

1 **SEC. 1224. [LOG 67133] SENSE OF CONGRESS ON BALLISTIC**
2 **MISSILE COOPERATION TO COUNTER IRAN.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) At the 2014 Strategic Cooperation Forum
5 in New York of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the
6 Foreign Ministers of member countries agreed in a
7 Joint Communique to “[e]nhance GCC-US security
8 coordination, particularly on Ballistic Missile De-
9 fense, by continuing to move forward on develop-
10 ment of a Gulf-Wide, interoperable missile defense
11 architecture.”.

12 (2) At the 2015 Strategic Cooperation Forum
13 in New York, the Foreign Ministers issued a Joint
14 Communique that “reaffirmed commitment
15 to . . . establishing a GCC interoperable ballistic mis-
16 sile defense architecture”.

17 (3) The White House Office of the Press Sec-
18 retary released a statement on May 14, 2015, that
19 at the 2015 United States—GCC Summit at Camp
20 David, “leaders discussed a new U.S.-GCC strategic
21 partnership to enhance their work to improve secu-
22 rity cooperation on. . . ballistic missile defense”.

23 (4) The White House Office of the Press Sec-
24 retary subsequently released a statement on April
25 21, 2016, that at the 2016 United States—GCC
26 Summit at Riyadh, “leaders affirmed need to remain

1 vigilant about addressing Iran’s destabilizing actions
2 in the region, including its ballistic missile pro-
3 gram”.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) member countries of the Gulf Cooperation
7 Council should take meaningful steps to develop and
8 implement an interoperable ballistic missile defense
9 architecture to defend against Iran’s ballistic missile
10 threat that emphasizes information sharing and in-
11 cludes early warning and tracking data, to enhance
12 the security of citizens, protect critical infrastruc-
13 ture, and deter Iran; and

14 (2) the United States should continue bilateral
15 and multilateral missile defense exercises in the re-
16 gion and, when practicable, increase the capacity of
17 United States partners through foreign military
18 sales.