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To guide the foreign policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MAST 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 AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Department of State Policy Provisions Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

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1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act—

3 (1) except as otherwise provided, the term “ap-
 4 appropriate congressional committees” means—

5 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 6 the House of Representatives; and

7 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 8 the Senate;

9 (2) the term “Department” means the Depart-
 10 ment of State;

1 (3) the term “Deputy Secretary” means the
2 Deputy Secretary of State; and

3 (4) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
4 of State.

5 **TITLE I—SECRETARY**

6 **SEC. 101. TERMINATION OF EXISTING REPORT REQUIRE-** 7 **MENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective upon the date of the en-
9 actment of this Act, each report described in subsection
10 (b) that is required to be submitted to Congress as of such
11 date shall no longer be required to be so submitted to Con-
12 gress.

13 (b) REPORTS DESCRIBED.—A report described in
14 this subsection is a report that—

15 (1) is required to be submitted to Congress by
16 the Secretary, or by any officer, official, component,
17 or element of the Department, on an ongoing basis;
18 and

19 (2) was established prior to September 30,
20 2025.

21 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
22 tion may be construed as a limitation on requirements to
23 submit reports on an ongoing basis that are—

24 (1) established by this Act or any amendment
25 made by this Act; or

1 (2) established on or after the date of the en-
2 actment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 102. COUNTERING WRONGFUL DETENTION.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION AS STATE SPONSOR OF UNLAWFUL
5 OR WRONGFUL DETENTION.—The Secretary, in consulta-
6 tion with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies,
7 may designate a foreign country that has provided support
8 for or directly engaged in the unlawful or wrongful deten-
9 tion of a United States national as a State Sponsor of
10 Unlawful or Wrongful Detention based on any of the fol-
11 lowing criteria:

12 (1) An unlawful or wrongful detention of a
13 United States national has occurred in the foreign
14 country.

15 (2) The government of the foreign country or a
16 nonstate actor in the foreign country has failed to
17 release an unlawfully or wrongfully detained United
18 States national within 30 days of being notified by
19 the Department of such unlawful or wrongful deten-
20 tion.

21 (3) Actions taken by the government of the for-
22 eign country indicate that the government is respon-
23 sible for, complicit in, or materially supportive of the
24 unlawful or wrongful detention of a United States
25 national, including by acting as described in para-

1 graph (2) after having been notified by the Depart-
2 ment.

3 (4) The actions of a state or nonstate actor in
4 the foreign country, including any previous action
5 relating to unlawful or wrongful detention or hostage
6 taking of a United States national, pose a risk to
7 the safety and security of United States nationals
8 abroad sufficient to warrant designation of the for-
9 eign country as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or
10 Wrongful Detention, as determined by the Secretary.

11 (b) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—

12 (1) TERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The
13 Secretary may terminate the designation of a foreign
14 country under subsection (a) if the Secretary cer-
15 tifies to Congress that—

16 (A) it is in the national interests of the
17 United States to terminate such designation;
18 and

19 (B) the foreign country—

20 (i) has released all United States na-
21 tionals unlawfully or wrongfully detained
22 within the territory of the foreign country;

23 (ii) has demonstrated changes in poli-
24 cies with respect to unlawful or wrongful
25 detention and hostage taking; or

1 (iii) has provided assurances that the
2 government of the foreign country will not
3 engage in, be complicit in, or support acts
4 described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of
5 subsection (a).

6 (2) TERMINATION BY DISAPPROVAL OF CON-
7 GRESS.—The designation of a foreign country under
8 subsection (a) shall terminate if a joint resolution of
9 disapproval with respect to the designation is en-
10 acted into law prior to the date that is six months
11 after the Secretary makes such designation.

12 (c) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make avail-
13 able on a publicly accessible website of the Department,
14 and regularly update, a list of foreign countries designated
15 as State Sponsors of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention
16 under subsection (a).

17 (d) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall—

18 (1) conduct a comprehensive review of existing
19 authorities that allow for punitive measures with re-
20 spect to foreign countries; and

21 (2) determine if the use of such measures with
22 respect to foreign countries designated under sub-
23 section (a) is appropriate in order to respond to and
24 deter the unlawful or wrongful detention of United
25 States nationals in the foreign country.

1 (e) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
 2 seven days after designating of a foreign country under
 3 subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
 4 priate congressional committees a report that includes—

- 5 (1) a notification of such designation;
- 6 (2) the justification for such designation; and
- 7 (3) a description of any action taken by a
 8 United States Government official, including the
 9 Secretary and the head of any other relevant Fed-
 10 eral agency, to deter the unlawful or wrongful deten-
 11 tion of foreign nationals in such foreign country.

12 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 13 tion may be construed to imply that every United States
 14 national detained in a foreign country designated under
 15 subsection (a) should be or is determined to be wrongfully
 16 detained for purposes of the Robert Levinson Hostage Re-
 17 covery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.
 18 1741 et seq.).

19 **TITLE II—MANAGEMENT**

20 **SEC. 201. CENTER FOR STRATEGY AND SOLUTIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of State for
 22 Management is authorized to establish a Center for Strat-
 23 egy and Solutions in the Office of the Under Secretary
 24 for Management.

1 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Center for Strategy
2 and Solutions shall be responsible for researching, design-
3 ing, and implementing enterprise management solutions
4 for the Department focused on the following:

5 (1) DATA ANALYTICS.—The Center shall focus
6 on being a central data hub for the Department,
7 working to expand data access and to foster analytic
8 expertise across domestic bureaus and overseas mis-
9 sions.

10 (2) GLOBAL PRESENCE.—The Center shall
11 focus on developing policies and platforms to
12 strengthen strategic governance, accountability, and
13 alignment of resources related to the Department’s
14 presence overseas.

15 (3) MANAGEMENT CONSULTING AND ADVANCED
16 PROJECTS.—The Center shall focus on leveraging
17 leading-edge management expertise to advance the
18 Department’s mission, providing an agile and lean
19 team to deliver innovative solutions to enterprise
20 management challenges.

21 (c) DIRECTOR.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for
23 Management is authorized to designate a Director of
24 the Center for Strategy and Solutions and shall pre-

1 scribe the management strategy and business admin-
2 istration qualifications required for the role.

3 (2) ROLE AS CENTRAL AUTHORITY.—The Di-
4 rector shall serve as the Department’s central au-
5 thority in situations where change management ex-
6 pertise is required to implement enterprise-wide poli-
7 cies, including cases in which—

8 (A) new and cutting-edge technology needs
9 to be rapidly rolled out across the Department;

10 (B) legislation mandates enterprise-wide
11 management changes; and

12 (C) whole-of-government efforts require a
13 central management coordinator in the Depart-
14 ment.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 (1) the term “enterprise management” means
17 the strategic approach to managing an organiza-
18 tion’s resources and operations to achieve its goals,
19 integrating various tools, strategies, and processes to
20 optimize efficiency and productivity; and

21 (2) the term “change management” means the
22 methods and manners in which an organization de-
23 scribes and implements changes within both its in-
24 ternal and external processes.

1 **SEC. 202. PROCUREMENT POLICY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the policy of the De-
3 partment to prioritize the procurement of products, goods,
4 and services that are produced, manufactured, or supplied
5 by businesses incorporated in the United States and oper-
6 ating primarily within the United States, to the maximum
7 extent practicable and consistent with applicable trade
8 agreements and United States law.

9 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall ensure
10 that—

11 (1) all procurement actions, including for equip-
12 ment, machinery, and technology used domestically
13 and abroad, give preference to American-made prod-
14 ucts and services whenever such products or services
15 are available at a reasonable cost and meet applica-
16 ble quality standards; and

17 (2) notification is sent to the appropriate con-
18 gressional committees not later than seven days
19 after a contract is awarded to a foreign vendor, in-
20 cluding explanation of why a suitable American-
21 made alternative was not selected.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
24 five years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate
25 congressional committees a report that—

1 (1) details the percentage of Department pro-
 2 curement contracts awarded to United States busi-
 3 nesses in the preceding fiscal year;

4 (2) identifies categories of products, equipment,
 5 and services for which American-made alternatives
 6 were not utilized; and

7 (3) outlines any barriers or challenges to in-
 8 creasing domestic procurement in the Department.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) the term “United States business” means
 11 an entity that—

12 (A) is incorporated in the United States;
 13 and

14 (B) conducts the majority of its operations
 15 and manufacturing in the United States.

16 (2) the term “American-made” means products,
 17 goods, or services that are produced or manufac-
 18 tured in the United States substantially all from ar-
 19 ticles, materials, or supplies mined, produced, or
 20 manufactured in the United States.

21 **SEC. 203. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE CONSOLIDA-**
 22 **TION.**

23 In order to improve coordination, eliminate duplica-
 24 tion, and enhance enterprise-wide solutions, the Secretary
 25 is authorized to transfer to the Bureau of Diplomatic

1 Technology of the Department relevant information tech-
2 nology professionals and related personnel from other bu-
3 reaus and offices in the Department.

4 **SEC. 204. REALIGNING THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY OFFI-**
5 **CER PROGRAM.**

6 The Secretary is authorized to realign the Regional
7 Technology Officer Program of the Department to ensure
8 that the Program—

9 (1) is optimally structured to support the infor-
10 mation technology and cybersecurity needs of United
11 States diplomatic missions;

12 (2) has clear roles and responsibilities for Re-
13 gional Technology Officers;

14 (3) promotes effective coordination between Re-
15 gional Technology Officers and other relevant De-
16 partment entities; and

17 (4) is adequately resourced to fulfill its mission.

18 **SEC. 205. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION FOR OBLIGA-**
19 **TION OF RETAINED CONSULAR FEES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 235, the Sec-
21 retary shall notify the appropriate congressional commit-
22 tees upon the obligation of any amounts derived from con-
23 sular fees retained by the Department pursuant to the au-
24 thority provided by this Act, if such obligation is with re-

1 spect to a program, project, or activity that is not a con-
2 sular function.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The notification required by sub-
4 section (a) shall include at a minimum the following:

5 (1) The amount being obligated.

6 (2) A description of the programming for which
7 such funds are obligated.

8 (3) The country, region, or locality where such
9 funds will be expended.

10 (4) The fiscal year in which the retained fees
11 being used were collected.

12 (5) A justification for the use of such retained
13 fees, as opposed to appropriated funds, for the pro-
14 gramming described pursuant to paragraph (2).

15 (c) DEADLINE; DELAY.—

16 (1) DEADLINE.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (2), a notification required by subsection (a)
18 shall be submitted not later than 15 days before the
19 date on which the applicable funds will be obligated.

20 (2) DELAY.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary deter-
22 mines that submitting a prior notification in ac-
23 cordance with subsection (a) would pose a sub-
24 stantial risk to human health, welfare, or na-

1 tional security, the Secretary may delay the
2 submission of such notification.

3 (B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—In the
4 case of a delay under this paragraph, a notifica-
5 tion to the appropriate congressional commit-
6 tees that meets the requirements of subsection
7 (b) shall be provided as soon as practicable, but
8 not later than three days after taking the action
9 to which the notification requirement was appli-
10 cable, and shall additionally contain an expla-
11 nation of the circumstances necessitating the
12 delay.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

14 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
15 mittees” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
17 the Committee on Appropriations in the House
18 of Representatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
20 and the Committee on Appropriations in the
21 Senate; and

22 (2) the term “consular function” means any ac-
23 tivity, program, service, or resource that is directly
24 operated and overseen by the Assistant Secretary for

1 Consular Affairs or any office under jurisdiction of
2 the Assistant Secretary.

3 **SEC. 206. VISAS FOR HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF TAIWAN.**

4 It shall be the policy of the United States that none
5 of the funds made available by this Act may be used in
6 contravention of section 221 of the Immigration and Na-
7 tionality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (Public Law
8 103–416; 108 Stat. 4321; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

9 **SEC. 207. REDUCED VISA WAIT TIME.**

10 The Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs is au-
11 thorized to take such steps as appropriate for the goal of
12 ensuring that 80 percent of nonimmigrant visa applicants
13 are interviewed within three weeks of receipt and applica-
14 tion, recognizing that resource and security considerations
15 and the need to ensure provision of consular services to
16 United States citizens may dictate specific exceptions to
17 this goal.

18 **SEC. 208. COVID-19 VACCINATION TRAVEL MANDATES.**

19 It shall be the policy of the United States that none
20 of the funds made available by this Act or any amendment
21 made by this Act may be used to enforce or otherwise im-
22 plement a requirement for individuals traveling outside of
23 the United States to receive a vaccination against
24 COVID–19.

1 **SEC. 209. INFORMATION FACILITIES AND ACCESS RESTRIC-**
2 **TION PROCESS CRITERIA MODERNIZATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall direct the Bu-
4 reau of Diplomatic Security of the Department to update
5 its guidance and procedures regarding the Information
6 Facilities and Access Restriction (IFAR) process.

7 (b) REQUIRED UPDATES.—The requirement to up-
8 date the guidance and procedures under subsection (a)
9 shall—

10 (1) establish clear criteria and standards for de-
11 termining which type of IFAR is appropriate to
12 issue based on the circumstances of a security clear-
13 ance suspension;

14 (2) specify the scope of access permitted under
15 each type of IFAR, including the continued access to
16 Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information under
17 a “Typical” IFAR; and

18 (3) clarify to Department personnel that the
19 issuance of an IFAR does not equate to full removal
20 from sensitive duties and that access to substantial
21 unclassified information may still be permitted.

22 **SEC. 210. TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF**
23 **THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
25 a pilot program within the Bureau of Diplomatic Security
26 of the Department to facilitate the recruitment, training,

1 and hiring of transitioning servicemembers and veterans
2 into positions in the Bureau.

3 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the pilot pro-
4 gram required by subsection (a) shall include—

5 (1) leveraging the skills, training, and experi-
6 ence of veterans and transitioning servicemembers to
7 meet security and operational needs of the Bureau
8 of Diplomatic Security;

9 (2) providing servicemembers and veterans with
10 a defined pathway to employment in the Depart-
11 ment; and

12 (3) supporting workforce development and ad-
13 dressing staffing needs in the Bureau.

14 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—Participants in the pilot program
15 required by subsection (a) shall include Members of the
16 Armed Forces who are within one year of separation or
17 retirement.

18 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall coordi-
19 nate with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Vet-
20 erans Affairs, and Secretary of Labor to—

21 (1) inform servicemembers exiting the military
22 at the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) with
23 an informational packet describing the pilot program
24 required by subsection (a);

1 (2) identify eligible candidates for such pro-
2 gram; and

3 (3) provide necessary clearances, onboarding
4 support, and placement assistance after undergoing
5 a successful screening process under such program.

6 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion may be construed as creating a separate, non-com-
8 petitive screening process for servicemembers or veterans.

9 (f) DURATION AND EVALUATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The pilot program required
11 by subsection (a) shall be carried out for the two-
12 year period beginning on the date of the enactment
13 of this Act.

14 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
15 the conclusion of the pilot program, the Secretary
16 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees a report evaluating—

18 (A) the effectiveness of the program, in-
19 cluding its ability to expand the pipeline of
20 qualified candidates;

21 (B) the number of participants in the pro-
22 gram hired into permanent or contract posi-
23 tions;

24 (C) the geographic or functional placement
25 of participants in the program and whether

1 such placements addressed identified workforce
2 needs;

3 (D) any lessons learned or recommenda-
4 tions for expansion, modification, or termi-
5 nation of the program; and

6 (E) feedback from participants in the pro-
7 gram and relevant hiring offices.

8 (g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
9 priate congressional committees” means—

10 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
11 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
12 on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representa-
13 tives; and

14 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
15 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
16 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.

17 **SEC. 211. PRE-APPROVAL FOR DS INTERCEPTIONS OF**
18 **WIRE, ORAL, AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICA-**
19 **TIONS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary should delegate to
21 the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security
22 or the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for
23 Diplomatic Security the pre-approval authority for Diplo-
24 matic Security special agents seeking authorization under
25 section 2516 of title 18, United States Code, to carry out

1 the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communica-
2 tions—

3 (1) in furtherance of carrying out the duties de-
4 scribed in section 37(a) of the State Department
5 Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2709(a));
6 and

7 (2) in accordance with the requirements under
8 chapter 119 of title 18, United States Code.

9 (b) UPDATE TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MANUAL.—
10 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary shall revise section 221.5 of vol-
12 ume 12 of the Foreign Affairs Manual to reflect the dele-
13 gation to the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic
14 Security or the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of
15 State for Diplomatic Security under subsection (b).

16 **SEC. 212. REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO RE-**
17 **PORT OFFICIAL MEETINGS BETWEEN FOR-**
18 **EIGN MISSIONS AND STATE AND LOCAL OFFI-**
19 **CIALS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require that
21 foreign missions of covered countries notify the Depart-
22 ment at least 96 hours in advance of any meetings be-
23 tween any officials or representatives of the covered coun-
24 try and State or local officials in the United States and

1 any official visits to educational institutions or research
2 institutions in the United States.

3 (b) PERSONS COVERED.—For purposes of the re-
4 quirement in subsection (a), the term “officials or rep-
5 resentatives of the covered country” includes—

6 (1) all members of foreign missions of the cov-
7 ered country in the United States;

8 (2) all members of the covered country’s perma-
9 nent mission to the United Nations; and

10 (3) any officials of the covered country traveling
11 to the United States for official business.

12 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—The notifica-
13 tion required under subsection (a) shall include—

14 (1) the date of the meeting or visit;

15 (2) the location of the meeting or visit;

16 (3) the name of any official or representative of
17 the covered country that will be participating in the
18 meeting or visit; and

19 (4) the purpose of the meeting or visit.

20 (d) MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit
22 a monthly report to the appropriate congressional
23 committees listing all meetings and visits notified
24 pursuant to subsection (a).

1 (2) HISTORICAL DATA REQUIREMENT FOR
2 FIRST REPORT.—The first report submitted under
3 paragraph (1) shall include the information on meet-
4 ings and visits required to be submitted under sub-
5 section (c) that has been collected by the Depart-
6 ment since it began imposing a similar requirement
7 in 2019.

8 (e) THREAT ASSESSMENT REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 54 months
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary, the Director of National Intelligence, the
12 Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Sec-
13 retary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Home-
14 land Security shall jointly submit to the appropriate
15 congressional committees a report that includes a
16 threat assessment for each covered country and rec-
17 ommendations for policy changes with respect to
18 United States diplomats in such countries.

19 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
20 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
21 include a classified annex.

22 (f) SUNSET.—The requirements under this section
23 shall expire on the date that is five years after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act.

25 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees” means—

3 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
4 and the Committee on Homeland Security and
5 Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

6 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
7 the Committee on Homeland Security of the
8 House of Representatives;

9 (2) the term “covered country” means—

10 (A) the People’s Republic of China;

11 (B) the Russian Federation;

12 (C) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

13 (D) the Democratic People’s Republic of
14 Korea;

15 (E) Cuba;

16 (F) Venezuela;

17 (G) Nicaragua; and

18 (H) Afghanistan, while under control of
19 the Taliban; and

20 (3) the term “Taliban” means—

21 (A) the entity known as the Taliban, oper-
22 ating in Afghanistan, and designated as a spe-
23 cially designated global terrorist under Execu-
24 tive Order 13224; or

1 (B) a successor entity of the entity de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A).

3 **SEC. 213. AUTHORIZED EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES.**

4 (a) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Notwith-
5 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary may
6 not open, close, permanently relocate, or initiate the con-
7 struction of any diplomatic post unless the Secretary sub-
8 mits a written notification to the appropriate congres-
9 sional committees not less than 30 days prior to the pro-
10 posed action.

11 (b) ELEMENTS OF NOTIFICATION.—Each notifica-
12 tion submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the
13 following:

14 (1) A justification for the opening, closure, relo-
15 cation, or new construction, including any changes
16 to the strategic value, threat environment, or foreign
17 policy posture associated with the action.

18 (2) A detailed cost estimate, including projected
19 construction, maintenance, and operational costs.

20 (3) An assessment of the impact on American
21 citizen services, consular functions, diplomatic en-
22 gagement, and interagency operations.

23 (4) A summary of consultation with Chiefs of
24 Mission, Regional Security Officers, and affected
25 agencies.

1 (5) An explanation of how the proposed action
2 aligns with the Department’s global presence frame-
3 work.

4 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement in subsection (a)
5 shall not apply in cases where the Secretary determines
6 that exigent circumstances require the immediate closure
7 or evacuation of a post for security reasons, in which case
8 the Secretary shall notify the appropriate congressional
9 committees as soon as practicable and not later than 7
10 business days after such action is taken.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

12 (1) The term “diplomatic post” means any em-
13 bassy, consulate, or other permanent facility that
14 serves a diplomatic, consular, or official United
15 States Government function abroad.

16 (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs
18 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House
19 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
20 Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of
21 the Senate.

