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To amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms “act of war” and “blocked asset”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. POSEY, Miss RICE of New York, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Anti-terrorism Clari-
5 fication Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM “ACT OF WAR”.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2331 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(6) the term ‘military force’ does not include
7 any person that—

8 “(A) has been designated as a—

9 “(i) foreign terrorist organization by
10 the Secretary of State under section 219 of
11 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
12 U.S.C. 1189); or

13 “(ii) Specially Designated Global Ter-
14 rorist (as such term is defined in section
15 594.310 of the Code of Federal Regula-
16 tions) by the Secretary of State or the Sec-
17 retary of the Treasury; or

18 “(B) has been determined by the court to
19 not be a ‘military force’.”.

20 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
21 section shall apply to any civil action pending on or com-
22 menced after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENTS AGAINST TERROR-**
2 **ISTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2333 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting at the end following:

5 “(e) USE OF BLOCKED ASSETS TO SATISFY JUDG-
6 MENTS OF U.S. NATIONALS.—For purposes of section 201
7 of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (28 U.S.C.
8 1610 note), in any action in which a national of the United
9 States has obtained a judgment against a terrorist party
10 pursuant to this section, the term ‘blocked asset’ shall in-
11 clude any asset of that terrorist party (including the
12 blocked assets of any agency or instrumentality of that
13 part) seized or frozen by the United States under section
14 805(b) of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act
15 (21 U.S.C. 1904(b)).”.

16 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
17 section shall apply to any judgment entered before, on,
18 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 4. CONSENT OF CERTAIN PARTIES TO PERSONAL JU-**
20 **RISDICTION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2334 of title 18, United
22 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(e) CONSENT OF CERTAIN PARTIES TO PERSONAL
25 JURISDICTION.—For purposes of any civil action under
26 section 2333 of this title, a defendant shall be deemed to

1 have consented to personal jurisdiction in such civil action
2 if, regardless of the date of the occurrence of the act of
3 international terrorism upon which such civil action was
4 filed, the defendant—

5 “(1) after the date of enactment of this sub-
6 section, accepts—

7 “(A) assistance under chapter 4 of part II
8 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
9 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.); or

10 “(B) assistance under section 481 of the
11 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
12 2291) for international narcotics control and
13 law enforcement; or

14 “(2) in the case of a defendant benefiting from
15 a waiver or suspension of section 1003 of the Anti-
16 Terrorism Act of 1987 (22 U.S.C. 5202)—

17 “(A) after the date that is 120 days after
18 the date of enactment of this subsection con-
19 tinues to maintain any office, headquarters,
20 premises, or other facilities or establishments
21 within the jurisdiction of the United States; or

22 “(B) after the date of enactment of this
23 subsection establishes or procures any office,
24 headquarters, premises, or other facilities or es-

1 tablishments within the jurisdiction of the
2 United States.”.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
4 section shall apply to any civil action filed after the date
5 of enactment of this Act.

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