

Coats Introduces Resolution to Isolate, Punish Russia

Written by Administrator

Wednesday, 05 March 2014 00:00 - Last Updated Wednesday, 05 March 2014 12:51

Senator Dan Coats (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee and former U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, today introduced a Senate resolution to support the territorial integrity of Ukraine and to condemn recent Russian military aggression. The resolution proposes sanctions and other measures to compel Russia to withdraw from the Ukrainian region of Crimea.

“This is an effort to contribute new, meaningful ideas for President Obama to consider as a strong response to Russia’s military invasion of a neighbor,” said Coats. “The proposals are designed to isolate Russia and would inflict real pain on Putin and Russian interests. Some of these ideas can be accomplished unilaterally, while others require us to lead our allies toward broader agreement.”

The Coats resolution seeks to isolate and punish Russia by calling for:

- Expelling Russia from the G-8;
- Suspending operation of the Russia-NATO Council and expelling Russian representation;
- Downgrading U.S. diplomatic representation;
- Closing two U.S. Consulates General;

Coats Introduces Resolution to Isolate, Punish Russia

Written by Administrator

Wednesday, 05 March 2014 00:00 - Last Updated Wednesday, 05 March 2014 12:51

- Requiring Russia to take reciprocal steps to close Consulates it has in the U.S.;
- Expanding significantly application of the Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act;
- Calling on FIFA to reconsider its decision to place World Cup 2018 matches in Russia; and
- Suspending eligibility of Russians for seasonal work visas.

In a speech on the Senate floor, Coats highlighted why all Americans should be concerned about the situation in Ukraine and discussed the importance of his resolution. Click [here](#) or on the image below to watch Coats' remarks.