22 **SEC. 214. FLAG AUTHORIZATION AT DEPARTMENT INSTAL-**
23 **LATIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The only flags authorized to be
25 flown at Department installations are—

1 (1) the United States flag;

2 (2) a Foreign Service flag pursuant to 2 FAM
3 154.2-1;

4 (3) a POW/MIA flag;

5 (4) a Hostage and Wrongful Detainee flag, pur-
6 suant to section 904 of title 36, United States Code;

7 (5) the flag of an American State, insular area,
8 or the District of Columbia at domestic locations;

9 (6) the flag of an Indian Tribal government;

10 (7) an official branded flag of a United States
11 agency; or

12 (8) the sovereign flag of other countries.

13 (b) LIMITATION.—No flags other than what is listed
14 in subsection (a) may be flown, hung, or otherwise dis-
15 played at a Department installation.

16 **SEC. 215. MANDATE USE OF THE EMBASSY STANDARD**
17 **PLAN.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
19 sion of law, the Secretary may not construct, cause to be
20 constructed, or begin planning for construction of an em-
21 bassy that does not conform to the Standard Embassy De-
22 sign.

23 (b) EXCEPTION.—If the Secretary determines, on a
24 case-by-case basis, that the Standard Embassy Design is
25 inappropriate for the construction of an embassy, the Sec-

1 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
 2 mittees a report that includes a robust justification for
 3 the Secretary’s determination of inappropriateness and a
 4 description, including dollar figures, of proposed costs be-
 5 yond what construction of a Standard Embassy Design
 6 building would incur.

7 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall only apply
 8 in cases of new construction.

9 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
 10 priate congressional committees” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Appropriations and the
 12 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
 13 resentatives; and

14 (2) the Committee on Appropriations and the
 15 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

16 **SEC. 216. EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION INTEGRITY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take such
 18 steps as may be necessary to avoid or minimize the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 (1) Acquiring or leasing a covered building—

21 (A) with respect to which a covered entity
 22 performed covered construction on or after Jan-
 23 uary 1, 1949; or

24 (B) in which a covered entity has an own-
 25 ership interest.

1 (2) Entering into or renewing a contract or
2 other agreement with a covered entity to perform
3 covered construction with respect to a covered build-
4 ing.

5 (b) NOTIFICATION OF INCONSISTENT ACTION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall notify
7 the appropriate congressional committees about ac-
8 tions inconsistent with subsection (a) not later than
9 seven days before entering into an acquisition, lease,
10 or agreement.

11 (2) DETERMINATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY
12 INTEREST.—The notification required under para-
13 graph (1) shall also include, to the extent applica-
14 ble—

15 (A) a determination of whether the incon-
16 sistent acquisition, lease, or agreement is in the
17 national security interest of the United States;

18 (B) an identification of the interest ad-
19 vanced by such inconsistent action;

20 (C) a detailed explanation for such deter-
21 mination; and

22 (D) any action the Secretary has taken or
23 intends to take to mitigate national security
24 vulnerabilities that may be posed by such incon-
25 sistent action.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) the term “covered building” means a build-
3 ing that is used or intended to be used by personnel,
4 or for a function of a consular or diplomatic post lo-
5 cated outside of the United States;

6 (2) the term “covered construction” means—

7 (A) any construction, development, conver-
8 sion, extension, alteration, repair, or mainte-
9 nance performed with respect to a building; and

10 (B) includes the installation or mainte-
11 nance of electrical, plumbing, heating, ventila-
12 tion, air conditioning, communication, fire pro-
13 tection, and energy management systems with
14 respect to such building; and

15 (3) the term “covered entity” means an entity
16 with respect to which the Government of the Peo-
17 ple’s Republic of China, or an agent or instrumen-
18 tality of the Government of the People’s Republic of
19 China, directly or indirectly, including through any
20 contract, arrangement, understanding, or relation-
21 ship—

22 (A) owns or controls a significant percent
23 of the ownership interest; or

24 (B) otherwise exercises substantial control.

1 **SEC. 217. AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM IN EMBASSIES.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT TO PROMOTE AMERICAN
3 IDEALS.—The Secretary shall ensure that all art installa-
4 tions, exhibits, cultural programming, and visual displays
5 at United States embassies, consulates, and official resi-
6 dences of chiefs of mission reflect and promote the history,
7 values, ideals, and achievements of the United States.

8 (b) DISPLAY THEMES.—To carry out subsection (a),
9 the Secretary shall direct that such programming and dis-
10 plays the following:

11 (1) Prominently feature themes of American de-
12 mocracy, liberty, individual rights, the rule of law,
13 free enterprise, and other foundational principles of
14 the United States.

15 (2) Highlight notable events, figures, and ac-
16 complishments in American history and culture.

17 (3) Portray the United States as a force for
18 good globally, including in its contributions to peace,
19 prosperity, innovation, and human dignity.

20 (c) LIMITATIONS ON FOREIGN-CENTRIC THEMES.—
21 Art installations, exhibits, cultural programming, and vis-
22 ual displays at United States embassies, consulates, and
23 official residences of chiefs of mission that primarily high-
24 light the history, culture, or policies of foreign nations
25 shall not be the dominant focus of any such installation
26 or program, unless the content is part of a mutual cultural

1 exchange or cooperative initiative explicitly approved by
2 the Secretary and directly linked to United States foreign
3 policy interests.

4 (d) IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of Overseas
6 Buildings Operations of the Department, in coordi-
7 nation with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural
8 Affairs of the Department and the Office of the
9 Chief of Protocol, shall develop guidelines to ensure
10 consistent application of this section across all rel-
11 evant facilities.

12 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 shall brief the appropriate congressional committees
15 detailing the implementation of this section, includ-
16 ing with an inventory of existing displays, program-
17 ming themes, and planned updates to ensure compli-
18 ance.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

20 (1) the term “official residence” means any
21 United States Government-owned or-leased property
22 used as the primary residence of a chief of mission;
23 and

1 (2) the term “chief of mission” has the mean-
2 ing given that term in section 102 of the Foreign
3 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3902).

4 **SEC. 218. SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN ARTISTS.**

5 (a) ARTIST CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR PER-
6 MANENT COLLECTION PURCHASES.—The Secretary shall
7 ensure that any work of art purchased on or after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act for the permanent collection
9 of the Art in Embassies program of the Department was
10 created, in whole or in part, by a citizen of the United
11 States.

12 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY OF ART BY FOR-
13 EIGN ARTISTS.—A work of art that was not created, in
14 whole or in part, by a citizen of the United States may
15 be displayed in a United States embassy, consulate, or of-
16 ficial residence in a foreign country only if—

17 (1) such work of art—

18 (A) is part of a temporary loan collection;

19 or

20 (B) was purchased prior to the date of the
21 enactment of this Act;

22 (2) such work of art was created by a citizen
23 or resident of such foreign country; and

24 (3) the chief of mission (as such term is defined
25 in section 102 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue such regulations and guidance as may be necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.

(a) INITIAL REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report for each country that hosts a United States mission. The report shall include the following:

1 (1) INVENTORY OF ARTWORKS.—A comprehen-
2 sive list identifying each piece of artwork acquired
3 by the Department that is displayed in any facility
4 overseas owned or operated by the Department, in-
5 cluding the following:

6 (A) United States Embassies.

7 (B) United States Consulates.

8 (C) Residences of Chiefs of Mission.

9 (2) ARTWORK INFORMATION.—For each piece
10 of artwork identified under paragraph (1), the re-
11 port shall include the following information:

12 (A) Ownership status (such as purchased,
13 leased, insured, commissioned, or on loan).

14 (B) Source of funds and total amount used
15 for acquisition.

16 (C) Title of the piece.

17 (D) Market value, if available.

18 (E) Date of acquisition.

19 (F) Year of completion.

20 (G) Medium or materials used.

21 (H) Dimensions.

22 (I) A brief description or image of the
23 piece.

24 (b) RECURRING REPORTS.—Following submission of
25 the initial report required by subsection (a), the Secretary

1 shall submit to Congress an updated report for each
2 United States Ambassador confirmed by the Senate not
3 later than one year of each such Ambassador reaching his
4 or her post. Each such updated report shall include the
5 information described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
6 section (a) for any changes, additions, or removals since
7 the previous report.

8 **SEC. 220. OVERSEAS COMPARABILITY PAY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to such regulations pre-
10 scribed by the Secretary, including with respect to phase-
11 in schedule and treatment as basic pay, and notwith-
12 standing any other provision of law, Department funds
13 may be used to pay an eligible member of the Foreign
14 Service as defined in subsection (b) a comparability pay-
15 ment (stated as a percentage) under section 5304 of title
16 5, United States Code, in an amount that does not exceed
17 two-thirds of the amount of the locality-based com-
18 parability payment that would be payable to such member
19 under such section 5304 if such member's official duty
20 station were in the District of Columbia.

21 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A member of the Foreign Service
22 shall be eligible for a payment under this section only if
23 the member is designated class 1 or below for purposes
24 of section 403 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
25 U.S.C. 3963) and the member's official duty station is not

1 in the continental United States or in a nonforeign area,
2 as such term is defined in section 591.205 of title, Code
3 of Federal Regulations.

4 (c) LIMITATIONS.—The amount of any locality-based
5 comparability payment that is paid to a member of the
6 Foreign Service under this section shall be subject to any
7 limitations on pay applicable to locality-based com-
8 parability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United
9 States Code.

10 **SEC. 221. ADDRESSING THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS**
11 **STAFFING CRISIS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for
13 Human Resources, in consultation with the Assistant Sec-
14 retary for African Affairs, shall create a program to facili-
15 tate and expedite the hiring of qualified individuals to fill
16 term-limited civil service positions in the Bureau of Afri-
17 can Affairs of the Department.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
20 to the appropriate congressional committees an unclassi-
21 fied report that outlines the staffing challenges that exist
22 in the Bureau of African Affairs. Such report shall in-
23 clude—

1 (1) a comparative analysis of the Bureau of Af-
2 rican Affairs' direct hire staffing compared to the
3 other regional bureaus, including—

4 (A) the number of authorized positions per
5 embassy at comparable posts and the number of
6 staff per mission based domestically in the
7 United States, to include Foreign Service Offi-
8 cers and civil servants; and

9 (B) the number of vacant positions in the
10 Bureau of African Affairs and the average
11 number of bids per Bureau of African Affairs
12 position;

13 (2) the number of Bureau of African Affairs
14 posts that qualify for the harshest environments in
15 the Department's Operating Environment score and
16 the comparison to other regions;

17 (3) an assessment on whether the Department's
18 hardship incentives are properly aligned with the
19 posts that have the highest Operating Environment
20 score;

21 (4) the number of Bureau of African Affairs
22 posts that lack key management personnel;

23 (5) historic and ongoing efforts made by the
24 Department to rectify the understaffing and con-

1 sistent vacancies within the Bureau of African Af-
2 fairs and whether they were successful; and

3 (6) a detailed plan of forthcoming actions the
4 Department will implement in the immediate future
5 to rectify the consistent understaffing and vacancies
6 in the Bureau of African Affairs.

7 **SEC. 222. REQUIREMENT FOR UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAIN-**
8 **ING AND STAFFING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take such
10 steps as may be necessary to ensure that—

11 (1) Uyghur language training is available to
12 Foreign Service Officers as appropriate; and

13 (2) every effort is made to ensure that at least
14 one Uyghur-speaking member of the Foreign Service
15 (as such term is defined by section 103 of the For-
16 eign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3903)) is as-
17 signed to each United States diplomatic or consular
18 post in the People’s Republic of China.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
21 two years, the Foreign Service Institute shall submit to
22 the appropriate congressional committees a report that
23 outlines all the steps taken to implement subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 223. CHANGES MADE TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAN-**
2 **UAL AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS HANDBOOK.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Assistant Secretary of
4 State for Administration shall publish in the Foreign Af-
5 fairs Manual and the Foreign Affairs Handbook any De-
6 partment-wide policy, procedure, or guidance that is to be
7 applied to Department personnel or operations, except to
8 the extent that such publication would disclose classified
9 information or other information exempt from disclosure
10 under section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code (com-
11 monly referred to as the “Freedom of Information Act”).

12 (b) TIMELINESS.—Any policy, procedure, or guidance
13 required to be published under subsection (a) shall be pub-
14 lished not later than 30 days after the date on which it
15 is issued.

16 (c) AVAILABILITY.—The Assistant Secretary of State
17 for Administration shall ensure that the public versions
18 of the Foreign Affairs Manual and the Foreign Affairs
19 Handbook are updated not later than 30 days after the
20 date on which any change is made to the internal versions
21 of such Manual or Handbook.

22 **SEC. 224. EXTENSION OF NOTIFICATION OF REVOCATION**
23 **OF CLEARANCES.**

24 Section 6710 of the National Defense Authorization
25 Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 2651a note) is
26 amended by striking subsection (d).

1 **SEC. 225. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR FINANCIAL MAN-**
2 **AGEMENT.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
4 the Department a Chief Financial Officer for Financial
5 Management who shall be responsible to the Under Sec-
6 retary for Management for all departmental financial
7 management services, programs, and systems activities on
8 a global scale, and such other related duties as the Sec-
9 retary may from time to time designate.

10 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
11 sibilities described in subsection (a), the Chief Financial
12 Officer shall maintain continuous observation and coordi-
13 nation of all matters pertaining to budget, planning, and
14 financial services in the conduct of foreign policy, includ-
15 ing, as appropriate—

16 (1) establishing policies and procedures for fi-
17 nancial management in the Department;

18 (2) issuing operational guidance to ensure
19 transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in the
20 use of Department funds; and

21 (3) carrying out such other related duties as
22 the Under Secretary for Management may from time
23 to time designate.

24 (c) BUREAU OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.—

25 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
26 tablish a Bureau of Financial Management of the

1 Department, which shall perform such functions re-
2 lated to budgetary requests and resource planning,
3 performance management, budgetary applications,
4 financial management, and internal controls as the
5 Under Secretary for Management may prescribe.

6 (2) HEAD.—The Chief Financial Officer shall
7 be the head of the Bureau of Financial Manage-
8 ment.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
10 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Sec-
11 retary for Management under this Act, the Chief Finan-
12 cial Officer for Financial Management shall receive the
13 funds necessary to fulfill bureau missions and responsibil-
14 ities for fiscal year 2026 and 2027.

15 **SEC. 226. NO PASSPORTS FOR TERRORISTS AND TRAF-**
16 **FICKERS.**

17 The Act entitled “An Act to regulate the issue and
18 validity of passports, and for other purposes”, approved
19 July 3, 1926 (22 U.S.C. 211a et seq.), commonly known
20 as the “Passport Act of 1926”, is amended by adding at
21 the end the following:

22 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORT TO**
23 **INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING MATERIAL SUP-**
24 **PORT FOR TERRORISM.**

25 “(a) INELIGIBILITY.—

1 “(1) ISSUANCE.—Subject to subsection (b), the
2 Secretary of State shall refuse to issue a passport to
3 any individual who—

4 “(A) has been charged with or convicted of
5 a violation of section 2339A or 2339B of title
6 18, United States Code; or

7 “(B) the Secretary determines has know-
8 ingly aided, assisted, abetted, or otherwise pro-
9 vided material support to an organization the
10 Secretary has designated as a foreign terrorist
11 organization pursuant to section 219 of the Im-
12 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

13 “(2) REVOCATION.—The Secretary of State
14 shall, except as provided in paragraph (3)(A), revoke
15 a passport previously issued to any individual de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1).

17 “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—

18 “(A) RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.—
19 In order to facilitate the return of an individual
20 described in paragraph (1) to the United
21 States, the Secretary of State may limit a pre-
22 viously issued passport or passport card only
23 for return travel to the United States, or may
24 issue a limited passport or passport card that

1 only permits return travel to the United States,
2 prior to revocation under paragraph (2).

3 “(B) HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY
4 WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may issue a
5 passport to an individual otherwise ineligible for
6 such passport or subject to revocation of such
7 passport under this subsection if the Secretary
8 determines that emergency circumstances or
9 humanitarian needs apply.

10 “(b) RIGHT OF REVIEW.—Any individual who, in ac-
11 cordance with this section, is denied issuance of a passport
12 by the Secretary of State, or whose passport is revoked
13 by the Secretary, may request a hearing to appeal such
14 denial or revocation not later than 60 days after receiving
15 notice of such denial or revocation.

16 “(c) RIGHT OF RESTORATION.—In the event that an
17 individual described in paragraph (1) demonstrates during
18 a hearing described in subsection (b) that the individual
19 has been acquitted of an act described in that paragraph,
20 or the Secretary otherwise changes a determination de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph, the Sec-
22 retary may re-issue a passport to such individual.

23 “(d) REPORT.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of State
25 refuses to issue or revokes a passport pursuant to

1 subsection (a), or if, subsequent to a hearing pursu-
2 ant to subsection (b), the Secretary issues or cancels
3 a revocation of a passport that was the subject of
4 such a hearing, the Secretary shall, not later than
5 30 days after such refusal or revocation, or such
6 issuance or cancellation, submit to the Committee on
7 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and
8 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
9 a report on such refusal, revocation, issuance, or
10 cancellation, as the case may be.

11 “(2) FORM.—The report submitted under para-
12 graph (1) may be submitted in classified or unclassi-
13 fied form.

14 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

15 “(1) the term ‘passport’ includes a passport
16 card; and

17 “(2) the term ‘material support’ means the pro-
18 vision of any property, tangible or intangible, or
19 service—

20 “(A) including currency or monetary in-
21 struments or financial securities, financial serv-
22 ices, lodging, training, expert advice or assist-
23 ance, safehouses, false documentation or identi-
24 fication, communications equipment, facilities,
25 weapons, lethal substances, explosives, per-

1 sonnel (one or more individuals who may be or
2 include oneself), and transportation; and

3 “(B) excluding medicine or religious mate-
4 rials.

5 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion may be construed—

7 “(1) or applied so as to abridge the exercise of
8 rights guaranteed under the first amendment to the
9 Constitution of the United States; or

10 “(2) to limit the Secretary’s ability to revoke a
11 passport.

12 “(g) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section
13 or the application of such provision is held by a Federal
14 court to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this section
15 and the application of such provisions to any other person
16 or circumstance shall not be affected.”.

17 **SEC. 227. PROGRAM FOR LANGUAGE TRANSLATION CAPA-**
18 **BILITIES.**

19 Section 1(n) of the State Department Basic Authori-
20 ties Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(n)) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
22 graph (6); and

23 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(5) PROGRAM FOR LANGUAGE TRANSLATION
2 CAPABILITIES.—

3 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Chief Artifi-
4 cial Intelligence Officer shall establish a pro-
5 gram for the utilization of multi-modal genera-
6 tive artificial intelligence language translation
7 capabilities within the Department.

8 “(B) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The
9 program required by subparagraph (A) shall—

10 “(i) include an automated human-in-
11 the-loop review and verification process op-
12 tion and a machine-only process option, al-
13 lowing users to choose which process to
14 utilize in adherence with Department poli-
15 cies;

16 “(ii) include real-time training and
17 fine-tuning of translation models for use
18 within different geographic regions and
19 Department mission areas;

20 “(iii) be available on unclassified and
21 classified information technology networks;

22 “(iv) be capable of generating original
23 content in non-English languages; and

24 “(v) be available at all United States
25 and overseas missions of the Department.

1 “(C) DEPARTMENT POLICIES.—The Chief
2 Artificial Intelligence Officer shall ensure the
3 deployment and use of artificial intelligence for
4 language translation capabilities as part of this
5 program adhere to Department policies, includ-
6 ing the conditions where it is appropriate to use
7 machine-only processes or automated human-in-
8 the-loop review and verification processes.

9 “(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

10 “(i) the term ‘automated human-in-
11 the-loop review and verification process’
12 has the meaning of an automated process
13 within an artificial intelligence language
14 translation system that requires human
15 linguists to review and verify translations
16 performed by an artificial intelligence
17 model for accuracy prior to returning
18 translated materials to a user;

19 “(ii) the term “machine-only process”
20 has the meaning of an artificial intelligence
21 language translation capability that deliv-
22 ers a translation to a user without review
23 by a human linguist; and

24 “(iii) the term “multi-modal” has the
25 meaning of multiple modes or formats of

1 content to be translated, including audio,
2 text, video, and text contained within im-
3 ages.”.

4 **TITLE III—POLITICAL AFFAIRS**

5 **SEC. 301. ARCTIC WATCHERS ACT.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Ambassador-at-Large
7 for Arctic Affairs shall establish and carry out a program
8 to be known as the “Arctic Watcher Program”, to—

9 (1) monitor the Arctic region across the secu-
10 rity, military, economic, natural resource, cyber, sci-
11 entific, and political sectors in foreign countries;

12 (2) monitor and combat the People’s Republic
13 of China, Russian Federation, and other malign in-
14 fluence campaigns across that region that impact
15 United States national security, European security,
16 and Indo-Pacific security or pose a threat to the
17 rules-based order, and undermine United States in-
18 terests in the region;

19 (3) strengthen the capacity of the United States
20 to engage with foreign countries and regional and
21 international organizations that are engaged in Arc-
22 tic affairs; and

23 (4) strengthen the United States energy secu-
24 rity, cyber security and economic interests in the

1 Arctic including in the critical minerals and natural
2 resources sectors.

3 (b) ASSIGNMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program
5 required by subsection (a), the Ambassador-at-Large
6 for Arctic Affairs shall assign individuals, to be
7 known as “Arctic Watchers”, to the following posts:

8 (A) At least 3 posts in European countries
9 with significant interests in the Arctic region.

