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Ms. OMAR (for herself, Ms. JACOBS, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Global Criminal Jus-
5 tice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF GLOBAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the
8 Department of State an Office of Global Criminal Justice
9 (referred to in this section as the “Office”), which may

1 be placed within the organizational structure of the De-
2 partment at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

3 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Office are the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (1) Advise the Secretary of State and other rel-
6 evant senior Federal officials on issues related to
7 atrocities, including war crimes, crimes against hu-
8 manity, and genocide.

9 (2) Assist in formulating United States policy
10 on the prevention of, responses to, and account-
11 ability for atrocities.

12 (3) Coordinate, as appropriate and with other
13 relevant Federal departments and agencies, United
14 States Government positions relating to the inter-
15 national and hybrid courts currently prosecuting
16 persons suspected of atrocities around the world.

17 (4) Work with other governments, international
18 organizations, and nongovernmental organizations,
19 as appropriate, to establish and assist international
20 and domestic commissions of inquiry, fact-finding
21 missions, and tribunals to investigate, document,
22 and prosecute atrocities around the world.

23 (5) Coordinate, as appropriate and with other
24 relevant Federal departments and agencies, the de-
25 ployment of diplomatic, legal, economic, military,

1 and other tools to help collect evidence of atrocities,
2 judge those responsible, protect and assist victims,
3 enable reconciliation, prevent and deter atrocities,
4 and promote the rule of law.

5 (6) Provide advice and expertise on transitional
6 justice mechanisms to United States personnel oper-
7 ating in conflict and post-conflict environments.

8 (7) Act as a point of contact for international,
9 hybrid, and domestic tribunals exercising jurisdiction
10 over atrocities committed around the world.

11 (8) Represent the Department of State on any
12 interagency whole-of-government coordinating enti-
13 ties addressing genocide and other atrocities.

14 (9) Perform any additional duties and exercise
15 such powers as the Secretary of State may prescribe.

16 (c) SUPERVISION.—The Office shall be led by an Am-
17 bassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, who shall
18 be nominated by the President and appointed by and with
19 the advice and consent of the Senate.

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