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Senate Intel Committee Statement on DOJ Russian Hacking Charges

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WASHINGTON – Today, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Richard Burr (R-NC) and Vice Chairman Mark Warner (D-VA) released the following joint statement on the Department of Justice's <u>indictment</u> of seven Russian GRU officers for international hacking and disinformation operations:

"Today's charges further highlight the illegal and aggressive tactics Russia uses to undermine international institutions and wage disinformation campaigns. In recent years, Russia has reportedly hacked or attempted to hack democratic elections, the Olympics, the power grid in Ukraine, and now the international organization that investigates the illegal use of chemical weapons. As Justice Department officials stated today, these actions are part of a criminal conspiracy and are wholly unacceptable. We commend the Department of Justice and our Dutch and British allies on the steps they've taken to hold Russia accountable. Collectively, we will continue to combat Russia's illegal activities and make clear that this reckless and belligerent behavior will not be tolerated."

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