10 (B) At least one post in North American
11 countries with significant interests in the Arctic
12 region.

13 (C) Other posts as determined to be nec-
14 essary for promoting the activities of the pro-
15 gram by the Secretary.

16 (2) NOTIFICATION.—The Ambassador-at-Large
17 for Arctic Affairs shall notify the appropriate con-
18 gressional committees upon assigning individuals to
19 be Arctic Watchers under paragraph (1).

20 **SEC. 302. PILOT PROGRAM FOR NEW CONGRESSIONAL NO-**
21 **TIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall direct the As-
23 sistant Secretary for African Affairs and the Assistant
24 Secretary for Counterterrorism to participate in a one-
25 year pilot program that requires each of the two Bureaus

1 to submit to the appropriate congressional committees a
2 notification of additional information related to foreign as-
3 sistance programs and requests for additional funds.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The notification required by sub-
5 section (a) shall include for each project, both new and
6 existing, that require the addition of funds, in addition
7 to existing requirements, the following:

8 (1) The working name of the program.

9 (2) The country or countries where the project
10 will be implemented.

11 (3) The mechanism used for the program (such
12 as contract, grant, interagency agreement, or bureau
13 transfer).

14 (4) The total amount of new funding.

15 (5) Whether such program is considered new, a
16 continuation, or an expansion.

17 (6) The total amount of funding over the life of
18 the program.

19 (7) The expected period of performance for the
20 program using the requested funds.

21 (8) The total period of performance of the pro-
22 gram up until the time of the request.

23 (9) The name of the proposed implementer, if
24 selected, and other identifying information about the
25 implementer, such as whether the implementer is a

1 government or private entity, whether the imple-
 2 mental is a United States-based company or organi-
 3 zation or an international organization, and other
 4 similar information.

5 (10) The intended objectives of the program.

6 (11) A description of key components or activi-
 7 ties of the program.

8 (12) Whether the program has a significant
 9 under-burn or overburn of funds based on projected
 10 spend rates.

11 (13) Whether a program or implementer has
 12 been put on a performance improvement plan or
 13 other additional administrative oversight.

14 **SEC. 303. REPEALING THE ZIMBABWE DEMOCRACY AND**
 15 **ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT OF 2001.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Zimbabwe Democracy and
 17 Economic Recovery Act of 2001 (ZEDERA Act), as
 18 amended, Public Law 107–99 (115 Statute 962) is hereby
 19 repealed.

20 (b) CONDITION ON FURTHER FUNDING FOR
 21 ZIMBABWE.—The United States shall not support any
 22 new or expanded funding from the International Monetary
 23 Fund or the International Bank for Reconstruction and
 24 Development (commonly known as the World Bank) for
 25 the Government of Zimbabwe unless the Government of

1 Zimbabwe shall commit, within 12 months of the approval
2 of such new or expanded funding, to remit all outstanding
3 arrears owed under the Global Compensation Deed, infla-
4 tion adjusted to the date of enactment, and compensation
5 shall not be in the form of Zimbabwe issued securities.
6 Failure to comply with this provision shall result in an
7 immediate cessation of all United States support for any
8 further funding from these institutions.

9 **SEC. 304. STRENGTHENING COMMERCIAL DIPLOMACY IN**
10 **AFRICA.**

11 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
12 United States to promote, facilitate, and increase two-way
13 trade and investment between the United States and Afri-
14 can countries to strengthen commercial ties, promote eco-
15 nomic growth and job creation, and advance strategic
16 partnerships.

17 (b) STRENGTHENING COMMERCIAL DIPLOMACY IN
18 AFRICA INITIATIVE.—

19 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
20 tablish an initiative to be known as the “Strength-
21 ening Commercial Diplomacy in Africa Initiative”
22 (in this section referred to as the “Initiative”).

23 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Initiative
24 shall be to prioritize and coordinate United States
25 Government programs, activities, and diplomatic ef-

1 forts aimed at increasing two-way trade and invest-
2 ment between the United States and Africa, includ-
3 ing to—

4 (A) identify, promote, and increase trade
5 and investment opportunities, facilitate business
6 and investor engagement, and support dissemi-
7 nation of data and market information to better
8 inform United States businesses and investors
9 of trade and investment opportunities across
10 Africa;

11 (B) support efforts of the United States
12 and African private sectors to access, navigate,
13 deepen, and compete in African and global cap-
14 ital markets using a private sector-led and sec-
15 tor-specific approach that includes energy, crit-
16 ical minerals, agriculture, information and com-
17 munications technology, healthcare, financial
18 services, arts and entertainment, and infra-
19 structure;

20 (C) modernize, streamline, and improve ac-
21 cess to resources and services designed to pro-
22 mote increased trade and investment opportuni-
23 ties for United States and African businesses
24 and investors;

1 (D) promote economic growth and job cre-
2 ation in the United States and Africa, while ad-
3 vancing strategic partnerships; and

4 (E) identify policy, regulatory, and legal
5 reforms needed to reduce trade and investment
6 barriers between the United States and Africa
7 and improve the business and investment cli-
8 mate in the United States and Africa, including
9 through the reduction of the cost of accessing
10 capital.

11 (c) LEADERSHIP.—The Initiative shall be led by a
12 Deputy Assistant Secretary within the Bureau of African
13 Affairs of the Department.

14 (d) COORDINATION.—The leadership established pur-
15 suant to subsection (c) shall be responsible for the man-
16 agement, coordination, and information sharing functions
17 of the Initiative and other duties that support the pur-
18 poses of the Initiative as appropriate. This shall include—

19 (1) convening relevant Federal departments and
20 agencies to coordinate programs, assistance, commu-
21 nications, and stakeholder engagement, and con-
22 sulting with such departments and agencies on the
23 appropriate levels and allocation of resources in sup-
24 port of achieving the strategic objectives of the Ini-
25 tiative;

1 (2) planning and implementing information
2 sharing and other collaboration efforts among rel-
3 evant Federal departments and agencies, and the
4 private sector as appropriate, related to trade and
5 investment opportunities, African capital markets,
6 and relevant transactions in Africa and support for
7 monitoring, evaluation, and transaction facilitation;

8 (3) engaging with United States and African
9 private sector partners, civil society organizations,
10 nongovernmental organizations and the African dias-
11 pora community, as appropriate, to solicit input and
12 feedback on the Initiative’s activities, as well as any
13 technical, policy, financial, and political obstacles
14 private sector partners encounter in accessing or ex-
15 panding in African markets or gaining access to cap-
16 ital for those purposes; and

17 (4) establishing measurable goals and objectives
18 for the purposes of carrying out the Initiative.

19 (e) LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall work to
21 establish an interagency leadership committee (in
22 this subsection referred to as the “committee”) to
23 provide strategic guidance for administering the ob-
24 jectives of the Initiative and serve as the United
25 States interagency strategic development and coordi-

1 nation body for efforts of relevant Federal depart-
2 ments and agencies.

3 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The committee shall in-
4 clude representatives from relevant Federal depart-
5 ments and agencies, as determined appropriate by
6 the President.

7 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The leadership established
8 in subsection (c) shall serve as chairperson of the
9 committee.

10 (4) MEETINGS.—The committee shall meet not
11 less than four times each year at the call of the
12 chairperson.

13 (f) STAFFING AND FIELD PRESENCE.—Subject to
14 the availability of appropriations—

15 (1) the Initiative shall be supported by at least
16 6 full-time employees of the Federal Government,
17 which should include personnel detailed to the Initia-
18 tive from relevant Federal departments and agen-
19 cies, who are stationed in Africa and whose sole du-
20 ties are to support the purposes of—

21 (A) the Initiative; or

22 (B) the provisions of the Better Utilization
23 of Investments Leading to Development Act of
24 2018 (Public Law 116–283) with respect to Af-
25 rica and in compliance with the requirements of

1 the Championing American Business Through
2 Diplomacy Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–94;
3 22 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.); and

4 (2) relevant Federal departments and agencies
5 should detail personnel to the leadership in the
6 United States.

7 (g) DEAL TEAMS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Initiative shall be sup-
9 ported by designated embassy staff holding positions
10 related to United States commercial and economic
11 interests at United States embassies located in Afri-
12 ca, to the extent practicable. Such designated em-
13 bassy staff at a United States embassy located in
14 Africa shall be referred to as a “deal team” for pur-
15 poses of this subsection.

16 (2) DUTIES.—Each deal team shall prioritize
17 efforts to identify commercial opportunities, advo-
18 cate for improvements in the business and invest-
19 ment climate, engage and consult with private sector
20 partners, and report on such activities, in compli-
21 ance with the applicable requirements of the Cham-
22 pioning American Business Through Diplomacy Act
23 of 2019 (Public Law 116–94; 22 U.S.C. 9901 et
24 seq.).

1 (3) ROLE OF AMBASSADOR.—The United States
2 Ambassador in countries in which a deal team is op-
3 erating shall serve as the head of each deal team
4 and, in accordance with the Championing American
5 Business Through Diplomacy Act of 2019 (Public
6 Law 116–94; 22 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.) shall consider
7 closing deals for United States companies as a core
8 responsibility of their job.

9 (4) MEASURING SUCCESS.—The success of each
10 deal team shall be based solely on the quantity of
11 deals for United States companies which they se-
12 cured in the previous 12 months. Members of suc-
13 cessful deal teams shall be considered for incentives
14 within the Department. This shall be judged in com-
15 parison to all other deal teams on the continent for
16 quantity of deals secured in the preceding year for
17 both dollar value and number of deals.

18 (5) DEAL TEAM REPORT.—No later than one
19 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
20 annually thereafter for five years, the leadership of
21 this Initiative shall submit a report to the appro-
22 priate congressional committees and the Under Sec-
23 retary of Management. This report shall—

24 (A) provide a ranked list of the perform-
25 ance of each “deal team” in the last 12 months

1 that shall be judged quantitatively on the number
2 of deals secured, the total dollar value of deals
3 secured, and the relative increase of United
4 States deals and investments in the country
5 compared to the year prior; and

6 (B) recommend to the Under Secretary for
7 Management that the staff of the top five best
8 performing “deal teams” be considered for fi-
9 nancial or title-based rewards.

10 **SEC. 305. ENSURING SMOOTH TRAVEL AND INVESTMENT IN**
11 **SOMALILAND.**

12 The Secretary shall, to improve the ability of United
13 States citizens and businesses to travel to and invest with-
14 in Somaliland, consider—

15 (1) establishing a representative office in
16 Hargeisa, Somaliland; and

17 (2) bifurcation of travel advisory warnings be-
18 tween Somalia and Somaliland.

19 **SEC. 306. MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS MIS-**
20 **SION.**

21 (a) REPORT ON MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OB-
22 SERVERS CONTRIBUTIONS.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
25 a report that—

1 (1) outlines the personal and equipment con-
2 tributions to the Multinational Force and Observers
3 Mission provided by each country making such a
4 contribution; and

5 (2) includes an overview of—

6 (A) any shortcomings or limitations in the
7 Multinational Force and Observers' ability to
8 carry out its mission; and

9 (B) any efforts to rectify such short-
10 comings or limitations.

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION BY UNITED
12 STATES PERSONNEL.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for
14 Near Eastern Affairs—

15 (A) shall maintain continuous observation
16 and coordination of all matters pertaining to
17 Department engagement with the Multinational
18 Force and Observers Mission; and

19 (B) may coordinate with other offices and
20 bureaus in the Department, as the Secretary
21 may prescribe.

22 (2) UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the limita-
24 tions in section 3 of the Multinational Force
25 and Observers Participation Resolution (22

1 U.S.C. 3422), the Secretary, in coordination
2 with the Secretary of Defense, is authorized to
3 provide under such terms and conditions as the
4 Secretary may determine, United States civilian
5 personnel to participate as observers in the
6 Multinational Force and Observers Mission.

7 (B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Mem-
8 bers of the United States civilian personnel,
9 who are assigned, detailed, or otherwise pro-
10 vided to the Multinational Force and Observers
11 Mission may perform only those functions or re-
12 sponsibilities which are specified for United Na-
13 tions Forces and Observers in the Treaty of
14 Peace and in accordance with the Protocol.

15 (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-
16 MENT.—The Secretary shall notify Congress not less than
17 15 days prior to any changes of United States contribu-
18 tions to, or participation in, the Multinational Force and
19 Observers Mission, and shall include an overview of the
20 impacts on the Multilateral Force Observer Mission.

21 **SEC. 307. PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP ACT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall de-
24 velop and submit to appropriate congressional committees

1 a strategy entitled the “Strategy for Pacific Partnership”
2 (in this section referred to as the “Strategy”).

3 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Strategy shall
4 include the following:

5 (1) A description of overarching goals for
6 United States engagement in the Pacific Islands re-
7 gion, including United States diplomatic posts, de-
8 fense posture, and economic engagement.

9 (2) An assessment of the following as they re-
10 late to United States national interests in the Pacific
11 Islands region—

12 (A) natural disasters;

13 (B) illegal, unreported, and unregulated
14 fishing;

15 (C) non-United States military presence
16 and activity;

17 (D) developmental challenges;

18 (E) economic coercion and corruption; and

19 (F) factors assessed to be causing a direct
20 risk to the United States national interests in
21 the Pacific Islands.

22 (3) A plan to address the threats assessed pur-
23 suant to paragraph (2).

24 (4) An analysis of the needs and goals ex-
25 pressed by governments of the Pacific Islands re-

1 gion, including at or through multilateral institu-
2 tions, in light of the United States national inter-
3 ests.

4 (5) A plan for the resources necessary for the
5 United States to meet its goals in the Pacific Islands
6 region.

7 (6) Mechanisms, including existing forums, for
8 coordinating and cooperating on shared goals among
9 the following, as appropriate:

10 (A) The governments of Pacific Island
11 countries.

12 (B) Regional partners in the Pacific Is-
13 lands region, including multilateral forums and
14 organizations, such as the Pacific Islands
15 Forum.

16 (C) Civil society in the Pacific Islands.

17 (D) United States subnational govern-
18 ments in the Pacific.

19 (c) UPDATE REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one
20 year after the date of the submission of the Strategy, and
21 annually thereafter until January 1, 2028, the Secretary
22 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
23 an update of the Strategy.

24 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary,

1 in coordination with the heads of other appropriate Fed-
2 eral departments and agencies, shall submit an implemen-
3 tation plan of the strategy to the appropriate congres-
4 sional committees that shall include a timeline and stated
5 objectives for actions to be taken in beneficiary countries
6 in support of the Strategy.

7 **SEC. 308. KOREAN AMERICAN DIVIDED FAMILIES.**

8 The Secretary, acting through the Special Envoy on
9 North Korean Human Rights Issues or such other indi-
10 vidual as the Secretary may designate, shall—

11 (1) collate information on Korean American
12 families who wish to be reunited with family mem-
13 bers in North Korea from which such Korean Amer-
14 ican families were divided after the signing of the
15 Agreement Concerning a Military Armistice in
16 Korea, signed at Panmunjom July 27, 1953 (com-
17 monly referred to as the “Korean War Armistice
18 Agreement”), in anticipation of future reunions for
19 such families and family members, including in-per-
20 son and video reunions; and

21 (2) establish a private internal national registry
22 of the names and other relevant information of such
23 Korean American families—

1 (A) to host such future reunions in South
2 Korea, the United States, or third countries;
3 and

4 (B) to provide for a private internal reposi-
5 tory of information about such Korean Amer-
6 ican families and family members in North
7 Korea, including information about individuals
8 who may be deceased.

9 **SEC. 309. UNITED STATES-JAPAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA TRI-**
10 **LATERAL COOPERATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in con-
13 sultation with Congress, shall seek to enter into negotia-
14 tions with the Governments of Japan and the Republic
15 of Korea with the goal of reaching a written agreement
16 to establish a United States-Japan-Republic of Korea
17 Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue to facilitate closer coopera-
18 tion on shared interests and values.

19 (b) UNITED STATES GROUP.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—At such time as the govern-
21 ments of the United States, Japan, and the Republic
22 of Korea enter into a written agreement described in
23 subsection (a) to establish a United States-Japan-
24 Republic of Korea Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue,
25 there shall be established a United States Group,

1 which shall represent the United States at the
2 United States-Japan-Republic of Korea Inter-Par-
3 liamentary Dialogue.

4 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The United States
6 Group shall be comprised of not more than
7 eight Members of Congress.

8 (B) APPOINTMENT.—Of the Members of
9 Congress appointed to the United States Group
10 under subparagraph (A)—

11 (i) two shall be appointed by the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 from among Members of the House, not
14 fewer than one of whom shall be a member
15 of the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

16 (ii) two shall be appointed by the
17 House Minority Leader, from among Mem-
18 bers of the House, not fewer than one of
19 whom shall be a member of the Committee
20 on Foreign Affairs;

21 (iii) two shall be appointed by the
22 Senate Majority Leader, from among
23 Members of the Senate, not fewer than one
24 of whom shall be a member of the Com-
25 mittee on Foreign Relations; and

1 (iv) two shall be appointed by the
2 Senate Minority Leader, from among
3 Members of the Senate, not fewer than one
4 of whom shall be a member of the Com-
5 mittee on Foreign Relations.

6 (C) TERM.—Appointments to the United
7 States Group shall be for the duration of two
8 years.

9 (3) MEETINGS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The United States
11 Group shall seek to meet not less frequently
12 than annually with representatives and appro-
13 priate staff of the legislatures of Japan and the
14 Republic of Korea, and representatives and ap-
15 propriate staff of any other country invited by
16 mutual agreement of the three countries.

17 (B) LIMITATION.—A meeting described in
18 subparagraph (A) may be held—

19 (i) in the United States;

20 (ii) in another country during periods
21 when Congress is not in session; or

22 (iii) virtually.

23 (4) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

24 (A) ROTATION.—The positions of Chair-
25 person and Vice Chairperson of the United

1 States Group shall alternate between the House
2 and Senate delegations every two years, coin-
3 ciding with each new Congress.

4 (B) HOUSE DELEGATION.—

5 (i) ODD-NUMBER CONGRESSES.—In
6 Congresses with an odd number, the
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives
8 shall designate the Chairperson of the
9 United States Group from among members
10 of the House delegation who are also mem-
11 bers of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

12 (ii) EVEN-NUMBER CONGRESSES.—In
13 Congresses with an even number, the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 shall designate the Vice Chairperson of the
16 United States Group from among members
17 of the House delegation who are also mem-
18 bers of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

19 (C) SENATE DELEGATION.—

20 (i) EVEN-NUMBER CONGRESSES.—In
21 Congresses with an even number, the
22 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall
23 designate the Chairperson of the United
24 States Group from among members of the

1 Senate delegation who are also members of
2 the Committee on Foreign Relations.

3 (ii) ODD-NUMBER CONGRESSES.—In
4 Congresses with an odd number, the Presi-
5 dent Pro Tempore of the Senate shall des-
6 ignate the Vice Chairperson of the United
7 States Group from among members of the
8 Senate delegation who are also members of
9 the Committee on Foreign Relations.

10 (D) TERM.—The Chairperson and Vice
11 Chairperson shall serve for the duration one
12 each Congress.

13 (5) PRIVATE SOURCES.—The United States
14 Group may accept gifts or donations of services or
15 property, subject to the review and approval, as ap-
16 propriate, of the Committee on Ethics of the House
17 of Representatives and the Committee on Ethics of
18 the Senate.

19 (6) CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.—The
20 certificate of the chairperson of the delegation from
21 the House of Representatives or the delegation of
22 the Senate of the United States Group shall be final
23 and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the
24 auditing of the accounts of the United States Group.

1 **SEC. 310. REGIONAL CHINA OFFICER PROGRAM UNIT.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ESTABLISHMENT.—The Sec-
3 retary shall establish within the Office of China Coordina-
4 tion of the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs of
5 the Department a Regional China Officer Program Unit
6 (in this section referred to as the “Unit”).

7 (b) PERSONNEL.—The Unit shall be comprised of—

8 (1) one Director; and

9 (2) not fewer than 20 forward-deployed Foreign
10 Service Officers assigned to United States diplo-
11 matic or consular posts or detailed to the foreign
12 ministry of an ally, to be known as Regional China
13 Officers (in this section referred to as “RCOs”), who
14 shall be responsible for—

15 (A) monitoring and reporting on activities
16 of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) in the
17 region of his or her responsibility, including in
18 the commercial, development, finance, critical
19 infrastructure, technology, and military do-
20 mains, including projects associated with the
21 PRC’s Belt and Road Initiative, Global Security
22 Initiative, and Global Development Initiative;
23 and

24 (B) advising united states embassy per-
25 sonnel, diplomatic allies and partners, and host

1 countries on how to understand and address
2 PRC activities globally and locally.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—Not later than 90 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
5 appoint a Director for the Unit from among career mem-
6 bers of the Foreign Service.

