Mendezes must act to end未经授权的战争在也门

GUEST OPINION

In 1973, the U.S. Congress enacted the War Powers Resolution, which requires the president to notify Congress within 48 hours of deploying U.S. armed forces into active combat. This resolution was intended to prevent any one president from making decisions about the use of U.S. military force that would commit the country to a commitment that requires congressional approval. However, the U.S. government has frequently ignored this law, arguing that it applies only to situations in which U.S. forces are engaged in active combat.

The current situation in Yemen is a classic case of unauthorized war. The U.S. government has been supporting and facilitating the war in Yemen for years, but has never sought congressional approval for its actions. The United States and its allies have provided military and financial assistance to the Saudi-led coalition, which is fighting on the side of Yemen’s government against the Houthi rebels.

This support has included the provision of weapons, training, and intelligence to the coalition, as well as financial aid to the government of Yemen. The U.S. has also supported the Saudi-led coalition’s military operations through the provision of air support and other forms of assistance.

Despite these actions, the U.S. government has not sought congressional approval for its involvement in Yemen. This is a violation of the War Powers Resolution, which requires the president to notify Congress within 48 hours of deploying U.S. armed forces into active combat.

In the absence of congressional oversight, the U.S. government has been able to conduct an unauthorized war in Yemen with little accountability. The result has been a humanitarian crisis, with thousands of civilians killed and displaced by the fighting.

It is time for the U.S. government to end its support for the war in Yemen and to seek congressional approval for any further military actions in the region.

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