “(A) has the meaning given the term in
2 section 1 of the International Organizations Im-
3 munities Act (22 U.S.C. 288); and

4 “(B) includes agencies or affiliated entities
5 of organizations described in that section.

6 “(b) EXCEPTION.—

7 “(1) NO IMMUNITY.—An international organi-
8 zation shall not be immune from the jurisdiction of
9 courts of the United States or of the States in any
10 case not otherwise covered by the International Or-
11 ganizations Immunity Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) in
12 which money damages are sought against an inter-
13 national organization for personal injury or death
14 that was caused by an act of torture, extrajudicial
15 killing, aircraft sabotage, hostage taking, or the pro-
16 vision of material support or resources for such an
17 act if such act or provision of material support or
18 resources is engaged in by an official, employee, or
19 agent of such international organization while acting
20 within the scope of his or her office, employment, or
21 agency.

22 “(2) CLAIM HEARD.—The court shall hear a
23 claim under this section if—

24 “(A) the international organization con-
25 spired with, materially supported, or otherwise

1 aided and abetted an organization designated as
2 a foreign terrorist organization under section
3 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
4 U.S.C. 1189); and

5 “(B)(i) the claimant or the victim was, at
6 the time the act described in paragraph (1) oc-
7 curred—

8 “(I) a national of the United States;

9 “(II) a member of the armed forces;

10 and

11 “(III) otherwise an employee of the
12 Government of the United States, or of an
13 individual performing a contract awarded
14 by the United States Government, acting
15 within the scope of the employment of the
16 employee; or

17 “(ii) the international organization is based
18 in or has a substantial presence in the United
19 States.

20 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—An action may be brought or
21 maintained under this section if the action is commenced
22 not later than 20 years after the date on which the cause
23 of action arose.”.

24 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

25 The table of chapters for part IV of title 28, United States

- 1 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
- 2 chapter 97 the following:

“97A. Jurisdictional immunities of international organizations 1621”.