7 (d) LIMITATION ON POSITION.—The establishment of
8 the position of the Director of the Unit pursuant to sub-
9 section (c) shall not result in an increase in the overall
10 full-time equivalent positions within the Department.

11 (e) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director shall be re-
12 sponsible for coordinating and overseeing the activities of
13 RCOs in order to—

14 (1) improve United States responsiveness to ac-
15 tivities, strategies and tactics of the PRC;

16 (2) ensure that RCO program activities in-
17 crease the knowledge, understanding, and trust of
18 the United States by relevant target audiences;

19 (3) identify gaps in United States engagements
20 regarding PRC cross-cutting activities; and

21 (4) manage hiring for RCO positions.

22 (f) REGIONAL CHINA OFFICERS.—

23 (1) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Secretary shall se-
24 lect and assign RCOs from among Foreign Service
25 Officers who have expertise related to the PRC, in-

1 including in the forms of prior experience working in
2 or on the PRC, Taiwan, and Hong Kong, and pro-
3 ficiency in Mandarin language.

4 (2) GEOGRAPHIC PLACEMENT.—Of the total
5 number of RCOs in the Unit, there shall be no fewer
6 than two Regional China Officers assigned to United
7 States diplomatic posts associated with each of the
8 following bureaus of the Department:

9 (A) The Bureau of African Affairs.

10 (B) The Bureau of East Asian and Pacific
11 Affairs.

12 (C) The Bureau of European and Eur-
13 asian Affairs.

14 (D) The Bureau of International Organiza-
15 tion Affairs.

16 (E) The Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

17 (F) The Bureau of South and Central
18 Asian Affairs.

19 (G) The Bureau of Western Hemisphere
20 Affairs.

21 (g) SUNSET PROVISION.—The requirement to main-
22 tain the Unit and the Regional China Officer Program
23 under subsection (a) shall expire on the date that is 5
24 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (h) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “ally”
2 means only—

3 (1) a member country of the North Atlantic
4 Treaty Organization; or

5 (2) a country designated as a major non-NATO
6 ally pursuant to the authorities provided by section
7 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
8 U.S.C. 2321k).

9 **SEC. 311. DISASTER REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR PACIFIC IS-**
10 **LANDS COUNTRIES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for Miti-
12 gation and Disaster Assistance shall develop and imple-
13 ment a disaster preparedness strategy for the Pacific Is-
14 lands countries.

15 (b) STRATEGIC PURPOSE.—The strategy required by
16 subsection (a) shall—

17 (1) support United States foreign policy objec-
18 tives and Indo-Pacific regional engagement by posi-
19 tioning the United States as the leading stabilization
20 and crisis-response partner in the Pacific Islands
21 countries;

22 (2) bolster local resilience to natural and cli-
23 matic disasters;

1 (3) support building local capabilities for dis-
2 aster risk reduction, recovery, and rapid response
3 mechanisms; and

4 (4) reinforce long-term United States partner-
5 ships, including with the Compacts of Free Associa-
6 tion.

7 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Assistant Secretary for
8 Migration and Disaster Assistance shall consult with the
9 Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in
10 the development and execution of the strategy required by
11 subsection (a).

12 (d) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
14 ally thereafter for two years, the Assistant Secretary shall
15 brief the appropriate congressional committees on the de-
16 velopment and implementation of the strategy required by
17 subsection (a).

18 **SEC. 312. TRANSATLANTIC GROWTH ENTERPRISE PRO-**
19 **GRAM.**

20 (a) ENTERPRISE AUTHORIZED.—The Assistant Sec-
21 retary for European and Eurasian Affairs, in coordination
22 with the Chief Executive Officer of the United States
23 International Development Finance Corporation, and the
24 heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies,
25 carry out a program, to be known as the “Transatlantic

1 Growth Enterprise” (in this section referred to as the
2 “Enterprise”), in support of strengthening United States
3 relations with participating Enterprise countries, with a
4 particular focus on strengthening business to business ties
5 and fostering a robust investment environment in partici-
6 pating Enterprise countries as well as expanding energy
7 security and security cooperation in Enterprise countries.

8 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Enterprise
9 shall be the following:

10 (1) Strengthen United States relationships with
11 like-minded participating countries.

12 (2) Expand business-to-business ties, including
13 by working with relevant private sector entities, be-
14 tween United States industry and important eco-
15 nomic and security sectors in participating countries.

16 (3) Expand energy sector cooperation between
17 the United States and Enterprise countries, includ-
18 ing in the nuclear energy sector.

19 (4) Strengthen people-to-people ties between the
20 United States and participating countries.

21 (5) Strengthen security cooperation and efforts
22 to counter Russian malign influence and aggression
23 on the European continent.

1 (6) Counter the People’s Republic of China’s
2 growing private sector footprint in Enterprise coun-
3 tries.

4 (c) MEETINGS.—The Assistant Secretary for Euro-
5 pean and Eurasian Affairs shall seek to convene appro-
6 priate stakeholders of participating Enterprise countries
7 at least twice per calendar year to discuss shared goals
8 and priorities for the Enterprise. Such stakeholders shall
9 include, as practicable, government officials, business lead-
10 ers, and civil society representatives.

11 (d) LIMITATION.—To the extent that projects or ac-
12 tivities are undertaken or supported by the Secretary, the
13 Enterprise may only engage with counterpart government
14 officials of Enterprise countries that the Secretary has de-
15 termined are not undermining United States interests in
16 the region—

17 (1) through cooperation with the Russian Fed-
18 eration or the People’s Republic of China; or

19 (2) by undermining democracy in the region in-
20 cluding through the conclusion of a bilateral agree-
21 ment with the People’s Republic of China or the
22 Russian Federation that enables the stationing of
23 that country’s police or military forces on the enter-
24 prise country’s territory.

25 (e) REPORTS.—

1 (1) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 and annually thereafter for two years, the Assistant
4 Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, in co-
5 ordination with the heads of the Federal agencies
6 described in subsection (a), shall submit to the ap-
7 propriate congressional committees a report detailing
8 the activities of the Enterprise, which shall also in-
9 clude—

10 (A) an overview of the diplomatic engage-
11 ments undertaken in the Enterprise;

12 (B) an assessment of the progress of
13 achieving the objectives described in subsection
14 (b); and

15 (C) recommendations for future initiatives
16 for the Enterprise to undertake.

17 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
18 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
19 contain a classified annex.

20 (f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Enter-
21 prise country”—

22 (1) means Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Roma-
23 nia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Bulgaria; and

1 (2) may include any other country in Central
2 and Eastern Europe that the Assistant Secretary for
3 European Eurasian Affairs determines appropriate.

4 **SEC. 313. REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA SOVEREIGNTY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the policy of the United
6 States not to recognize claims of sovereignty, other than
7 those of the Republic of Georgia, over the following areas
8 in the Republic of Georgia:

9 (1) South Ossetia.

10 (2) Abkhazia.

11 (b) PROHIBITION.—In accordance with subsection
12 (a), no Federal department or agency may take any action
13 or extend any assistance that implies recognition of claims
14 of sovereignty other than those of the Republic of Georgia
15 over South Ossetia or Abkhazia.

16 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the provi-
17 sions described in subsection (a) if the Secretary deter-
18 mines and reports to the appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees that to do so is in the national interest of the
20 United States and includes a justification for such inter-
21 est.

22 **SEC. 314. UNITED STATES-BELARUS STRATEGIC DIALOGUE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to fa-
24 cilitate an annual Strategic Dialogue with the Democratic
25 forces of Belarus.

1 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Strategic
2 Dialogue authorized by subsection (a) may seek to—

3 (1) consider the efforts needed to return to
4 democratic rule in Belarus, including the efforts
5 needed to support free and fair elections in Belarus;

6 (2) engage actively with the Belarus Democracy
7 Movement;

8 (3) respond to the political, economic, and secu-
9 rity impacts of events in Belarus and the Russian
10 Federation on neighboring countries in the wider re-
11 gion;

12 (4) ensure accountability including through pos-
13 sible punitive measures for the regime of Alyaksandr
14 Lukashenka for its human rights abuses, under-
15 mining and repression of Belarusian civil society and
16 sovereignty in favor of the Russian Federation, and
17 support for the Russian Federation’s war of aggres-
18 sion in Ukraine; and

19 (5) facilitate the release of political prisoners
20 and other wrongfully detained individuals in Belarus
21 including journalists.

22 **SEC. 315. UYGHUR GENOCIDE ACCOUNTABILITY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized, sub-
24 ject to the requirements of chapters 1 and 10 of part I
25 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151

1 et seq.) and section 634A of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2394–
2 1)—

3 (1) to provide the assistance described in sub-
4 section (b) to individuals who—

5 (A) belong to the Uyghur, Kazakh,
6 Kyrgyz, or another oppressed ethnic group in
7 the People’s Republic of China;

8 (B) experienced torture, forced steriliza-
9 tion, rape, forced abortion, forced labor, or
10 other atrocities in the People’s Republic of
11 China; and

12 (C) are residing outside of the People’s Re-
13 public of China; and

14 (2) to build local capacity for the assistance de-
15 scribed in subsection (b) through—

16 (A) grants to treatment centers and pro-
17 grams in foreign countries in accordance with
18 section 130(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
19 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2152(b)); and

20 (B) research and training to health care
21 providers outside of such treatment centers or
22 programs in accordance with section 130(c)(2)
23 of such Act.

24 (b) AUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE.—The assistance de-
25 scribed in this section is—

- 1 (1) medical care;
- 2 (2) physical therapy; and
- 3 (3) psychological support.

4 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall brief
6 the appropriate congressional committees on—

- 7 (1) the direct care or services provided in for-
8 eign countries for individuals described in subsection
9 (a)(1)(A); and
- 10 (2) any projects started or supported in foreign
11 countries to provide the care or services described in
12 paragraph (1)(A).

13 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Not more than 50 percent of
14 the costs of providing the assistance authorized under sub-
15 section (a) may be paid by the United States Government.

16 (e) DOCUMENTING ATROCITIES IN THE XINJIANG
17 UYGHUR AUTONOMOUS REGION.—The Secretary is au-
18 thorized to provide assistance, including financial and
19 technical assistance, as necessary and appropriate, to sup-
20 port the efforts of entities, including nongovernmental or-
21 ganizations with expertise in international criminal inves-
22 tigations and law, to address genocide, crimes against hu-
23 manity, and their constituent crimes by the Government
24 of the People’s Republic of China by—

1 (1) collecting, documenting, and archiving evi-
2 dence, including the testimonies of victims and
3 visuals from social media, and preserving the chain
4 of custody for such evidence;

5 (2) identifying suspected perpetrators of geno-
6 cide and crimes against humanity;

7 (3) conducting criminal investigations of atroc-
8 ity crimes, including by developing indigenous inves-
9 tigative and judicial skills through partnerships, di-
10 rect mentoring, and providing the necessary equip-
11 ment and infrastructure to effectively adjudicate
12 cases for use in prosecutions in domestic courts, hy-
13 brid courts, and internationalized domestic courts;

14 (4) supporting investigations conducted by for-
15 eign countries, civil society groups, and multilateral
16 organizations; and

17 (5) supporting and protecting witnesses partici-
18 pating in such investigations.

19 **SEC. 316. CENTRAL ASIAN CONNECTIVITY TASK FORCE.**

20 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The President shall establish
21 a Central Asian Connectivity Interagency Task Force
22 dedicated to coordinating the implementation of the Cen-
23 tral Asian Regional Connectivity Strategy.

24 (b) **CHAIR.**—The Task Force shall be chaired by the
25 Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy,

1 and the Environment, with representation from the Bu-
2 reaus of South and Central Asian Affairs, East Asia and
3 Pacific Affairs, and Europe and Eurasian Affairs of the
4 Department, the United States Trade and Development
5 Agency, the United States International Development Fi-
6 nance Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation,
7 the Department of Commerce, the Department of the
8 Treasury, the Export-Import Bank, and any other Federal
9 departments or agencies the President determines relevant
10 to the work of the Task Force.

11 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The Task Force shall carry out the
12 following functions:

13 (1) Coordinating implementation of regional
14 connectivity projects with Central Asian countries
15 and relevant countries across South Asia, East Asia,
16 and Europe.

17 (2) Connecting with the United States private
18 sector to identify and support market opportunities
19 in Central Asia.

20 (3) Coordinating with development finance in-
21 stitutions and multilateral development banks to se-
22 cure additional contributions and technical support
23 to implement the Central Asian Regional
24 Connectivity Strategy and any successor strategy.

1 (d) SUNSET.—The task force shall terminate on Jan-
2 uary 1, 2031.

3 **SEC. 317. INDIAN OCEAN REGION STRATEGIC REVIEW.**

4 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy
5 of the United States that as part of its broader Indo-Pa-
6 cific engagement strategy, the United States shall
7 strengthen engagement with Indian Ocean region coun-
8 tries, including governments, civil society, academia, and
9 private sectors, and to enhance United States and allied
10 presence and partnerships through the following actions:

11 (1) Promoting cohesive political ties via regional
12 organizations and stronger bilateral diplomacy.

13 (2) Deepening the bilateral security relationship
14 with India, including enhanced intelligence sharing,
15 military communication, and naval cooperation.

16 (3) Engaging India to operationalize regional
17 economic and political opportunities.

18 (4) Expanding economic connectivity and com-
19 mercial exchange with Indian Ocean region coun-
20 tries.

21 (5) Ensuring freedom of navigation and
22 unimpeded access to regional trade routes consistent
23 with international law.

1 (6) Addressing maritime security threats in-
2 cluding piracy and illegal fishing through joint co-
3 operation.

4 (7) Supporting regional capacity to respond to
5 environmental disasters and build resilient infra-
6 structure.

7 (8) Strengthening maritime domain awareness
8 and security through cooperation with allies and
9 partners.

10 (9) Advancing coordination with allies and part-
11 ners—including Japan, Australia, India, the United
12 Kingdom, and France—to uphold a rules-based
13 order.

14 (10) Assessing resources and tools needed for
15 sustained United States diplomatic and economic en-
16 gagement.

17 (b) STRATEGY.—The Secretary, in consultation with
18 the Secretary of Defense, shall develop a strategy to en-
19 hance United States, allied, and partner presence, influ-
20 ence, and access in the Indian Ocean region. The strategy
21 shall include—

22 (1) an identification of the political, economic,
23 and security goals and opportunities of the United
24 States in the Indian Ocean region;

1 (2) an explanation of the political, economic,
2 and security goals of Indian Ocean region countries
3 and a detailed description of areas with respect to
4 which such interests align with the goals of the
5 United States;

6 (3) a list that details the economic and political
7 efforts of the People’s Republic of China with re-
8 spect to the Indian Ocean region, particularly with
9 respect to the engagement by the People’s Republic
10 of China with each country located within the Indian
11 Ocean region;

12 (4) a description and analysis of challenges, in-
13 cluding countries and specific projects, to the en-
14 gagement with Indian Ocean region countries as a
15 result of—

16 (A) disparate policy goals across the de-
17 partments and agencies of the United States
18 Government; and

19 (B) disparate definitions of the term “In-
20 dian Ocean region”;

21 (5) a list that details efforts to improve co-
22 operation between the United States and Australia,
23 India, and Japan (commonly referred to as the
24 “Quadrilateral Dialogue” or “Quad” and referred to
25 as such in this section), through coordination be-

1 tween members of the Quad with respect to diplo-
2 macy and development priorities, joint military exer-
3 cises and operations, and other activities that pro-
4 mote and balance the political, economic, and secu-
5 rity interests of the United States with respect to
6 Indian Ocean region countries;

7 (6) an overview of efforts to support the eco-
8 nomic connectivity and development of island coun-
9 tries located within the Indian Ocean region, includ-
10 ing through the United States-India-Japan Tri-
11 lateral Infrastructure Working Group, the Asia-Afri-
12 ca Growth Corridor, and other efforts to expand and
13 enhance connectivity across the Indo-Pacific region
14 (including with the countries of Southeast Asia) that
15 maintain high standards of investment and support
16 for civil society and people-to-people connectivity;

17 (7) a description of how the United States may
18 engage with regional intergovernmental organiza-
19 tions and multilateral organizations, including the
20 Indian Ocean Rim Association and the United Na-
21 tions, to promote the political, economic, and secu-
22 rity goals of the United States in the Indian Ocean
23 region;

24 (8) a description of how the United States may
25 facilitate cooperation between Indian Ocean region

1 countries (including with the governments, civil soci-
2 ety, academia, and private sectors of such countries)
3 and Taiwan, through Taiwan's New Southbound
4 Policy;

5 (9) a review of the diplomatic posture of the
6 United States in the Indian Ocean region, includ-
7 ing—

8 (A) an assessment of the diplomatic en-
9 gagement by the United States with Indian
10 Ocean region countries without a permanent
11 United States embassy or diplomatic mission;

12 (B) an assessment of means by which to
13 improve cooperation by the United States with
14 the Maldives, the Seychelles, and Comoros;

15 (C) an assessment of the sufficiency of
16 United States diplomatic personnel and facili-
17 ties available in the Indian Ocean region to
18 achieve United States policy in such region;

19 (D) a description of any fiscal or personnel
20 resources required to fill identified gaps with
21 respect to such diplomatic posture; and

22 (E) a description of the bilateral and mul-
23 tilateral diplomatic goals of the Department
24 that the Secretary deems necessary to achieve

1 United States policy in the Indian Ocean re-
2 gion;

3 (10) a review of the agreements entered into
4 between the United States and Indian Ocean region
5 countries for the purpose of facilitating the military
6 operations of the United States pursuant to bilateral
7 and multilateral agreements and a description of any
8 efforts to expand the naval and coast guard coopera-
9 tion of the United States with India and other In-
10 dian Ocean region countries through the negotiation
11 of additional agreements;

12 (11) a strategy for the provision of United
13 States security assistance to the governments of In-
14 dian Ocean region countries, including a summary of
15 the security priorities, objectives, and actions of the
16 prospective recipient country and a description of
17 the means by which the United States may support
18 such security priorities, objectives, and actions while
19 promoting the political, economic, and security goals
20 of the United States in the Indian Ocean region;

21 (12) a security assistance assessment of the ca-
22 pabilities, training, and funding needed for countries
23 in the region to push back against shared challenges
24 in the region; and

1 (13) a plan to expand the foreign assistance
2 presence of the United States with respect to the
3 governments of island countries located within the
4 Indian Ocean region, including a description of any
5 resources or policy tools required to expand the abil-
6 ity of the United States to offer high-quality infra-
7 structure resiliency projects to such countries.

8 (c) INCLUSION.—The strategy required by subsection
9 (b) may be submitted to the appropriate congressional
10 committees as a part of any other strategy relating to the
11 Indo-Pacific region.

12 (d) REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 2026, and an-
13 nually thereafter for two years, the Assistant Secretary
14 of State for South and Central Asian Affairs shall submit
15 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that
16 contains the strategy required by subsection (b).

17 **SEC. 318. CARIBBEAN BASIN SECURITY INITIATIVE.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting
20 through the Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere
21 Affairs, shall establish a strategy, to be known as the
22 “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative”, in beneficiary
23 countries to achieve the purposes described in subsection
24 (b).

1 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes described in this sub-
2 section shall include measures—

3 (1) to promote citizen safety, security, and the
4 rule of law;

5 (2) to counter transnational criminal organiza-
6 tions and local gangs;

7 (3) to advance law enforcement and justice sec-
8 tor capacity building and rule of law initiatives;

9 (4) to promote crime prevention, particularly
10 among at-risk-youth and other vulnerable popu-
11 lations;

12 (5) to strengthen the ability of the security sec-
13 tor to respond to and become more resilient in the
14 face of natural disasters;

15 (6) to prioritize efforts to combat corruption
16 and include anti-corruption components;

17 (7) to counter malign influence from authori-
18 tarian regimes, including China, Russia, Iran, Ven-
19 ezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba; and

20 (8) to support the effective branding and mes-
21 saging of United States security assistance and co-
22 operation in beneficiary countries, including by de-
23 veloping and implementing a public diplomacy strat-
24 egy for informing citizens of beneficiary countries
25 about the benefits to their respective countries of

1 United States security assistance and cooperation
2 programs.

3 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “bene-
4 ficiary countries” means—

- 5 (1) Antigua and Barbuda;
- 6 (2) the Bahamas;
- 7 (3) Barbados;
- 8 (4) Dominica;
- 9 (5) the Dominican Republic;
- 10 (6) Grenada;
- 11 (7) Guyana;
- 12 (8) Jamaica;
- 13 (9) Saint Lucia;
- 14 (10) Saint Kitts and Nevis;
- 15 (11) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;
- 16 (12) Suriname; and
- 17 (13) Trinidad and Tobago.

