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Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

AN ACT

To require a regional strategy to address the threat posed
by Boko Haram.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REGIONAL STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE**
2 **THREAT POSED BY BOKO HARAM.**

3 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall
7 jointly develop and submit to the appropriate com-
8 mittees of Congress a five-year strategy to help en-
9 able the Government of Nigeria, members of the
10 Multinational Joint Task Force to Combat Boko
11 Haram (MNJTF) authorized by the African Union,
12 and relevant partners to counter the regional threat
13 of Boko Haram and assist the Government of Nige-
14 ria and its neighbors to accept and address legiti-
15 mate grievances of vulnerable populations in areas
16 affected by Boko Haram.

17 (2) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, the strategy
18 must address the following elements:

19 (A) Enhance, pursuant to existing authori-
20 ties and restrictions, the institutional capacity,
21 including military capabilities, of the Govern-
22 ment of Nigeria and partner nations in the re-
23 gion, as appropriate, to counter the threat
24 posed by Boko Haram.

1 (B) Provide humanitarian support to civil-
2 ian populations impacted by Boko Haram's ac-
3 tivity.

4 (C) Specific activities through which the
5 United States Government intends to improve
6 and enhance the capacity of Multinational Joint
7 Task Force to Combat Boko Haram partner
8 nations to investigate and prosecute human
9 rights abuses by security forces and promote re-
10 spect for the rule of law within the military.

11 (D) A means for assisting Nigeria, and as
12 appropriate, Multinational Joint Task Force to
13 Combat Boko Haram nations, to counter vio-
14 lent extremism, including efforts to address un-
15 derlying societal factors shown to contribute to
16 the ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and re-
17 cruit individuals.

18 (E) A plan to strengthen and promote the
19 rule of law, including by improving the capacity
20 of the civilian police and judicial system in Ni-
21 geria, enhancing public safety, and responding
22 to crime (including gender-based violence),
23 while respecting human rights and strength-
24 ening accountability measures, including meas-
25 ures to prevent corruption.

1 (F) Strengthen the long-term capacity of
2 the Government of Nigeria to enhance security
3 for schools such that children are safer and
4 girls seeking an education are better protected,
5 and to combat gender-based violence and gen-
6 der inequality.

7 (G) Identify and develop mechanisms for
8 coordinating the implementation of the strategy
9 across the inter-agency and with the Govern-
10 ment of Nigeria, regional partners, and other
11 relevant foreign partners.

12 (H) Identify the resources required to
13 achieve the strategy's objectives.

14 (b) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of National Intel-
15 ligence shall submit, to the appropriate committees of
16 Congress, an assessment regarding—

17 (1) the willingness and capability of the Govern-
18 ment of Nigeria and regional partners to implement
19 the strategy developed under subsection (a), includ-
20 ing the capability gaps, if any, of the Government
21 and military forces of Nigeria that would need to be
22 addressed to enable the Government of Nigeria and
23 the governments of its partner countries in the re-
24 gion—

1 (A) to counter the threat of Boko Haram;
2 and

3 (B) to address the legitimate grievances of
4 vulnerable populations in areas affected by
5 Boko Haram; and

6 (2) significant United States intelligence gaps
7 concerning Boko Haram or on the willingness and
8 capacity of the Government of Nigeria and regional
9 partners to implement the strategy developed under
10 subsection (a).

11 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that lack of economic opportunity and access to edu-
13 cation, justice, and other social services contributes to the
14 ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit individ-
15 uals.

16 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
17 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
18 tees of Congress” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
21 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
22 ligence of the Senate; and

23 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
24 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
25 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-

1 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
2 tives.

Passed the Senate September 22, 2015.

Attest: JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary.