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To prohibit economic assistance and military assistance or arms transfers to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago until appropriate action is taken to eliminate illicit drug trafficking in Trinidad and Tobago.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1995

Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress supports the following findings of the
5 Department of State in its 1993 International Narcotics
6 Control Strategy Report:

7 (1) Trinidad and Tobago is a natural staging
8 site for illicit drugs transported from South America

1 to other Caribbean islands, the United States, Can-
2 ada, and Europe.

3 (2) Illicit drugs transported through Trinidad
4 and Tobago are primarily transported by shipping
5 vessels. However, illicit drugs are also transported
6 by couriers. Through this method, illicit drugs enter
7 Trinidad and Tobago aboard commercial airliners
8 from South America and the drugs are transferred
9 to couriers and transported to other Caribbean is-
10 lands, the United States, Canada, and Europe.

11 (3) Most of the cocaine and marijuana shipped
12 through the Windward Islands is transported
13 through Trinidad and Tobago.

14 (4) Cocaine is transported into Trinidad and
15 Tobago from Venezuela and is then transported to
16 other Eastern Caribbean islands, the United States,
17 and Europe.

18 (5) Interdiction efforts against illicit drugs
19 transported through Trinidad and Tobago have not
20 had much success. The Drug Enforcement Adminis-
21 tration has reported that neither the coast guard nor
22 the police service of Trinidad and Tobago have been
23 effective against major illicit drug traffickers.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND**
2 **MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR ARMS TRANSFERS**
3 **TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TO-**
4 **BAGO UNLESS APPROPRIATE ACTION IS**
5 **TAKEN TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT DRUG TRAF-**
6 **FICKING.**

7 The President may not provide economic assistance
8 or military assistance or arms transfers to the Government
9 of Trinidad and Tobago unless the President certifies to
10 the Congress that such Government has taken appropriate
11 action to eliminate illicit drug trafficking in Trinidad and
12 Tobago, including—

13 (1) the enactment of laws that prohibit illicit
14 drug trafficking and that provide appropriate pun-
15 ishment for violators of such laws; and

16 (2) the rigorous enforcement of such laws.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 For purposes of this Act:

19 (1) **ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.**—The term “eco-
20 nomic assistance” means any assistance under part
21 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
22 2151 et seq.) and any assistance under chapter 4 of
23 part II of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.) (relat-
24 ing to the economic support fund), except that such
25 term does not include humanitarian assistance.

1 (2) MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR ARMS TRANS-
2 FERS.—The term “military assistance or arms
3 transfers” means—

4 (A) assistance under chapter 2 of part II
5 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
6 U.S.C. 2311 et seq.) (relating to military assist-
7 ance), including the transfer of excess defense
8 articles under sections 516 and 519 of that Act
9 (22 U.S.C. 2321j through 2321m);

10 (B) assistance under chapter 5 of part II
11 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
12 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.) (relating to international
13 military education and training);

14 (C) assistance under the “Foreign Military
15 Financing Program” under section 23 of the
16 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763); or

17 (D) the transfer of defense articles, de-
18 fense services, or design and construction serv-
19 ices under the Arms Export Control Act (22
20 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) including defense articles
21 and defense services licensed or approved for
22 export under section 38 of that Act (22 U.S.C.
23 2778).

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