18 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees an implementation plan that shall include—

- 22 (1) a multi-year strategy with timeline and stat-
23 ed objectives for actions to be taken in the countries
24 where the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative” ap-
25 plies;

1 (2) a list of anticipated outcomes for the region
2 and for each country;

3 (3) specific, measurable benchmarks to track
4 the progress of the “Caribbean Basin Security Ini-
5 tiative” toward accomplishing the outcomes included
6 under this section; and

7 (4) an assessment of steps taken, as of the date
8 on which the strategy is submitted, to increase re-
9 gional coordination and collaboration between the
10 law enforcement agencies of countries included in
11 the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative” and the
12 Haitian National Police, and a framework with
13 benchmarks for increasing such coordination and
14 collaboration, in order to address the urgent security
15 crisis in Haiti.

16 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one
17 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
18 ally thereafter until 2030, the Secretary to submit to the
19 appropriate congressional committees a report that in-
20 cludes—

21 (1) the implementation strategy required by
22 subsection (d); and

23 (2) an assessment of progress related to meet-
24 ing the benchmarks described in subsection (d).

1 (f) SUNSET.—The authority to carry out the Carib-
2 bean Basin Security Initiative under this section shall ter-
3 minate on the date that is five years after the date of en-
4 actment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 319. HAITI CRIMINAL COLLUSION TRANSPARENCY**
6 **ACT OF 2025.**

7 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
8 “Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act of 2025”.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
11 five years, the Secretary, in coordination with the heads
12 of other Federal departments and agencies as appropriate,
13 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
14 a report regarding the ties between criminal gangs and
15 political and economic elites in Haiti.

16 (c) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
17 quired by subsection (b) shall—

18 (1) identify and list prominent criminal gangs
19 in Haiti as well as the leaders thereof, and describe
20 their criminal activities including coercive recruit-
21 ment, and identify their primary geographic areas of
22 operations;

23 (2) list Haitian political and economic elites
24 who have direct links to criminal gangs and any or-
25 ganizations or entities controlled by these elites;

1 (3) describe in detail the relationship between
2 the individuals listed pursuant to paragraph (2) and
3 the criminal gangs identified pursuant to paragraph
4 (1);

5 (4) describe in detail how Haitian political and
6 economic elites use their relationships with criminal
7 gangs to advance their political and economic inter-
8 ests and agenda;

9 (5) include a list of each criminal organization
10 assessed to be trafficking Haitians and other indi-
11 viduals to the United States border;

12 (6) include an assessment of ties between polit-
13 ical and economic elites, criminal gangs in Haiti,
14 and transnational criminal organizations;

15 (7) include an assessment of how the nature
16 and extent of collusion between political and eco-
17 nomic elites and criminal gangs threatens the Hai-
18 tian people and United States national interests and
19 activities in the country; and

20 (8) include an assessment of potential actions
21 that the Government of the United States could take
22 to address the findings made pursuant to paragraph
23 (6).

1 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b)
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
3 a classified annex.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives;

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
10 the Senate;

11 (C) the Committee on Financial Services of
12 the House of Representatives;

13 (D) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
14 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

15 (E) the House Permanent Select Com-
16 mittee on Intelligence;

17 (F) the Senate Select Committee on Intel-
18 ligence;

19 (G) the Committee on Appropriations of
20 the House of Representatives; and

21 (H) the Committee on Appropriations of
22 the Senate;

23 (2) the term “economic elites” means board
24 members, officers, and executives of groups, commit-
25 tees, corporations, or other entities that exert sub-

1 stantial influence or control over Haiti’s economy,
2 infrastructure, or particular industries; and

3 (3) the term “political elites” means current
4 and former government officials and their high-level
5 staff, political party leaders, and political committee
6 leaders.

7 (f) SUNSET.—The authorities provided by this sec-
8 tion shall cease to have effect beginning on the date that
9 is five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 320. RESTORING SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

11 **IN NICARAGUA ACT OF 2025.**

12 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
13 United States to seek a resolution to the political crisis
14 in Nicaragua that includes—

15 (1) a commitment by the Government of Nica-
16 ragua to hold free and fair elections that meet demo-
17 cratic standards and permit credible international
18 electoral observation to replace the Ortega regime;

19 (2) the cessation of the violence perpetrated
20 against civilians by the National Police of Nicaragua
21 and by armed groups supported by the Government
22 of Nicaragua; and

23 (3) independent investigations into the killings
24 of protesters in Nicaragua.

1 (b) REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION OF NICARAGUA IN
2 THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED
3 STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.—

4 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Secretary, in consultation with the United
8 States Trade Representative, shall submit to
9 the appropriate congressional committees a re-
10 port on the participation of Nicaragua in
11 CAFTA–DR, which includes—

12 (i) an assessment of the benefits that
13 the Ortega regime receives from the par-
14 ticipation of Nicaragua in CAFTA–DR, in-
15 cluding profits earned by Nicaraguan
16 State-owned entities;

17 (ii) a description of the violations of
18 commitments made by Nicaragua under
19 CAFTA–DR; and

20 (iii) an assessment of whether Nica-
21 ragua qualifies as a nonmarket economy
22 for the purposes of the Trade Act of 1974
23 (19 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.).

1 (B) FORM.—The report required by sub-
2 paragraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassi-
3 fied form, but may include a classified annex.

4 (2) CAFTA–DR DEFINED.—In this section, the
5 term “CAFTA–DR” means the Dominican Repub-
6 lic-Central America-United States Free Trade
7 Agreement—

8 (A) entered into on August 5, 2004, with
9 the Governments of Costa Rica, the Dominican
10 Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras,
11 and Nicaragua, and submitted to Congress on
12 June 23, 2005; and

13 (B) approved by Congress under section
14 101(a)(1) of the Dominican Republic-Central
15 American-United States Free Trade Agreement
16 Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 4011(a)(1)).

17 (c) SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
18 PROGRAMS.—

19 (1) GRANTS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President may
21 provide grants to private, nonprofit organiza-
22 tions to support programs that promote human
23 rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Nica-
24 ragua, including programs that document

1 human rights abuses committed by the Ortega
2 regime since April 2018.

3 (B) ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS.—Any
4 program that receives a grant under subpara-
5 graph (A) should be administered to the max-
6 imum extent feasible in consultation with mem-
7 bers of the Nicaraguan opposition, including in-
8 dividuals in exile in Costa Rica and the United
9 States.

10 (C) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Any entity
11 owned, controlled, or otherwise affiliated with
12 the Ortega regime is not eligible to receive a
13 grant under this subsection.

14 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in
16 consultation with the heads of other appropriate
17 Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to
18 appropriate congressional committees a report on ac-
19 tions taken pursuant to this subsection. This report
20 may be combined with the report required under
21 subsection (b)(1).

22 (d) SUPPORT FOR NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS AT
23 THE UNITED NATIONS.—The President should direct the
24 United States Permanent Representative to the United
25 Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United

1 States to urge the United Nations to provide greater ac-
 2 tion with respect to human rights violations in Nicaragua,
 3 including by—

4 (1) encouraging international support for con-
 5 ducting thorough and independent investigations
 6 into all alleged human rights violations and abuses
 7 committed in Nicaragua since April 2018;

8 (2) urging the United Nations General Assem-
 9 bly to consider a resolution, consistent with prior
 10 United Nations resolutions, condemning the exile of
 11 political prisoners and attacks on religious freedom
 12 by the Ortega regime; and

13 (3) assisting efforts, as permitted by United
 14 States law, by the relevant United Nations Special
 15 Envoys and Special Rapporteurs to promote respect
 16 for human rights and encourage dialogue towards a
 17 peaceful and democratic transfer of power in Nica-
 18 ragua.

19 **SEC. 321. PROTECT HONDURAN DEMOCRACY ACT.**

20 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
 21 “Protect Honduran Democracy Act”.

22 (b) **STRATEGY.**—

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish
 24 a strategy to promote free and fair elections in Hon-
 25 duras to take place on November 30, 2025.

1 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy
2 required by paragraph (1) shall include support for
3 monitoring the elections by credible and internation-
4 ally recognized elections monitoring bodies, such as
5 the Organization of American States, the European
6 Union, the United Nations, and experienced civil so-
7 ciety observers and others to achieve the following:

8 (A) Ensure that candidates to public office
9 are not subject to harassment, undue legal per-
10 secution, or other efforts to misuse state re-
11 sources to dissuade them or undermine their
12 candidacies.

13 (B) Avoid the misuse of state resources
14 aimed at influencing voter preferences.

15 (C) Avoid the use of violence and intimidat-
16 ion, including by transnational criminal organi-
17 zations, local gangs, or political parties and
18 their proxies.

19 (D) Guarantee freedom of speech and as-
20 sembly.

21 (E) Ensure transparent and credible trans-
22 mission of elections results.

23 (c) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary is authorized to
24 provide assistance on a grant basis to nongovernmental
25 organizations for activities—

1 (1) to monitor the national elections in Hon-
2 duras to take place on November 30, 2025; and

3 (2) to assess the extent to which these elections
4 are held on a free and fair basis.

5 (d) PROMOTION OF MIGRANT PARTICIPATION IN
6 ELECTIONS.—Congress encourages the Secretary to pro-
7 mote the ability of citizens of Honduras residing in the
8 United States to vote in the general elections in Honduras
9 to take place on November 30, 2025.

10 **SEC. 322. BALTIC REGION SECURITY CONCERNS.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that—

12 (1) the Assistant Secretary for European and
13 Eurasian Affairs should raise concerns about the
14 dangers of the Russian build up and potential hos-
15 tilities in the Baltic region, including the Suwałki
16 Gap, Kaliningrad, and the Baltic states; and

17 (2) the Under Secretary of Political Affairs,
18 acting through the Assistant Secretary for European
19 and Eurasian Affairs, should diplomatically engage
20 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to prioritize
21 the safety and security of the Baltic region.

1 **SEC. 323. AMERICAN-HELLENIC-ISRAELI EASTERN MEDI-**
2 **TERRANEAN COUNTERTERRORISM AND MAR-**
3 **ITIME SECURITY PARTNERSHIP ACT.**

4 Section 1316 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (22 U.S.C. note prec. 261) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(c) SUBCOMPONENTS.—

10 “(1) INTERPARLIAMENTARY EASTERN MEDI-
11 TERRANEAN SECURITY COOPERATION GROUP.—

12 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is estab-
13 lished a group, to be known as the ‘Israel,
14 Greece, Cyprus, and the United States Inter-
15 parliamentary Eastern Mediterranean Security
16 Cooperation Group’ to serve as a security fo-
17 cused legislative subcomponent to the 3+1
18 Interparliamentary Group established in sub-
19 section (a).

20 “(B) MEMBERSHIP.—The group estab-
21 lished under subparagraph (A) shall include a
22 group of not more than 6 Members of the
23 United States Senate and 6 Members of the
24 United States House of Representatives, who
25 shall be appointed jointly by the majority leader
26 and the minority leader of the Senate and the

1 speaker and the minority leader of the House of
2 Representatives, respectively. Membership shall
3 include 2 Members of Congress who serve on an
4 appropriate congressional committee.

5 “(2) INTEREXECUTIVE EASTERN MEDITERRA-
6 NEAN SECURITY COOPERATION GROUP.—

7 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is estab-
8 lished a group, to be known as the ‘Israel,
9 Greece, Cyprus, and United States Interexecu-
10 tive Eastern Mediterranean Security Coopera-
11 tion Group’ to serve as a security focused exec-
12 utive subcomponent to the to the 3+1 Inter-
13 parliamentary Group established in subsection
14 (a).

15 “(B) MEMBERSHIP.—The group estab-
16 lished under subparagraph (A) shall include an
17 officer from—

18 “(i) the Department of State, des-
19 ignated by the Secretary of State;

20 “(ii) the Department of Defense, des-
21 ignated by the Secretary of Defense; and

22 “(iii) the Department of Homeland
23 Security, designated by the Secretary of
24 Homeland Security.

1 “(3) MEETINGS.—Not less frequently than
2 twice each year, the United States Interparliamen-
3 tary Eastern Mediterranean Security Cooperation
4 Group shall meet with Israeli, Cypriot, and Greek
5 parliamentary counterpart members to discuss issues
6 on the agenda of the legislative branch of the Gov-
7 ernments of Israel, Greece, the Republic of Cyprus,
8 and the United States regarding counterterrorism
9 and maritime security, and the Interexecutive East-
10 ern Mediterranean Security Cooperation Group
11 should meet with Israeli, Cypriot, and Greek execu-
12 tive counterpart members to discuss issues on the
13 agenda of the executive branch of the Governments
14 of Israel, Greece, the Republic of Cyprus, and the
15 United States regarding counterterrorism and mari-
16 time security.”; and

17 (1) in subsection (e), by striking “4 years after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting
19 “on December 31, 2027”.

20 **SEC. 324. REPORT ON ACCESS TO TIBETAN AREAS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
23 for 3 years, the Assistant Secretary for East Asian and
24 Pacific Affairs shall submit to the appropriate congres-
25 sional committees, and make available to the public on the

1 website of the Department, a report that includes an as-
2 sessment of the level of access authorities of the People's
3 Republic of China have granted diplomats and other offi-
4 cials, journalists, and tourists from the United States to
5 Tibetan areas, including—

6 (1) a comparison with the level of access grant-
7 ed to other areas of China;

8 (2) a comparison between the levels of access
9 granted to Tibetan and non-Tibetan areas in rel-
10 evant provinces;

11 (3) a comparison of the level of access in the
12 reporting year and the previous reporting year; and

13 (4) a description of the required permits and
14 other measures that impede the freedom to travel in
15 Tibetan areas.

16 (b) CONSOLIDATION.—After the issuance of the first
17 report required by subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary
18 for East Asian and Pacific Affairs is authorized to incor-
19 porate subsequent reports required by subsection (a) into
20 other publicly available, annual reports produced by the
21 Department, if such reports are submitted to the appro-
22 priate congressional committees in a manner specifying
23 that they are being submitted in fulfillment of the require-
24 ments of this Act.

1 **SEC. 325. CENTER FOR CONFLICT ANALYSIS, PLANNING,**
2 **AND PREVENTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Department
4 a Center for Conflict Analysis, Planning, and Prevention
5 (in this section referred to as the “Center”) which shall
6 be headed by a director who shall report directly to the
7 Under Secretary for Political Affairs. The Center shall
8 conduct data analysis and strategic planning on issues re-
9 lated to conflict prevention, mitigation, and negotiations
10 to develop policy options and provide expertise for the
11 Under Secretary of Political Affairs and the Assistant Sec-
12 retaries of each regional bureau.

13 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
14 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Center may
15 carry out the following, as appropriate:

16 (1) Developing advanced analytic methodolo-
17 gies, data, and tools to understand global conflict
18 dynamics, produce conflict trend assessments, and
19 inform the Department’s efforts to prevent and miti-
20 gate conflict and crises of top priority to the United
21 States.

22 (2) Forecasting potential hotspots of violent
23 conflict in foreign countries to best identify risks to
24 United States national security interests or opportu-
25 nities for advancing United States foreign policy pri-
26 orities.

1 (3) Conducting in-depth analyses of conflict dy-
2 namics in foreign countries to—

3 (A) advise regional bureaus on program
4 goals and approaches to burden-sharing with
5 foreign partners; and

6 (B) provide quantifiable metrics to inform
7 effective use of the Department’s resources.

8 (4) Supporting peace processes by providing ex-
9 pertise to the Under Secretary of Political Affairs,
10 regional bureaus, and Chiefs of Mission, to enable
11 and inform peace negotiation and mediation strate-
12 gies, implementation, and monitoring.

13 (5) At the direction of the Under Secretary, co-
14 ordinating with regional and relevant functional bu-
15 reaus on the implementation of the Global Fragility
16 Act of 2019 (22 U.S.C. 9801 et seq.).

17 (6) Providing strategic gaming, red team, and
18 table-top exercises to rigorously test foreign policy
19 options and strategies.

20 (7) Supporting the development of training for
21 Foreign Service Officers on conflict prevention and
22 mediation skills, including the trainings required
23 under the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Pre-
24 vention Act of 2018.

9 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—The Center shall be comprised of
10 no more than 20 full-time Department employees, to in-
11 clude, a contingent capable of temporary deployments to
12 support embassies in conflict-affected regions or those the
13 Under Secretary for Political Affairs determines to be at
14 risk of conflict or civil strife.

20 SEC. 326. GLOBAL FRAGILITY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTA-
21 TION.

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1 submit to the appropriate congressional committees an un-
2 classified report, which may include a classified annex, on
3 progress made and lessons learned with respect to imple-
4 mentation of the Global Fragility Strategy established
5 pursuant to section 504 of the Global Fragility Act of
6 2019 (22 U.S.C. 9803). The report shall include the fol-
7 lowing elements:

8 (1) Descriptions of steps taken to incorporate
9 the strategy into any relevant, existing country and
10 regional plans or strategies.

11 (2) Accountings of all funding received and ob-
12 ligated to implement each such country and regional
13 plan during the previous two years, and, to the ex-
14 tent feasible, projections of funding to be requested,
15 planned, and implemented for the following two
16 years.

17 (3) Descriptions of progress made towards
18 achieving specific targets, metrics, and indicators for
19 each priority country and region.

20 (4) Descriptions of any changes made to pro-
21 grams based on the results of assessment, moni-
22 toring, and evaluation for each priority country and
23 region.

24 (b) CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION.—The Depart-
25 ment and the Department of Defense shall provide to any

1 appropriate congressional committee briefings on the im-
2 plementation of this section upon the request of any such
3 committee.

4 (c) TERMINATION.—The requirement to provide the
5 report required by subsection (a) shall expire on December
6 31, 2029.

7 **SEC. 327. MODIFICATIONS TO GLOBAL FRAGILITY ACT OF**
8 **2019.**

9 Section 509 of the Global Fragility Act of 2019 (22
10 U.S.C. 9808) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(A)—

12 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the
13 end;

14 (B) in clause (ii), by striking the period at
15 the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(iii) for administrative and other ex-
18 penses related to the operation, manage-
19 ment, and monitoring, evaluation, and
20 learning for programs and activities related
21 to the implementation of the Global Fra-
22 gility Strategy established pursuant to sec-
23 tion 504, including diplomatic and other
24 operational activities carried out to imple-
25 ment such strategy in countries and re-

1 gions selected by the President, pursuant
2 to section 505(a), notwithstanding any
3 other provision of law.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF ESF FUNDS.—Funds author-
6 ized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to
7 carry out chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance
8 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.; relating to the Eco-
9 nomic Support Fund) are authorized to be made available
10 for the operations, management, and monitoring, evalua-
11 tion, and learning related to the implementation of the
12 Global Fragility Strategy established pursuant to section
13 505(a), notwithstanding any other provision of law for any
14 program funded from amounts available for the Preven-
15 tion and Stabilization Fund established under subsection
16 (a) in any fiscal year and related programs funded by
17 other agencies to implement the Global Fragility Strat-
18 egy.”.

19 **SEC. 328. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AND PORT OF ENTRY**
20 **MODERNIZATION ACT.**

21 Section 6 of the International Bridge Act of 1972 (33
22 U.S.C. 535d) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
2 graph (A), by striking “during the period
3 beginning on December 1, 2020, and end-
4 ing on December 31, 2024,”; and

5 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A),
6 (B), and (C), and inserting the following:

7 “(A) An international bridge between the
8 United States and Mexico.

9 “(B) An international bridge between the
10 United States and Canada.

11 “(C) A port of entry on the international
12 land border between the United States and
13 Mexico.

14 “(D) A port of entry on the international
15 land border between the United States and
16 Canada.”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by inserting
18 “or land port of entry” after “international
19 bridge”;

20 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “or land port
21 of entry” after “international bridge”;

22 (3) in subsection (c)(2)—

23 (A) by inserting “sole” before “basis”; and

24 (B) by inserting “or land port of entry”
25 after “international bridge”;

1 (4) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
3 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
4 and indenting appropriately;

5 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph
6 (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “Notwith-
7 standing” and inserting the following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) NO COMPILATION OR CONSIDERATION OF
11 DOCUMENTS.—The Secretary shall not compile or
12 take into consideration any environmental document
13 pursuant to Public Law 91–190 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
14 seq.) with respect to a Presidential permit for an ap-
15 plication under subsection (b).”; and

16 (5) in subsection (f), by inserting “or land port
17 of entry” after “international bridge” each place it
18 appears.

19 **TITLE IV—INTERNATIONAL** 20 **SECURITY AFFAIRS**

21 **SEC. 401. UNDERSEA CABLES.**

22 (a) STRATEGY.—The Under Secretary for Inter-
23 national Security Affairs, in consultation with the heads
24 of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall

1 develop a strategy to manage the security of subsea infra-
2 structure. The strategy shall include the following:

3 (1) Information sharing between the United
4 States and United States allies and partners on
5 damaged subsea infrastructure.

6 (2) Best practices for protecting subsea infra-
7 structure from both intentional or unintentional in-
8 terference and damage.

9 (3) Assessment of foreign adversarial threats to
10 subsea infrastructure, including in the Baltic Sea,
11 Indo-Pacific, and other strategic regions.

12 (4) Development of joint response procedures
13 with allies and partners for incidents involving
14 subsea infrastructure compromise or damage.

15 (5) Promotion of United States leadership in
16 setting international standards for subsea infrastruc-
17 ture security and resilience.

18 (6) Risk assessment of existing United States
19 subsea infrastructure to identify vulnerabilities and
20 prioritize protection and resource allocation efforts.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for
23 International Security Affairs shall submit to the appro-
24 priate congressional committees a report that contains the
25 strategy required by subsection (a). The report shall be

1 submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified
2 annex if submitted separately from the unclassified por-
3 tion.

4 **SEC. 402. DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS DE-**
5 **STRUCTION PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
7 and shall advance United States foreign policy goals to
8 improve security and stability through demining and
9 weapons stockpile security. The purposes of the activities
10 authorized are—

11 (1) to save lives and ensure the ability of af-
12 fected populations to return safely and access their
13 homes and land;

14 (2) to enable affected populations to safely and
15 productively utilize land for agriculture—including
16 and particularly in Ukraine, whose agricultural land
17 is essential for global food security;

18 (3) to clear explosive threats from land to per-
19 mit and encourage critical infrastructure and other
20 development;

21 (4) to educate affected populations about the
22 dangers of landmines and other unexploded ord-
23 nance as well as United States efforts to provide the
24 lifesaving benefits of demining activities;

1 (5) to advance United States business interests
2 related to demining and weapons stockpile security;

3 (6) to integrate demining and related activities
4 with other assistance to ensure effective recovery
5 from conflict; and

6 (7) to establish and strengthen peacebuilding
7 partnerships with foreign allies in regions of geo-
8 political importance through demining, as the United
9 States has successfully done through clearance of
10 unexploded ordnance from the Vietnam war.

11 (b) CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION OR SE-
12 CURING ACTIVITIES.—The purposes of the activities au-
13 thorized by subsection (a) are—

14 (1) to ensure the safe securing of weapons, am-
15 munition, and explosives in the stores of foreign
16 partners, otherwise at risk of accidental explosions
17 as well as proliferation to terrorists, insurgents, and
18 other violent non-state actors;

19 (2) to support the security sectors of foreign
20 partners to properly eliminate or manage weapons
21 and ammunition stockpiles through Weapons Stock-
22 pile Security, and related programs;

23 (3) to educate local police and other officials
24 and the wider population at the local level on safer
25 and more secure weapons storage and salvage as

1 well as United States efforts to provide the life-
2 saving benefits of conventional weapons elimination,
3 securing, and management;

4 (4) to establish and strengthen cooperation in
5 the area of conventional weapon elimination or secu-
6 rity with foreign partners to reduce armed violence
7 and instability in support of important United
8 States national security and foreign policy objectives;
9 and

10 (5) to integrate conventional weapons elimi-
11 nation and securing and related activities with other
12 assistance to prevent armed violence and instability.

13 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for
15 Political-Military Affairs shall submit to the appropriate
16 congressional committees a report on the following:

17 (1) A list of all programming related to
18 demining, conventional weapons destruction, and
19 weapon stockpile security activities conducted by the
20 Department for the previous year as of the submis-
21 sion of the report.

22 (2) An assessment of programming, and the
23 methods and outcomes in relation to achieving the
24 objectives of the Department's demining, conven-
25 tional weapons destruction, and weapon stockpile se-

1 security related programs and activities for the pre-
2 vious year as of the submission of the report.

3 (3) A list of all implementing partners utilized
4 by the Department for demining, conventional weap-
5 ons destruction, and weapon stockpile security re-
6 lated programming for the previous year as of the
7 submission of the report.

8 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
10 until December 18, 2028, the Assistant Secretary for Po-
11 litical-Military Affairs shall provide a briefing to the ap-
12 propriate congressional committees on the matters de-
13 scribed in this section.

14 **SEC. 403. AUTHORIZING DEMINING AND RELATED PRO-**
15 **GRAMS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Undersecretary for Inter-
17 national Security Affairs may provide assistance to Viet-
18 nam, Laos, and Cambodia for programs to support the
19 following:

20 (1) The development or updating of national
21 surveys of landmines, unexploded ordnance, and
22 other explosive remnants of war.

23 (2) Clearance of such landmines, unexploded
24 ordnance, and other explosives remnants of war.

1 (3) Stockpile management of small arms, light
2 weapons, and ammunition.

3 (4) Capacity building, risk education, destruc-
4 tion, and physical security related to landmines,
5 unexploded ordnance, and other explosive remnants
6 of war.

7 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the
8 Undersecretary for International Security Affairs may
9 seek to consult, partner, and coordinate with international
10 organizations, civil societies, donor governments, and
11 other stakeholders, as the Undersecretary for Inter-
12 national Security Affairs determines appropriate, to lever-
13 age the expertise, financial support, and resources of such
14 entities to minimize duplication of efforts and maximize
15 the efficient and effective provision of assistance from the
16 United States.

17 (c) REPORT.—Not later than June 27, 2026, the Un-
18 dersecretary for International Security Affairs shall pro-
19 vide a report to the appropriate congressional committees,
20 on activities undertaken in accordance with this section
21 on the progress of amounts made available from the Non-
22 proliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining, and related pro-
23 grams account for demining and clearance of landmines,
24 unexploded ordnance, and other explosive remnants of war

1 in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Such reports shall also
2 include—

3 (1) the status of amounts made available from
4 the Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining, and
5 related programs account that are obligated pursu-
6 ant to authorities provided by prior Acts and the
7 status of unallocated amounts made available to
8 such account as of the date of enactment of this Act;

9 (2) a description of how Nonproliferation, Anti-
10 terrorism, Demining, and related programs account
11 funds have contributed to landmine, unexploded ord-
12 nance, and other explosive remnants of war clear-
13 ance efforts in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia;

14 (3) estimates of contaminated land that has
15 been cleared, land that still contains landmines,
16 unexploded ordnance, and other explosive remnants
17 of war, land that has not been assessed for contami-
18 nation, and data on the origin of any antipersonnel
19 mines cleared, to the extent possible; and

20 (4) a description of collaboration between the
21 United States and the governments of Vietnam,
22 Laos, and Cambodia including past and current
23 progress to date in establishing nation-wide contami-
24 nation databases in such countries to refine land-

1 mine, unexploded ordnance, and other explosive rem-
2 nants of war locations and target clearance efforts.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
7 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
8 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
11 the Committee on Armed Services, and the
12 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
13 and

14 (2) the term “unexploded ordnance” has the
15 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10,
16 United States Code.

17 **SEC. 404. FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM WITH**
18 **REGARD TO JORDAN.**

19 Amounts made available under the Foreign Military
20 Financing program estimated to be outlayed for the
21 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan during each of the fiscal
22 years 2026 through 2029 shall be disbursed to an interest-
23 bearing account for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in
24 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York not later than 30

1 days of the date of the enactment of this Act; *Provided*
2 *that*—

3 (1) withdrawal of funds from such account shall
4 be made only on authenticated instructions from the
5 Defense Finance and Accounting Service of the De-
6 partment of Defense;

7 (2) in the event such account is closed, the bal-
8 ance of the account shall be transferred promptly to
9 the appropriations account for the Foreign Military
10 Financing Program; and

11 (3) none of the interest accrued by such ac-
12 count should be obligated unless the Committee on
13 Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Af-
14 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
15 mittee on Appropriations and the Committee on
16 Foreign Relations of the Senate are notified.

17 **SEC. 405. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVE STOCKPILE AL-**
18 **LIES-ISRAEL.**

19 For fiscal year 2026, section 514(b) of the Foreign
20 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)) shall not
21 apply to defense articles to be set aside, earmarked, re-
22 served, or intended for use as reserve stocks in stockpiles
23 in the State of Israel.

1 **SEC. 406. COUNTERTERRORISM AUTHORITIES FOR SECU-**
2 **RITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 571 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
4 (22 U.S.C. 2349aa) is amended—

5 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting “, intel-
6 ligence, and military” after “assistance to foreign
7 countries in order to enhance the ability of their law
8 enforcement”; and

9 (2) in the second sentence, by inserting “infor-
10 mation sharing with United States law enforce-
11 ment,” after “Such assistance may include”.

12 **SEC. 407. CYPRUS ARMS EMBARGO REFORM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d) and ex-
14 cept as provided in subsection (b), beginning on the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall not apply
16 a policy of denial for exports, re-exports, or transfers of
17 defense articles and defense services destined for or origi-
18 nating in the Republic of Cyprus if—

19 (1) the request is made by or on behalf of the
20 Government of the Republic of Cyprus; and

21 (2) the end-user of such defense articles or de-
22 fense services is the Government of the Republic of
23 Cyprus.

24 (b) EXCEPTION.—The exclusion provided for in sub-
25 section (a) shall not apply with respect to the application

1 of a policy of denial based upon credible human rights con-
2 cerns.

3 (c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the exclusion
4 provided for in subsection (a) for a period of one fiscal
5 year if the President determines that it is essential to the
6 national security interests of the United States to do so.

7 (d) TERMINATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may termi-
9 nate the exclusion provided for in subsection (a) for
10 the five-year period beginning on the date that is
11 five years after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, and may renew such termination for subsequent
13 five-year periods, if, prior to each such five-year pe-
14 riod, the President submits to the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees a certification that the Gov-
16 ernment of the Republic of Cyprus is no longer—

17 (A) cooperating with the United States
18 Government in efforts to implement reforms on
19 anti-money laundering regulations and financial
20 regulatory oversight; and

21 (B) denying Russian military vessels access
22 to ports for refueling and servicing.

23 (2) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term
24 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Armed Services of the House
3 of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Armed Services of the
6 Senate.

7 **SEC. 408. SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY TO COMBAT SYN-**
8 **THETIC OPIOID TRAFFICKING.**

9 Not later than 270 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for International
11 Narcotics and Law Enforcement shall establish and sub-
12 mit to Congress a strategy to strengthen subnational co-
13 operation between the United States and Mexico for the
14 purposes of—

15 (1) enhancing law enforcement cooperation and
16 local, State, and Federal security forces cooperation
17 at a subnational level for the purpose of curbing
18 fentanyl trafficking and other synthetic opioids, in-
19 cluding activities such as—

20 (A) bolstering technical assistance and co-
21 ordination for law enforcement agencies and
22 local, State, and Federal security forces;

23 (B) carrying out exchange programs for
24 the purposes of professional development; and

25 (C) enhancing data sharing as appropriate;

1 (2) bolstering subnational dialogue and capacity
2 building between Federal and local governments,
3 civil society, faith-based organizations, and business
4 community leaders and integrating issues faced by
5 local communities, including with respect to traf-
6 ficking of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; and

7 (3) strengthening capacity building and pro-
8 viding resources for border towns and organizations
9 within those towns that attempt to meet the needs
10 of communities.

11 **SEC. 409. INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCE-**
12 **MENT COMPACT AUTHORITY.**

13 (a) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may
14 provide assistance under chapter 8 of part I of the Foreign
15 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291 et seq.) to any
16 eligible country that enters into an International Narcotics
17 and Law Enforcement Compact (in this section referred
18 to as a “Compact”), as described in subsection (b).

19 (b) COMPACT DESCRIBED.—A Compact described in
20 this subsection is an agreement between the United States
21 and an eligible country that—

22 (1) establishes a multiyear plan for achieving
23 narcotics control or a law enforcement objective
24 shared by the United States and the eligible country;

1 (2) takes into account any national counter nar-
2 cotics or law enforcement strategy of the eligible
3 country; and

4 (3) contains—

5 (A) the specific objectives that the eligible
6 country and the United States expect to achieve
7 during the term of the Compact;

8 (B) the responsibilities of the eligible coun-
9 try and the United States in the achievement of
10 such objectives;

11 (C) regular benchmarks to measure, where
12 appropriate, progress toward the achievement of
13 such objectives;

14 (D) a multiyear financial plan that—

15 (i) includes the estimated amounts to
16 be contributed by the Secretary and the el-
17 igible country, respectively;

18 (ii) describes how the requirements of
19 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) will be
20 met, including identifying the role of civil
21 society in the achievement of such require-
22 ments; and

23 (iii) includes proposed mechanisms to
24 implement such financial plan and provide

1 oversight of the activities conducted pursu-
2 ant to such plan;

3 (E) a plan to ensure appropriate fiscal ac-
4 countability for the use of assistance provided
5 under this section;

6 (F) where appropriate, a description of the
7 current and potential participation of donors in
8 the achievement of such objectives;

9 (G) a requirement that open, fair, and
10 competitive procedures are used in a trans-
11 parent manner in the administration of grants,
12 cooperative agreements, or the procurement of
13 goods and services for the achievement of such
14 objectives;

15 (H) where appropriate, a process by which
16 the Secretary and national, regional, or local
17 units of government of the eligible country may
18 consider solicited proposals under the Compact
19 and unsolicited proposals;

20 (I) the strategy of the eligible country to
21 sustain progress made toward achieving such
22 objectives after expiration of the Compact; and

23 (J) a description of the role of any United
24 States Government agency or department (aside
25 from the Department) in any design, implemen-

1 tation, and monitoring of programs and activi-
2 ties funded under the Compact.

3 (c) COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS.—Each Compact shall
4 identify a contribution, as appropriate, from the eligible
5 country relative to the national budget of such country to-
6 ward meeting the objectives of the Compact, that—

7 (1) takes into account the prevailing economic
8 conditions;

9 (2) is in addition to government spending allo-
10 cated by such country for such objectives for the
11 year immediately preceding the establishment of the
12 Compact; and

13 (3) should continue for the duration of the
14 Compact.

15 (d) PROHIBITION ON TAXATION.—Each Compact
16 shall contain a provision that states that assistance pro-
17 vided by the United States under the Compact shall be
18 exempt from taxation by the government of the eligible
19 country.

20 (e)(1) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—Prior
21 to entering into a Compact with an eligible country, the
22 Secretary shall consult with appropriate officials of United
23 States Government agencies and departments, particularly
24 with officials engaged in counter narcotics or law enforce-
25 ment cooperation on issues related to the Compact.

1 (2) LOCAL INPUT.—In entering into a Compact, the
2 United States shall seek to ensure that the government
3 of the eligible country consults with private and voluntary
4 organizations, the business community, and potential do-
5 nors in the eligible country.

6 (3) COORDINATION WITH DONORS.—To the max-
7 imum extent feasible, activities undertaken to achieve the
8 objectives of each Compact shall be undertaken in coordi-
9 nation with the assistance activities of donors other than
10 the United States and the eligible country.

11 (f) INCREASE OR EXTENSION OF ASSISTANCE
12 UNDER A COMPACT.—Not later than 15 days after mak-
13 ing a determination to increase or extend assistance under
14 a Compact with an eligible country, the Secretary—

15 (1) shall prepare and transmit to the appro-
16 priate congressional committees a written report and
17 justification that contains a detailed summary of the
18 proposed increase in or extension of assistance under
19 the Compact and a copy of the full text of the
20 amendment to the Compact; and

21 (2) shall publish a detailed summary, full text,
22 and justification of the proposed increase in or ex-
23 tension of assistance under the Compact in the Fed-
24 eral Register and on the website of the Department.

25 (g) CONCURRENT AND SUBSEQUENT COMPACTS.—

1 (1) CONCURRENT COMPACTS.—An eligible
2 country that has entered into and has in effect a
3 Compact under this section may enter into and have
4 in effect at the same time not more than one addi-
5 tional Compact if—

6 (A) one or both of the Compacts are or will
7 be for purposes of regional counter narcotics or
8 law enforcement cooperation; and

9 (B) the Secretary determines that the eligi-
10 ble country is making considerable and demon-
11 strable progress in implementing the terms of
12 the existing Compact and supplementary agree-
13 ments thereto.

14 (2) SUBSEQUENT COMPACTS.—The Secretary
15 may enter into one or more subsequent Compacts in
16 accordance with the requirements of this section
17 after the expiration of the existing Compact.

18 (h) LIMITATION ON DURATION OF COMPACT.—The
19 duration of a Compact shall not exceed five years.

20 (i) ASSISTANCE FOR FACILITATING COMPACT.—Not-
21 withstanding subsection (a), the Secretary may enter into
22 contracts or make grants for any eligible country for the
23 purpose of facilitating the development and implementa-
24 tion of a Compact between the United States and the
25 country.

1 (j) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING RESTRICTIONS.—
 2 Assistance through a Compact shall be subject to the same
 3 restrictions on assistance provided under chapter 8 of part
 4 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291
 5 et seq.), including with respect to internationally recog-
 6 nized human rights.

7 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
 9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
 11 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
 12 of Representatives; and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
 14 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
 15 Senate; and

16 (2) the term “eligible country” means a foreign
 17 country that is eligible for assistance under chapter
 18 8 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
 19 (22 U.S.C. 2291 et seq.).

20 **SEC. 410. COMBATTING FIREARMS TRAFFICKING IN THE**
 21 **WESTERN HEMISPHERE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
 23 Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law
 24 Enforcement Affairs, in consultation with the Assistant
 25 Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and in coordi-

1 nation with the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, To-
2 bacco, Firearms, and Explosives, shall seek to work with
3 appropriate national and subnational law enforcement au-
4 thorities of countries in the Western Hemisphere in order
5 to increase voluntary participation by such authorities in
6 the eTrace program, including by providing relevant trans-
7 lation services.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
10 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
11 the implementation of subsection (a).

12 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “eTrace
13 program” means the web-based firearms tracing system
14 of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explo-
15 sives that is available to accredited domestic and inter-
16 national law enforcement agencies to assist in the tracing
17 of United States-sourced firearms.

18 **SEC. 411. SECTION 123 AGREEMENTS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

20 (1) lead diplomatic engagement and negotia-
21 tions for agreements for cooperation pursuant to
22 section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
23 U.S.C. 2153) (commonly referred to, and hereafter
24 referred to, as “section 123 agreements”);

1 (2) pursue at least 20 new section 123 agree-
2 ments before January 3, 2029;

3 (3) pursue, where in the interest of the United
4 States, renegotiation or renewal of section 123
5 agreements that are scheduled to expire before the
6 date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment
7 of this Act; and

8 (4) pursue agreements that adhere to the high-
9 est standards of safety, security, and nonprolifera-
10 tion, including, where appropriate and achievable,
11 the so-called “Gold Standard” to forego enrichment
12 or reprocessing of nuclear material, in any renegoti-
13 ated or new section 123 agreements.

14 (b) PROGRAM TO ENHANCE GLOBAL COMPETITIVE-
15 NESS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the relevant
16 heads of other Federal departments and agencies, shall
17 implement a program to enhance the global competitive-
18 ness of United States persons (as such term is defined
19 in section 1637(d) of the Carl Levin and Howard P.
20 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for
21 Fiscal year 2015 (50 U.S.C. 1708(d))) who are nuclear
22 suppliers, investors, or lenders to compete for nuclear
23 projects in foreign countries, including—

1 (1) expediting the conclusion of intergovern-
2 mental agreements on nuclear energy and the fuel
3 supply chain with potential export countries;

4 (2) promoting broad adherence to the Conven-
5 tion on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear
6 Damage, with Annex, done at Vienna September 12,
7 1997 (TIAS 15–415);

8 (3) identifying statutory and regulatory burdens
9 on exports of nuclear technology, fuel supplies,
10 equipment, and services from the United States and
11 recommending action to relieve such burdens;

12 (4) encouraging favorable decisions by potential
13 import countries on the use of nuclear technology,
14 fuel supplies, equipment, and services from the
15 United States; and

16 (5) ensuring the program is carried out in a
17 manner that adheres to applicable legal require-
18 ments, conforms with nonproliferation obligations,
19 and meets the highest standards of safety, security,
20 and safeguards.

21 (c) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the As-
24 sistant Secretary for Arms Control and Non-
25 proliferation shall submit to the appropriate congres-

1 sional committees a report on United States diplo-
2 matic engagement and negotiations for agreements
3 for cooperation pursuant to section 123 of the Atom-
4 ic Energy Act of 1954.

5 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
6 required by paragraph (1) should include the fol-
7 lowing information:

8 (A) An updated list of all countries the
9 Secretary is pursuing or has pursued 123
10 agreements with in the previous year.

11 (B) An analysis of current trends of global
12 competition in the civil nuclear sphere with the
13 Russian Federation and the People’s Republic
14 of China up and down the supply chain.

15 (C) Any waivers submitted under the Pro-
16 hibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act (Public
17 Law 118–62; 138 Stat. 1022).

18 **SEC. 412. UNITED STATES-EUROPEAN NUCLEAR ENERGY**
19 **COOPERATION ACT OF 2025.**

20 (a) STRATEGY.—The Secretary, in consultation with
21 the Secretary of Energy, shall develop a strategy to
22 strengthen United States-European nuclear energy co-
23 operation and combat Russian malign influence in the nu-
24 clear energy sector in Europe. The strategy shall include
25 the following:

1 (1) An overview and assessment of the Sec-
2 retary's efforts to broaden participation by United
3 States nuclear industry entities in Europe and pro-
4 mote the accessibility and competitiveness of United
5 States, European, and partner technologies and
6 services against Russian and Chinese technologies in
7 Europe.

8 (2) An overview of different nuclear reactor
9 types that are currently deployed or under regu-
10 latory review in Europe, including large light-water
11 reactors, small modular light-water reactors, and
12 non-light-water reactors, and—

13 (A) what role, if any, each reactor type
14 could have in reducing the Russian Federation's
15 influence over European energy supply by 2030,
16 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050;

17 (B) challenges that each reactor type may
18 face with rapid deployment, including costs,
19 market barriers to first-of-a-kind designs, sup-
20 ply chain constraints, and regulatory require-
21 ments;

22 (C) the impacts of each reactor type on
23 maintaining strong nonproliferation standards,
24 including the minimization of weapons-usable
25 nuclear material; and

1 (D) opportunities for the use of United
2 States, European, and partner technologies and
3 services in the deployment or potential deploy-
4 ment of each reactor type.

5 (3) An overview of different fuel cycles that are
6 currently deployed or under consideration in Europe,
7 including use of low enriched uranium, including
8 high assay low enriched uranium, and spent fuel re-
9 processing, along with an analysis of the implica-
10 tions of each fuel cycle on—

11 (A) reducing and eliminating Russia’s
12 market share in Europe for uranium, conver-
13 sion, enrichment, and reactor fuel between now
14 and 2030;

15 (B) achieving long-term energy security
16 free of Russian influence; and

17 (C) maintaining strong nonproliferation
18 standards, including the minimization of weap-
19 ons-usable material as well as high nuclear safe-
20 ty and security standards.

21 (4) An overview of nuclear reactor designs and
22 fuel cycle infrastructure that the United States Gov-
23 ernment is currently funding the development of,
24 and—

1 (A) the potential, if any, that each of these
2 technologies have to decrease or eliminate Rus-
3 sia's market share in the United States and
4 Europe for nuclear power reactors, uranium
5 mining and milling, conversion, enrichment, fuel
6 fabrication, deconversion, and spent nuclear
7 fuel reprocessing in the short, medium, and
8 long term;

9 (B) the impact of these technologies on the
10 minimization of weapons-usable nuclear mate-
11 rial, including the use of highly enriched ura-
12 nium or plutonium fuels; and

13 (C) an assessment of the use cases for
14 each of these designs and fuel cycles.

15 (5) An overview of the United States Govern-
16 ment's diplomatic engagements regarding the nu-
17 clear energy sector in Europe.

18 (6) A list of countries in Europe with active nu-
19 clear power programs, and—

20 (A) an analysis of each country's nuclear
21 energy policy;

22 (B) an overview of existing areas of co-
23 operation with regards to nuclear energy be-
24 tween each country and—

25 (i) the United States;

1 (ii) other European and friendly coun-
2 tries; and

3 (iii) adversarial countries, including
4 the People's Republic of China and the
5 Russian Federation;

6 (C) an overview of potential areas for fu-
7 ture cooperation between each country and the
8 United States with regards to nuclear energy;
9 and

10 (D) a summary of fuel types used in each
11 country's nuclear power programs.

12 (7) An overview of Russian and Chinese influ-
13 ence in the European nuclear energy sector.

14 (8) An overview of how the United States Gov-
15 ernment is working with allies and partners to
16 counter Russian malign influence within the Euro-
17 pean energy sector to include steps taken to counter
18 Russian influence in the mining and milling, conver-
19 sion, enrichment, and fuel fabrication processes as
20 well as in reactor construction.

21 (9) An overview of how the United States Gov-
22 ernment balances the urgent strategic need for col-
23 laboration with allies and partners on countering
24 Russia's influence on nuclear energy in Europe, with
25 commercial competitiveness issues that may arise be-

1 tween United States companies and companies in
2 Europe, Canada, Japan, and the Republic of Korea.

3 (10) An assessment of Rosatom's role in Rus-
4 sia's energy sector, to include an overview of
5 strengths and vulnerabilities of the conglomerate.

6 (b) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
8 mit to the appropriate congressional committees the strat-
9 egy required by subsection (a).

10 (c) FORM.—The strategy required by subsection (a)
11 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
12 a classified annex, so long as such annex is provided sepa-
13 rately from the unclassified Strategy.

14 **SEC. 413. AUTHORITY OF THE BUREAU OF COUNTERTER-**
15 **RORISM TO ACCESS CERTAIN INFORMATION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of Counterterrorism
17 of the Department is authorized to access, obtain, and use
18 information maintained by any other Federal department
19 or agency for formulation, implementation, or oversight of
20 international counterterrorism policies, programs, oper-
21 ations, or assistance. Such access may be used for the pur-
22 poses of—

23 (1) identifying and anticipating current and
24 emerging threats;

1 (2) collecting and verifying information to sup-
2 port policy decisions and terrorism-related designa-
3 tions;

4 (3) detecting, countering, or preventing ter-
5 rorism-related activity, including terrorist travel;

6 (4) improving coordination between Federal
7 agencies on international counterterrorism efforts;
8 and

9 (5) supporting national security objectives.

10 (b) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
11 may enter into memoranda of understanding or other
12 agreements with the heads of other Federal departments
13 and agencies to facilitate the timely and secure exchange
14 of information under this section, including access to intel-
15 ligence and law enforcement data, as necessary, to support
16 the Bureau of Counterterrorism’s counterterrorism mis-
17 sion, consistent with applicable laws governing the han-
18 dling of sensitive or classified information.

19 (c) PRIVACY AND SECURITY.—The Bureau of
20 Counterterrorism shall implement appropriate technical,
21 administrative, and policy safeguards to ensure that any
22 information accessed or shared under this section is col-
23 lected, stored, and used in accordance with applicable laws
24 and regulations, including those governing the protection

1 of privacy, civil liberties, and classified or sensitive infor-
2 mation.

3 **SEC. 414. STUDY ON GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGIES AND**
4 **VERIFICATION FRAMEWORKS FOR AD-**
5 **VANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

6 (a) STRATEGY.—The Assistant Secretary for Emerg-
7 ing Threats, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary
8 for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, shall develop a strategy
9 to preserve enduring United States leadership in the field
10 of advanced artificial intelligence (hereafter in this section
11 referred to as “AI”). The strategy shall include the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (1) A description and assessment of the tech-
14 nical and non-technical methods to monitor the
15 present or future development or deployment of cov-
16 ered AI systems by adversarial nations or foreign ac-
17 tors, including the People’s Republic of China, with
18 particular attention to systems that could pose se-
19 vere threats to United States national security;

20 (2) Proposals for potential commitments or
21 agreements under which one or more foreign states
22 would commit to restrict, limit, or halt the develop-
23 ment or deployment of their covered AI systems;

24 (3) The identification and evaluation of moni-
25 toring, verification, and enforcement mechanisms,

1 including methods that do not yet exist but could be
2 developed or strengthened through additional re-
3 search and development, that could be used to assess
4 international compliance with the commitments or
5 agreements described in paragraph (2) or otherwise
6 improve United States national security, including
7 hardware-based safeguards, data center inspections,
8 cloud service audits, satellite monitoring, signals in-
9 telligence, and other relevant methods;

10 (4) Identification and assessment of potential
11 evasion techniques or deception strategies that ad-
12 versaries could employ to circumvent verification
13 mechanisms, and evaluate countermeasures to en-
14 hance the credibility and robustness of such mecha-
15 nisms;

16 (5) An examination of potential diplomatic and
17 geopolitical strategies or options available to the
18 United States in the event that the United States
19 chooses to delay the development or deployment of
20 adversaries' covered AI systems, including options or
21 plans to coordinate with allies and partners, build
22 international confidence in potential agreements or
23 commitments related to covered AI systems, deter
24 opportunistic behavior by foreign adversaries, and
25 support efforts to detect or verify that foreign adver-

1 saries were not secretly developing covered AI sys-
2 tems or attempting to covertly usurp United States
3 leadership in advanced AI. This shall include meth-
4 ods, strategies, policies, and plans that, in either the
5 presence or absence of international agreements,
6 could be used to prevent or deter adversaries from
7 developing, acquiring, or deploying covered AI sys-
8 tems that could pose severe threats to United States
9 national security; and

10 (6) The identification of potential limitations in
11 the strategies, agreements, proposals, and mecha-
12 nisms outlined in paragraphs (1) through (5), and
13 develop policy recommendations to address such lim-
14 itations, including via coordination with allies and
15 partners. Such recommendations shall emphasize
16 concrete, near-term diplomatic and policy actions the
17 United States Government can take to build stra-
18 tegic leverage and preserve policy optionality as AI
19 capabilities advance, including options to strengthen
20 coordination with allies and partners, develop inter-
21 national agreements and commitments around for-
22 eign covered AI systems, develop robust verification
23 mechanisms for such agreements, improve situa-
24 tional awareness around foreign covered AI systems
25 for the United States government and allies and

1 partners, verify the location of adversaries' high-end
2 compute clusters, and coordinate with allies and
3 partners to identify adversaries' attempts to develop,
4 acquire, or deploy covered AI systems. Such rec-
5 ommendations shall also include a prioritized list
6 identifying verification methods or mechanisms that
7 would benefit from additional research and develop-
8 ment efforts by the United States, the private sec-
9 tor, public-private partnerships, or other relevant en-
10 tities, with a focus on methods or mechanisms that
11 could be made technically feasible or substantially
12 enhanced within 5 years of additional research and
13 development efforts.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for
16 Emerging Threats, in consultation with the Assistant Sec-
17 retary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, shall submit to
18 the appropriate congressional committees a report that
19 contains the strategy required in subsection (a).

20 (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—During the
21 two-year period described in subsection (b), the Assistant
22 Secretary for Emerging Threats, in consultation with the
23 Assistant Secretary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy
24 shall provide timely updates to the appropriate congres-
25 sional committees in response to significant developments

1 related to the content of the report identified in subsection
2 (b), or other material developments in the global landscape
3 of advanced artificial intelligence that may affect United
4 States national security interests, verification strategies,
5 or geopolitical stability.

6 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “covered
7 AI systems” means advanced AI systems with critical ca-
8 pabilities that the Secretary determines would pose a
9 grave national security threat if developed, acquired, de-
10 ployed, or stolen by adversaries, including systems that
11 match or exceed human expert performance in high-risk
12 domains such as chemical, biological, radiological, and nu-
13 clear matters, cyber offense, persuasion, or AI research
14 and development, as well as systems that operate with
15 high levels of autonomy without meaningful human over-
16 sight or that possess the capacity for self-improvement or
17 rapid capability amplification.

18 **SEC. 415. ANNUAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT AND**
19 **AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) ANNUAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT.—

21 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than June 30
22 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the ap-
23 propriate congressional committees a report describ-
24 ing the anti-trafficking efforts of the United States
25 and foreign governments according to the minimum

1 standards and criteria enumerated in section 108 of
2 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
3 U.S.C. 7106), and the nature and scope of traf-
4 ficking in persons in each country and analysis of
5 the trend lines for individual governmental efforts.
6 The report shall, to the extent concurrent reporting
7 data is available, cover efforts and activities taking
8 place during the period between April 1 of the year
9 preceding the report and March 31 of the year in
10 which the report is made, and should include—

11 (A) a list of those countries, if any, to
12 which the minimum standards for the elimi-
13 nation of trafficking are applicable and whose
14 governments fully comply with such standards
15 based only on concrete actions taken by the
16 country that are recorded during the reporting
17 period;

18 (B) a list of those countries, if any, to
19 which the minimum standards for the elimi-
20 nation of trafficking are applicable and whose
21 governments do not yet fully comply with such
22 standards but are making significant efforts to
23 bring themselves into compliance based only on
24 concrete actions taken by the country (exclud-
25 ing any commitments by the country to take

1 additional future steps during the next year)
2 that are recorded during the reporting period;

3 (C) a list of those countries, if any, to
4 which the minimum standards for the elimi-
5 nation of trafficking are applicable and whose
6 governments do not fully comply with such
7 standards and are not making significant ef-
8 forts to bring themselves into compliance;

9 (D) information on the measures taken by
10 the United Nations, the Organization for Secu-
11 rity and Cooperation in Europe, the North At-
12 lantic Treaty Organization and, as appropriate,
13 other multilateral organizations in which the
14 United States participates, to prevent the in-
15 volvement of the organization's employees, con-
16 tractor personnel, and peacekeeping forces in
17 trafficking in persons or the exploitation of vic-
18 tims of trafficking;

19 (E) reporting and analysis on the emer-
20 gence or shifting of global patterns in human
21 trafficking, including data on the number of
22 victims trafficked to, through, or from major
23 source and destination countries, disaggregated
24 by nationality, gender, and age, to the extent
25 possible;

1 (F) emerging issues in human trafficking;

2 (G) a section entitled “Promising Practices
3 in the Eradication of Trafficking in Persons” to
4 highlight effective practices and use of innova-
5 tion and technology in prevention, protection,
6 prosecution, and partnerships, including by for-
7 eign governments, the private sector, and do-
8 mestic civil society actors;

9 (H) for each country included in a dif-
10 ferent list than the country had been placed in
11 the previous annual report, a detailed expla-
12 nation of how the concrete actions (or lack of
13 such actions) undertaken (or not undertaken)
14 by the country during the previous reporting
15 period contributed to such change, including a
16 clear linkage between such actions and the min-
17 imum standards enumerated in section 108 of
18 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
19 (22 U.S.C. 7106); and

20 (I) information about the trafficking in
21 persons for the purpose of organ removal, in-
22 cluding cases and steps governments are under-
23 taking to prevent, identify, and eliminate such
24 trafficking.

25 (2) TIER 2 WATCH LIST.—

1 (A) SUBMISSION OF LIST.—Not later than
2 the date on which the determinations described
3 in subsections (c) and (d) of section 110 of the
4 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
5 U.S.C. 7107(c) and (d) are submitted to the
6 appropriate congressional committees in accord-
7 ance with such subsections, the Secretary shall
8 submit to the appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees a list of countries that the Secretary de-
10 termines require special scrutiny during the fol-
11 lowing year. The list shall be composed of coun-
12 tries that have been listed pursuant to para-
13 graph (1)(B)) pursuant to the current annual
14 report because—

15 (i) the estimated number of victims of
16 severe forms of trafficking is very signifi-
17 cant or is significantly increasing and the
18 country is not taking proportional concrete
19 actions; or

20 (ii) there is a failure to provide evi-
21 dence of increasing efforts to combat se-
22 vere forms of trafficking in persons from
23 the previous year, including increased in-
24 vestigations, prosecutions and convictions
25 of trafficking crimes, increased assistance

1 to victims, and decreasing evidence of com-
2 plicity in severe forms of trafficking by
3 government officials.

4 (B) INTERIM ASSESSMENT.—Not later
5 than February 1 of each year, the Secretary
6 shall provide to the appropriate congressional
7 committees an assessment of the progress that
8 each country on the Tier 2 watch list described
9 in subparagraph (A) has made since April 1 of
10 the previous year.

11 (C) RELATION OF TIER 2 WATCH LIST TO
12 ANNUAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT.—
13 A determination that a country shall not be
14 placed on the Tier 2 watch list described in
15 subparagraph (A) shall not affect in any way
16 the determination to be made in the following
17 year as to whether a country is complying with
18 the minimum standards for the elimination of
19 trafficking or whether a country is making sig-
20 nificant efforts to bring itself into compliance
21 with such standards.

22 (D) COUNTRIES ON TIER 2 WATCH LIST
23 FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.—

24 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
25 under clause (ii), a country that is included

1 on the Tier 2 watch list described in sub-
2 paragraph (A) for 2 consecutive years after
3 December 23, 2008, shall be included on
4 the list of countries described in paragraph
5 (1)(C).

6 (ii) EXERCISE OF WAIVER AUTHOR-
7 ITY.—The President may waive the appli-
8 cation of clause (i) for up to 1 year if the
9 President determines, and reports credible
10 evidence to the appropriate congressional
11 committees, that such a waiver is justified
12 because—

13 (I) the country has a written
14 plan to begin making significant ef-
15 forts to bring itself into compliance
16 with the minimum standards for the
17 elimination of trafficking;

18 (II) the plan, if implemented,
19 would constitute making such signifi-
20 cant efforts; and

21 (III) the country is devoting suf-
22 ficient resources to implement the
23 plan.

24 (E) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.—Not later
25 than 30 days after the submission of the evi-

1 dence described in subparagraph (D)(ii) with
2 respect to each country determined to have met
3 the requirements under subclauses (I) through
4 (III) of such, the Secretary shall—

5 (i) provide a detailed description of
6 the credible information supporting such
7 determination on a publicly available
8 website maintained by the Department;
9 and

10 (ii) offer to brief the appropriate con-
11 gressional committees on any written plan
12 submitted by the country as described in
13 subparagraph (D)(ii)(I), with an oppor-
14 tunity to review the written plan.

15 (F) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN COUN-
16 TRIES ON SPECIAL WATCH LIST THAT ARE
17 DOWNGRADED AND REINSTATED ON SPECIAL
18 WATCH LIST.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs
19 (D) and (E), a country may not be included on
20 the Tier 2 watch list described in subparagraph
21 (A) for more than 2 years immediately after the
22 country consecutively—

23 (i) was included on the Tier 2 watch
24 list described in subparagraph (A) for—

1 (I) 2 consecutive years after De-
2 cember 23, 2008; and

3 (II) any additional years after
4 such date of enactment as a result of
5 the President exercising the waiver
6 authority under subparagraph (D)(ii);
7 and

8 (ii) was subsequently included on the
9 list of countries described in paragraph
10 (1)(C) in the year following such waiver
11 under subparagraph (D)(ii).

12 (3) SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—In making determina-
14 tions under paragraph (1) or (2) as to whether
15 the government of a country is making signifi-
16 cant efforts to bring itself into compliance with
17 the minimum standards for the elimination of
18 trafficking, the Secretary shall consider—

19 (i) the extent to which the country is
20 a country of origin, transit, or destination
21 for severe forms of trafficking;

22 (ii) the extent of noncompliance with
23 the minimum standards by the government
24 and, particularly, the extent to which offi-
25 cials or employees of the government have

1 participated in, facilitated, condoned, or
2 are otherwise complicit in severe forms of
3 trafficking; and

4 (iii) what measures are reasonable to
5 bring the government into compliance with
6 the minimum standards in light of the re-
7 sources and capabilities of the government.

8 (B) PROOF OF FAILURE TO MAKE SIGNIFI-
9 CANT EFFORTS.—In addition to the consider-
10 ations described in subparagraph (A), in deter-
11 minations under paragraph (1)(C) as to wheth-
12 er the government of a country is not making
13 significant efforts to bring itself into compliance
14 with the minimum standards for the elimination
15 of trafficking, the Secretary shall consider, as
16 proof of failure to make significant efforts, a
17 government policy or pattern of—

18 (i) trafficking;

19 (ii) trafficking in government-funded
20 programs;

21 (iii) forced labor (in government-affili-
22 ated medical services, agriculture, forestry,
23 mining, construction, or other sectors);

24 (iv) sexual slavery in government
25 camps, compounds, or outposts;

1 (v) employing or recruiting child sol-
2 diers;

3 (vi) the extent to which the govern-
4 ment of the country is devoting sufficient
5 budgetary resources—

6 (I) to investigate and prosecute
7 acts of severe trafficking in persons;

8 (II) to convict and sentence per-
9 sons responsible for such acts; and

10 (III) to obtain restitution for vic-
11 tims of human trafficking;

12 (vii) the extent to which the govern-
13 ment of the country is devoting sufficient
14 budgetary resources—

15 (I) to protect and support victims
16 of trafficking in persons; and

17 (II) to prevent severe forms of
18 trafficking in persons; and

19 (viii) the extent to which the govern-
20 ment of the country has consulted with do-
21 mestic and international civil society orga-
22 nizations that resulted in concrete actions
23 to improve the provision of services to vic-
24 tims of trafficking in persons.

1 (4) ACTION PLANS FOR COUNTRIES UPGRADED
2 TO TIER 2 WATCHLIST.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
4 days after the release of the annual Trafficking
5 in Persons Report, the Secretary, acting
6 through the Director and through the Assistant
7 Secretary of the appropriate regional bureau, in
8 consultation with appropriate officials from the
9 government of each country described in para-
10 graph (2)(A), and with the assistance of the
11 United States Ambassador or Charge d’Affaires
12 in each such country, shall—

13 (i) prepare an action plan for each
14 country upgraded from the Tier 3 to the
15 Tier 2 Watchlist to further improve such
16 country’s tier ranking under this sub-
17 section; and

18 (ii) present the relevant action plan to
19 the government of each such country.

20 (B) CONTENTS.—Each action plan pre-
21 pared under this paragraph—

22 (i) shall include specific concrete ac-
23 tions to be taken by the country to sub-
24 stantively address deficiencies preventing

1 the country from meeting Tier 2 stand-
2 ards, based on credible information; and

3 (ii) should be focused on short-term
4 and multi-year goals.

5 (C) BRIEFINGS.—The Director and all ap-
6 propriate regional Assistant Secretaries shall
7 make themselves available to brief the appro-
8 priate congressional committees and the Com-
9 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Senate on the implementa-
11 tion of each action plan prepared under this
12 paragraph.

