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To establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Foreign 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Poland
5 Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The United States established diplomatic
9 relations with the newly-formed Polish Republic in
10 April 1919.

1 (2) The United States and Poland have enjoyed
2 close bilateral relations since 1989.

3 (3) Poland became a member of the North At-
4 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in March 1999.

5 (4) Poland became a member of the European
6 Union (EU) in May 2004.

7 (5) Poland has been a strong supporter, both
8 diplomatically and militarily, of efforts led by the
9 United States to combat global terrorism and has
10 contributed troops to the United States-led coalitions
11 in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

12 (6) Poland cooperates closely with the United
13 States on such issues as democratization, nuclear
14 proliferation, human rights, regional cooperation in
15 Eastern Europe, and reform of the United Nations.

16 (7) The United States and Poland seek to en-
17 sure enduring ties between both governments and
18 societies.

19 (8) It is important to invest in the youth of the
20 United States and Poland in order to help ensure
21 long-lasting ties between both societies.

22 (9) It is in the interest of the United States to
23 preserve a United States presence in Europe and to
24 continue to contribute to the development of trans-
25 atlantic relationships.

1 (10) Poland for many years received inter-
2 national and United States financial assistance and
3 is now determined to invest its own resources toward
4 attaining its shared desire with the United States to
5 develop international cooperation.

6 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES-POLAND PARLIAMENTARY YOUTH**
7 **EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of State, in coopera-
9 tion with the Government of Poland, may establish and
10 carry out a parliamentary exchange program for youth of
11 the United States and Poland.

12 (b) **DESIGNATION.**—The youth exchange program
13 carried out under this subsection shall be known as the
14 “United States-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange
15 Program”.

16 (c) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the youth exchange
17 program is to demonstrate to the youth of the United
18 States and Poland the benefits of friendly cooperation be-
19 tween the United States and Poland based on common po-
20 litical and cultural values.

21 (d) **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.**—An individual is eligi-
22 ble for participation in the youth exchange program if the
23 individual—

24 (1) is a citizen or national of the United States
25 or of Poland;

1 (2) is under the age of 19 years;

2 (3) is a student who is enrolled and in good
3 standing at a secondary school in the United States
4 or Poland;

5 (4) has been accepted for up to one academic
6 year of study in a program of study abroad approved
7 for credit at such school; and

8 (5) meets any other qualifications that the Sec-
9 retary of State may establish for purposes of the
10 program.

11 (e) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Under the youth ex-
12 change program, eligible participants selected for partici-
13 pation in the program shall—

14 (1) live in and attend a public secondary school
15 in the host country for a period of one academic
16 year;

17 (2) while attending public school in the host
18 country, undertake academic studies in the host
19 country, with particular emphasis on the history,
20 constitution, and political development of the host
21 country;

22 (3) be eligible, either during or after the com-
23 pletion of such academic studies, for an internship
24 in an appropriate position in the host country; and

1 (4) engage in such other activities as the Presi-
2 dent considers appropriate to achieve the purpose of
3 the program.

4 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

5 The Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee
6 on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
7 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives an an-
8 nual report on the United States-Poland Parliamentary
9 Youth Exchange Program established under this Act.
10 Each annual report shall include—

11 (1) information on the implementation of the
12 Program during the preceding year:

13 (2) the number of participants in the Program
14 during such year;

15 (3) the names and locations of the secondary
16 schools in the United States and Poland attended by
17 such participants;

18 (4) a description of the areas of study of such
19 participants during their participation in the Pro-
20 gram;

21 (5) a description of any internships taken by
22 such participants during their participation in the
23 Program; and

1 (6) a description of any other activities such
2 participants carried out during their participation in
3 the Program.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
6 priated for the Department of State for fiscal year 2008
7 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the youth
8 exchange program authorized by this Act.

9 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
10 priated by subsection (a) shall remain available until ex-
11 pended.

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