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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Expediting Israeli Aerial Refueling Act of 2023”.

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SEC. 2. TRAINING ISRAELI PILOTS TO OPERATE KC–46 AIRCRAFT.

(a) In General.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall—

(1) make available sufficient resources and accommodations within the United States to train members of the air force of Israel on the operation of KC–46 aircraft; and

(2) conduct training for members of the air force of Israel, including—

(A) training for pilots and crew on the operation of the KC–46 aircraft in accordance with standards considered sufficient to conduct coalition operations of the United States Air Force and the air force of Israel; and

(B) training for ground personnel on the maintenance and sustainment requirements of the KC–46 aircraft considered sufficient for such operations.

(b) United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program.—The Secretary of Defense shall, with respect to members of the air force of Israel associated with the operation of KC–46 aircraft—

(1) before the completion of the training required by subsection (a)(2), authorize the participa-
tion of such members of the air force of Israel in the
United States Air Force Military Personnel Ex-
change Program;

(2) make the United States Air Force Military
Personnel Exchange Program available to such
members of the air force of Israel; and

(3) to the extent practicable, ensure that such
members of the air force of Israel may participate
in the United States Air Force Military Personnel
Exchange Program immediately after such members
complete such training.

(c) TERMINATION.—This section shall cease to have
effect on the date that is ten years after the date of the
enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES KC–46
AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
Senate and the House of Representatives a report that
describes the capacity of and requirements for the United
States Air Force to forward deploy KC–46 aircraft to
Israel on a rotational basis until the date on which not
fewer than four KC–46 aircraft procured by the military
forces of Israel are commissioned into such military forces and achieve full combat capability.

(b) Rotational Forces.—

(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall rotationally deploy one or more KC–46 aircraft to Israel until the earlier of—

(A) the date on which a KC–46 aircraft procured by the military forces of Israel is commissioned into such military forces and achieves full combat capability; or

(B) five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Description.—The one or more KC–46 aircraft deployed under paragraph (1)—

(A) may vary in size and number, as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate; and

(B) beginning in the year that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and in each year thereafter until the applicable date described in that paragraph, shall remain in Israel for a period not less than 270 days.