13 (D) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this
14 paragraph may be construed as modifying—

15 (i) minimum standards for the elimi-
16 nation of trafficking under section 108 of
17 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
18 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7106); or

19 (ii) the actions against governments
20 failing to meet minimum standards under
21 this section or the criteria for placement
22 on the Tier 2 watch list under paragraph
23 (2).

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE FREDERICK
25 DOUGLASS TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PREVENTION AND

1 PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018.—Section
2 204(b)(1) of the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims
3 Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2018
4 (22 U.S.C. 7107 note) is amended by striking “special
5 watch list described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii)” and insert-
6 ing “Tier 2 watch list described in paragraph (2)(A) of
7 section 415(a) of the Department of State Policy Provi-
8 sions Act”.

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE BIPARTISAN
10 CONGRESSIONAL TRADE PRIORITIES AND ACCOUNT-
11 ABILITY ACT OF 2015.—Section 106(b)(6)(E)(iii) of the
12 Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Account-
13 ability Act of 2015 (19 U.S.C. 4205(b)(6)(E)(iii)) is
14 amended by striking “(A)(iii)” each place it appears and
15 inserting “paragraph (2)(A) of section 415(a) of the De-
16 partment of State Policy Provisions Act”.

17 (d) PRINTED VERSION OF THE REPORT.—Section
18 107(c) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims
19 Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (22 U.S.C. 7107
20 note) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
22 end;

23 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (3) by adding the following new paragraph:

1 “(3) ensure that a printed hard copy format of
2 the annual report submitted under section 415(a) of
3 the Department of State Policy Provisions Act is
4 made available to the public.”.

5 (e) EFFECTIVE DATES.—Subsections (a), (b), (c),
6 and (d), and the amendments made by such subsections,
7 shall apply beginning on the day that is 1 year after the
8 date of the reporting period for the most recent report
9 submitted under section 110(b)(1) of the Trafficking Vic-
10 tims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1)), as
11 such section was in effect before the date of the enactment
12 of this Act.

13 (f) TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT HEROES
14 AWARD.—The Secretary is authorized to establish an
15 award, to be known as the “Trafficking in Persons Report
16 Heroes Award”, to honor individuals in the United States
17 and around the world who have devoted their lives to com-
18 batting trafficking in persons. The Secretary shall, in co-
19 ordination with the Director, establish procedures for se-
20 lecting recipient of the award and shall to the maximum
21 extent practicable present the award annually to not more
22 than 10 individuals who may be United States citizens or
23 foreign nationals. The Secretary shall host an annual cere-
24 mony for recipients of the award, which may be combined

1 with the public release of the annual Trafficking in Per-
 2 sons Report under subsection (a).

3 (g) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXPERT CONSULTANT
 4 NETWORK.—The Secretary is authorized to establish an
 5 Expert Consultant Network to contract with trafficking
 6 in persons’ experts with lived experience to serve as paid
 7 consultants on policy and grantmaking for the Depart-
 8 ment.

9 **TITLE V—ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

10 **SEC. 501. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TECH-** 11 **NOLOGY SECURITY AND INNOVATION FUND.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 of the CHIPS Act of
 13 2022 (Public Law 117–167) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (c)(1)—

15 (A) by striking “Secretary of State” each
 16 place it appears and inserting “Under Secretary
 17 of State for Economic Affairs”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(A) MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND.—With-
 20 in the Department of State, the Fund shall be
 21 overseen and administered by the Under Sec-
 22 retary for Economic Affairs.”; and

23 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by striking “Sec-
 24 retary of State” each place it appears and inserting
 25 “Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs”.

1 **SEC. 502. COORDINATION OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND**
2 **COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—To ensure smooth functioning and
4 clear lines of responsibility both among the Department’s
5 science, technology, and communication infrastructure bu-
6 reaus and across all Department bureaus, and to avoid
7 repeating past problems associated with unclear lines of
8 responsibility, there shall be a reporting requirement for
9 science, technology, and communication infrastructure co-
10 ordination in the Department. The Under Secretary of
11 State for Economic Affairs shall have primary responsi-
12 bility for this requirement, in consultation with the fol-
13 lowing individuals:

14 (1) Assistant Secretary for Cyberspace and
15 Digital Policy.

16 (2) Assistant Secretary for Emerging Threats.

17 (3) Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Diplo-
18 matic Technology of the Department.

19 (4) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space and
20 Environment Affairs.

21 (b) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than six months
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
24 heads of the Department bureaus described in para-
25 graph (2) shall submit to the appropriate congres-
26 sional committees a report that—

1 (A) describes any coordination challenges
2 in the science, technology, and communication
3 infrastructure policy areas; and

4 (B) outlines steps to deconflict lines of ef-
5 fort.

6 (2) BUREAUS DESCRIBED.—The Department
7 bureaus described in this paragraph are the fol-
8 lowing:

9 (A) The Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital
10 Policy.

11 (B) The Bureau of Emerging Threats.

12 (C) The Bureau of Diplomatic Technology.

13 (D) The Office of Space Affairs within the
14 Bureau of Water, Environment, and Space Af-
15 fairs.

16 (c) BRIEFINGS.—After the submission of the report
17 required by subsection (b), the heads of the Department
18 bureaus described in subsection (b)(2) shall provide brief-
19 ings to the appropriate congressional committees once
20 every six months. The briefings shall include the same
21 subject matter as the report, but with updated informa-
22 tion.

23 (d) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
24 quired by subsection (b)(1) and the subsequent briefings
25 required by subsection (c) shall include—

1 (1) an assessment of each bureau's efforts to
2 coordinate with other relevant bureaus on science,
3 technology, and communication infrastructure policy;

4 (2) an assessment of each bureau's efforts to
5 coordinate with other bureaus and offices of the De-
6 partment which do not have primary responsibility
7 for science, technology, and communication infra-
8 structure policy;

9 (3) a description of any challenges encountered
10 in science, technology, and communication infra-
11 structure policy coordination, including—

12 (A) uncertainty about which relevant bu-
13 reau is supposed to take the lead on a policy
14 issue;

15 (B) duplication of efforts among the rel-
16 evant bureaus;

17 (C) instances when relevant bureau per-
18 sonnel were asked to provide services or weigh
19 in on issues not in their bureau's area of re-
20 sponsibility; and

21 (D) instances when relevant bureau per-
22 sonnel were not included in internal policy dis-
23 cussions or documents relevant to their bu-
24 reau's area of responsibility; and

1 (4) a description of actions taken to address
2 identified coordination challenges and prevent their
3 recurrence.

4 (e) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b)(1)
5 and the briefings required by subsection (c) shall be sub-
6 mitted or made in an unclassified format, as the case may
7 be, and may include a classified annex.

8 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
9 date that is two years after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

11 **SEC. 503. INVESTMENT SCREENING INITIATIVE.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
14 retary for Economic Growth shall establish the Initiative
15 on Foreign Investment Screening (in this section referred
16 to as the “Initiative”).

17 (b) COORDINATION.—The Assistant Secretary for
18 Economic Growth shall coordinate with the heads of other
19 relevant Federal departments and agencies, as appro-
20 priate, in the establishment and activities of the Initiative.

21 (c) DESIGNATED OFFICIAL.—The Assistant Sec-
22 retary for Economic Growth shall designate an official to
23 lead the Initiative.

24 (d) DUTIES.—The Initiative shall—

1 (1) provide technical assistance, training, and
2 advisory services to foreign countries regarding best
3 practices for screening foreign investments for na-
4 tional security risks to such countries;

5 (2) facilitate coordination among Federal de-
6 partments and agencies, the private sector, partner
7 countries, and civil society to promote investment se-
8 curity standards;

9 (3) support the development and implementa-
10 tion of foreign investment screening mechanisms in
11 partner countries through regulatory guidance and
12 information sharing;

13 (4) assess the progress of partner countries in
14 establishing robust investment screening mecha-
15 nisms; and

16 (5) conduct outreach and capacity-building ef-
17 forts to enhance global awareness of investment se-
18 curity risks.

19 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
20 date that is three years after the date on which the Initia-
21 tive is established pursuant to subsection (a).

22 **SEC. 504. REPORT REGARDING THE INVESTMENT SCREEN-**
23 **ING INITIATIVE PROGRAM.**

24 Not later than one year after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, and annually thereafter for three years, the

1 Assistant Secretary for Economic Growth shall submit to
2 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
3 activities of the Investment Screening Initiative program,
4 including—

5 (1) a summary of technical assistance and
6 training provided to foreign countries;

7 (2) an assessment of progress made by foreign
8 countries in implementing investment screening
9 mechanisms;

10 (3) an evaluation of emerging national security
11 risks related to foreign investment; and

12 (4) recommendations for further United States
13 engagement with foreign countries regarding invest-
14 ment security assistance.

15 **SEC. 505. STUDY ON GEOPOLITICAL STRATEGIES AND**
16 **VERIFICATION FRAMEWORKS FOR AD-**
17 **VANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

18 (a) STRATEGY.—The Assistant Secretary for Emerg-
19 ing Threats, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary
20 for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, shall develop a strategy
21 to preserve enduring United States leadership in the field
22 of advanced artificial intelligence (hereinafter in this sec-
23 tion referred to as “AI”).

24 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy re-
25 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) A description and assessment of the tech-
2 nical and non-technical methods to monitor the
3 present or future development or deployment of cov-
4 ered AI systems by adversarial nations or foreign ac-
5 tors, including China, with particular attention to
6 systems that could pose severe threats to United
7 States national security;

8 (2) Proposals for potential commitments or
9 agreements under which one or more foreign states
10 would commit to restrict, limit, or halt the develop-
11 ment or deployment of covered AI systems;

12 (3) The identification and evaluation of moni-
13 toring, verification, and enforcement mechanisms,
14 including methods that do not yet exist but could be
15 developed or strengthened through additional re-
16 search and development, that could be used to assess
17 international compliance with the commitments or
18 agreements described in paragraph (2) or otherwise
19 improve United States national security, including
20 hardware-based safeguards, data center inspections,
21 cloud service audits, satellite monitoring, signals in-
22 telligence, and other relevant methods;

23 (4) Identification and assessment of potential
24 evasion techniques or deception strategies that ad-
25 versaries could employ to circumvent verification

1 mechanisms, and evaluate countermeasures to en-
2 hance the credibility and robustness of such mecha-
3 nisms;

4 (5) An examination of potential diplomatic and
5 geopolitical strategies or options available to the
6 United States in the event that the United States
7 chose to delay the development or deployment of cov-
8 ered AI systems of adversaries, including options or
9 plans to coordinate with allies and partners, build
10 international confidence in potential agreements or
11 commitments related to covered AI systems, deter
12 opportunistic behavior by foreign adversaries, and
13 support efforts to detect or verify that foreign adver-
14 saries were not secretly developing covered AI sys-
15 tems or attempting to covertly usurp United States
16 leadership in advanced AI. This shall include meth-
17 ods, strategies, policies, and plans that, in either the
18 presence or absence of international agreements,
19 could be used to prevent or deter adversaries from
20 developing, acquiring, or deploying covered AI sys-
21 tems that could pose severe threats to United States
22 national security; and

23 (6) The identification of potential limitations in
24 the strategies, agreements, proposals, and mecha-
25 nisms outlined in paragraphs (1) through (5), and

1 develop policy recommendations to address such lim-
2 itations, including via coordination with allies and
3 partners. Such recommendations shall emphasize
4 concrete, near-term diplomatic and policy actions the
5 United States Government can take to build stra-
6 tegic leverage and preserve policy optionality as AI
7 capabilities advance, including options to strengthen
8 coordination with allies and partners, develop inter-
9 national agreements and commitments around cov-
10 ered AI systems, develop robust verification mecha-
11 nisms for such agreements, improve situational
12 awareness around foreign covered AI systems for the
13 United States government and allies and partners,
14 verify the location of adversaries' high-end compute
15 clusters, and coordinate with allies and partners to
16 identify adversaries' attempts to develop, acquire, or
17 deploy covered AI systems. Such recommendations
18 shall also include a prioritized list identifying
19 verification methods or mechanisms that would ben-
20 efit from additional research and development efforts
21 by the United States, the private sector, public-pri-
22 vate partnerships, or other relevant entities, with a
23 focus on methods or mechanisms that could be made
24 technically feasible or substantially enhanced within

1 five years of additional research and development ef-
2 forts.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for
5 Cyberspace and Digital Diplomacy shall submit to the ap-
6 propriate congressional committees a report that contains
7 the strategy required by subsection (a).

8 (d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—During the 2-
9 year period described in subsection (c), the Assistant Sec-
10 retary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy shall provide
11 timely updates to the appropriate congressional commit-
12 tees in response to significant developments related to the
13 content of the report required by subsection (c), or other
14 material developments in the global landscape of advanced
15 artificial intelligence that may affect United States na-
16 tional security interests, verification strategies, or geo-
17 political stability.

18 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “covered
19 AI systems” means advanced artificial intelligence (AI)
20 systems with critical capabilities that the Secretary deter-
21 mines would pose a grave national security threat if devel-
22 oped, acquired, deployed, or stolen by adversaries, includ-
23 ing systems that match or exceed human expert perform-
24 ance in high-risk domains such as chemical, biological, ra-
25 diological, and nuclear matters, cyber offense, persuasion,

1 or AI research and development, as well as systems that
2 operate with high levels of autonomy without meaningful
3 human oversight or that possess the capacity for self-im-
4 provement or rapid capability amplification.

5 **SEC. 506. GLOBAL SMALL BUSINESS NETWORK PROGRAM.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in consulta-
7 tion with other relevant agencies, is authorized to establish
8 a Global Small Business Network program (referred to in
9 this section as the “program”) to be administered under
10 the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Commercial
11 Diplomacy.

12 (b) DIRECTOR.—The Assistant Secretary for Com-
13 mercial Diplomacy shall designate an officer or employee
14 of the Department to serve as the Director of the program.

15 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the program is to—

16 (1) enhance the ability of small business con-
17 cerns in the United States that are affiliated with a
18 small business development center to export to for-
19 eign markets and take part in international com-
20 merce;

21 (2) facilitate partners for small business con-
22 cerns in the United States;

23 (3) promote the establishment, development,
24 and strengthening of small businesses and small

1 business networks in foreign countries participating
2 in the program; and

3 (4) promote resilient business environments in
4 foreign countries through the development of small
5 business development centers in foreign countries,
6 particularly in the Western Hemisphere and in new
7 foreign markets.

8 **SEC. 507. GLOBAL SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS PROGRAM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for Com-
10 mercial Diplomacy may make grants to any qualified enti-
11 ty that submits an application in such form, and satisfying
12 such requirements, as the Assistant Secretary for Com-
13 mercial Diplomacy may require.

14 (b) TYPES OF GRANTS.—A qualified entity may re-
15 ceive a grant for one or more of the following purposes:

16 (1) To assist national and local governments of
17 a foreign country to develop a small business devel-
18 opment center, or multiple centers.

19 (2) To promote economic connectivity between
20 small business concerns in the United States and
21 economies covered by the Global Small Business
22 Network program.

23 (3) To support improvements to the business
24 environment that facilitates the growth of small
25 businesses in foreign countries.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) the term “qualified entity” means an entity
3 that is—

4 (A) an institution of higher education (as
5 such term is defined in section 102 of the High-
6 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)),
7 except that such term does not include institu-
8 tions described in section 102(a)(1)(c) of such
9 Act;

10 (B) a consortium of two or more institu-
11 tions of higher education described in subpara-
12 graph (A); or

13 (C) a nonprofit entity with experience in
14 operating or working with small business devel-
15 opment centers in the United States;

16 (2) the term “small business concern” has the
17 meaning given the term under section 3(a) of the
18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)); and

19 (3) the term “small business development cen-
20 ter”—

21 (A) with respect to a center located in the
22 United States—

23 (i) has the meaning given such term
24 in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
25 U.S.C. 632); and

1 (ii) includes a women’s business cen-
2 ter, as such term is used under section 29
3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
4 656); and

5 (B) with respect to a center located in a
6 foreign country, means an entity that—

7 (i) provides small business-oriented
8 employment or natural resources develop-
9 ment programs;

10 (ii) promotes studies, research, and
11 counseling concerning the managing, fi-
12 nancing, and operation of small businesses;

13 (iii) provides management and tech-
14 nical assistance regarding small business
15 participation in international markets and
16 international commerce, including with the
17 United States;

18 (iv) provides delivery or distribution of
19 services and information described in this
20 subparagraph; or

21 (v) provides access to business ana-
22 lysts who can refer a small business to
23 available experts.

1 **SEC. 508. REPORT ON THE SMALL BUSINESS NETWORK**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter
5 for a period of four years, the Assistant Secretary for
6 Commercial Diplomacy, in consultation with heads of
7 other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall
8 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
9 port on the status of the Global Small Business Network.

10 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
11 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) An assessment of support provided to small
13 business concerns in the United States that have
14 utilized programs through the Global Small Business
15 Network, including information on the number of
16 businesses supported, the geographic location of
17 such businesses, the number of jobs supported, and
18 the amount of economic activity generated.

19 (2) A description of methods and strategies to
20 develop small business development centers in for-
21 eign countries for the two-year period beginning on
22 the date on which the report is submitted to the ap-
23 propriate congressional committees.

24 (3) A list, and the current status, of all oper-
25 ating small business development centers in foreign

1 countries that are affiliated with the Global Small
2 Business Network program.

3 (4) A list, and the current status, of all new
4 small business development centers in foreign coun-
5 tries set up through the Global Small Business Net-
6 work program in the two-year period ending on the
7 date on which the report is submitted to the appro-
8 priate congressional committees, even if such centers
9 are no longer affiliated with the Global Small Busi-
10 ness Network program.

11 **TITLE VI—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

12 **SEC. 601. AUTHORIZATION OF EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND** 13 **TREAT MALNUTRITION GLOBALLY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Undersecretary for Strategic
15 Assistance is authorized to provide assistance to monitor
16 and treat malnutrition when deemed in the interests of
17 the United States, at the discretion of the Undersecretary.

18 (b) DELINEATION OF FUNCTIONS.—The Undersecre-
19 tary for Strategic Assistance shall conduct such work in
20 coordination with the Bureau of Global Health Security
21 and Diplomacy of the Department, the Office of Global
22 Food Security, and the Bureau of Migration and Disaster
23 Assistance of the Department.

24 (c) CONSULTATION.—The primary bureau or office
25 designated to perform such functions as provided under

1 this section shall consult with the applicable regional bu-
2 reau as determined to be in the best interest of the afore-
3 mentioned office or bureau.

4 (d) PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The
5 Office of Global Food Security is hereby authorized to
6 carry out the following functions:

7 (1) Exercise strategic oversight of, and provide
8 direction for, the nutrition response component of
9 humanitarian programming.

10 (2) Promote and facilitate the ownership and
11 leadership of partner countries in the design and im-
12 plementation of nutrition-related programs in con-
13 texts requiring humanitarian assistance, including in
14 circumstances where such planning mechanisms do
15 not currently exist.

16 (3) Coordinate, oversee, and support collabo-
17 rative activities, programming, and initiatives with
18 the interagency, multilateral organizations, and
19 other partners, including activities, programming,
20 and initiatives carried out under—

21 (A) the Food for Peace;

22 (B) the Feed the Future Initiative;

23 (C) the Department of Agriculture;

24 (D) the Famine Early Warning Systems
25 Network;

1 (E) United Nations Children’s Fund;
2 (F) the World Food Programme; and
3 (G) such other bilateral or multilateral
4 mechanisms as the Undersecretary may deter-
5 mine to be appropriate.

6 (4) Provide technical or programmatic assist-
7 ance, upon request, to the Bureau of Global Health
8 Security and Diplomacy of the Department or to
9 any regional bureau of the Department. The Office
10 of Global Food Security shall consult with the Bu-
11 reau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy and
12 the Bureau of Migration and Disaster Assistance of
13 the Department.

14 (5) The Bureau of Global Health Security and
15 Diplomacy is authorized to provide technical support
16 through consultation to the Office of Global Food
17 Security for maximizing efficiency and establishing
18 best practices related to nutrition assistance. Addi-
19 tionally, the Bureau of Global Health Security and
20 Diplomacy is authorized to request nutrition assist-
21 ance from the Office of Global Food Security in the
22 event such assistance maximizes efficiency in coordi-
23 nating and conducting global health programs, and
24 it is in the interest of the United States, and in the
25 event acute malnutrition is prevalent in areas where

1 other global health assistance is being provided, at
2 the discretion of the Assistant Secretary for Global
3 Health Security and Diplomacy.

4 (6) For the Bureau of Migration and Disaster
5 Assistance, the Under Secretary for Strategic Assist-
6 ance is authorized to provide technical support
7 through consultation to the Office of Global Food
8 Security for maximizing efficiency and establishing
9 best practices related to refugee resettlement and
10 migration, and to ensure nutrition assistance aligns
11 with and supports the Department's existing assist-
12 ance efforts for refugees and internally displaced
13 persons.

14 (A) