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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2015

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 29, 2015

Reported by Mr. CORKER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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,*

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

5 ~~(a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—~~

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly develop and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a five-year strategy to help enable the Government of Nigeria, members of the Multinational Joint Task Force to Combat Boko Haram (MNJTF) authorized by the African Union, and relevant partners to counter the regional threat of Boko Haram and assist the Government of Nigeria and its neighbors to accept and address legitimate grievances of vulnerable populations in areas affected by Boko Haram.

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

(A) Enhance, pursuant to existing authorities and restrictions, the institutional capacity, including military capabilities, of the Government of Nigeria and partner nations in the region, as appropriate, to counter the threat posed by Boko Haram.

(B) Provide humanitarian support to civilian populations impacted by Boko Haram's activity.

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

8 (D) A means for assisting Nigeria, and as
9 appropriate, Multinational Joint Task Force to
10 Combat Boko Haram nations, to counter vio-
11 lent extremism, including efforts to address un-
12 derlying societal factors that contribute to the
13 ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit
14 individuals (including poverty, the lack of eco-
15 nomic opportunity and access to education,
16 public health, and other social services).

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

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) Support the adoption of a United Na-
8 tions Security Council Resolution authorizing a
9 regional Multinational Joint Task Force to
10 counter Boko Haram.

11 (H) Identify and develop mechanisms for
12 coordinating the implementation of the strategy
13 across the inter-agency and with the Govern-
14 ment of Nigeria, regional partners, and other
15 relevant foreign partners.

16 (I) Identify the resources required, in an
17 amount not less than \$25,000,000, to achieve
18 the strategy's objectives.

19 (b) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of National Intel-
20 ligence shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
21 gress an assessment (in classified form) regarding the will-
22 ingness and capability of the Government of Nigeria to
23 implement the strategy required by subsection (a), includ-
24 ing the capability gaps, if any, of the government and mili-
25 tary forces of Nigeria that would need to be addressed

1 in order to enable the Government of Nigeria and the gov-
 2 ernments of its partner countries in the region to counter
 3 the threat of Boko Haram and to address grievances of
 4 vulnerable populations in areas affected by Boko Haram.

5 ~~(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-~~
 6 ~~FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-~~
 7 ~~tees of Congress” means—~~

8 ~~(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the~~
 9 ~~Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on~~
 10 ~~Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-~~
 11 ~~ligence of the Senate; and~~

12 ~~(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the~~
 13 ~~Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on~~
 14 ~~Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-~~
 15 ~~mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-~~
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 25 *ernment of Nigeria, members of the Multinational*

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 22 *Task Force to Combat Boko Haram partner na-*
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 24 *abuses by security forces and promote respect for*
 25 *the rule of law within the military.*

1 (D) *A means for assisting Nigeria, and as*
2 *appropriate, Multinational Joint Task Force to*
3 *Combat Boko Haram nations, to counter violent*
4 *extremism, including efforts to address under-*
5 *lying societal factors shown to contribute to the*
6 *ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit*
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 2 *foreign partners.*

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 9 *ernment of Nigeria and regional partners to implement the*
 10 *strategy required by subsection (a), including the capability*
 11 *gaps, if any, of the government and military forces of Nige-*
 12 *ria that would need to be addressed in order to enable the*
 13 *Government of Nigeria and the governments of its partner*
 14 *countries in the region to counter the threat of Boko Haram*
 15 *and to address legitimate grievances of vulnerable popu-*
 16 *lations in areas affected by Boko Haram.*

17 *(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 18 *that lack of economic opportunity and access to education,*
 19 *justice, and other social services contributes to the ability*
 20 *of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit individuals.*

21 *(d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-*
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