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H. R. 4286

To require the Department of State to develop a comprehensive strategy to counter instability in Haiti and advance a Haitian-led solution to the ongoing crisis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) 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 “Strategy to Address
5 Key Priorities Affecting Security and Empowerment in
6 Haiti Act of 2025” or the “SAK PASE in Haiti Act of
7 2025”.

8 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the United States has a national security
2 interest in ameliorating the security, economic, polit-
3 ical, and humanitarian crises in Haiti;

4 (2) the gangs unleashing violence and suffering
5 across Haiti represent a threat to stability in Haiti
6 and the region;

7 (3) stabilization of the security situation and
8 full participation of civil society in Haiti must be a
9 precondition for open democratic political processes;
10 and

11 (4) a lasting solution to the crisis in Haiti must
12 garner support from and be led by the Haitian peo-
13 ple.

14 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY TO COUNTER GANG VIOLENCE AND AD-**
15 **VANCE STABILITY IN HAITI.**

16 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional
19 committees a comprehensive strategy to reestablish secu-
20 rity and enhance stability in Haiti.

21 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
22 (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) Bolstering security in Haiti with an assess-
24 ment of—

1 (A) the importance of supporting the Hai-
2 tian National Police, the Armed Forces of
3 Haiti, the Multinational Security Support Mis-
4 sion, and other security force elements to
5 counter gang activity and violence exacerbating
6 instability in Haiti;

7 (B) coordination with international allies
8 and partners, including the European Union,
9 Canada, and Caribbean Community and Com-
10 mon Market (CARICOM) nations, to address
11 the security crisis;

12 (C) collaboration with the United Nations
13 and other international partners to evaluate the
14 efficacy of the Multinational Security Support
15 (MSS) mission and potential for a long-term
16 United Nations Peacekeeping Operations
17 (PKO) mission;

18 (D) feasibility of reducing the risk of gang
19 violence in Haiti, including through the re-
20 integration of former gang members into Hai-
21 tian society; and

22 (E) the ability of nongovernmental organi-
23 zations, including humanitarian and faith-based
24 organizations, to continue operations in Haiti.

1 (2) Addressing the flow of illicit arms, financial
2 support, and political backing provided to gangs in
3 Haiti with an assessment of—

4 (A) additional resources needed to address
5 the security, political, and humanitarian insta-
6 bility in Haiti; and

7 (B) coordination with the Transitional
8 Presidential Council and Interim Prime Min-
9 ister to jointly develop and implement a strat-
10 egy to counter gang activity and restore govern-
11 ance and the rule of law.

12 (3) Expanding economic opportunity for Hai-
13 tians through the Haiti HOPE/HELP program or
14 other programs with an assessment of—

15 (A) the impact of sanctions on Haiti, in-
16 cluding designations of foreign terrorist organi-
17 zations, on the delivery of humanitarian assist-
18 ance to Haiti; and

19 (B) the difficulties of private capital mobi-
20 lization in Haiti.

21 (4) Supporting a solution that is by and for the
22 Haitian people, in close partnership with Haitian
23 civil society and the transitional leadership in Haiti.

1 (c) REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS.—In developing the
2 strategy required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall
3 consult with the following:

4 (1) The Chief Executive Officer of the United
5 States Development Finance Corporation, the Ad-
6 ministrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
7 national Development, the United States Trade Rep-
8 resentative, and the Director of the United States
9 Trade and Development Agency.

10 (2) Private sector entities based in the United
11 States that operate in Haiti.

12 (3) Haitian stakeholders, including nongovern-
13 mental organizations and civil society in Haiti.

14 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

15 Not later than 120 days after the date of the submis-
16 sion of the strategy required by section 2(a), and annually
17 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State shall submit
18 to the appropriate congressional committees a report de-
19 scribing progress made in implementing the strategy, in-
20 cluding—

21 (1) status updates on consultations with Hai-
22 tian civil society and governmental stakeholders;

23 (2) a description of coordination with inter-
24 national partners on sanctions and aid efforts; and

1 (3) metrics and benchmarks used to evaluate
2 the effectiveness of international support for security
3 forces and security assistance in Haiti.

4 **SEC. 5. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
5 **FINED.**

6 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means—

- 8 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives; and
10 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
11 Senate.

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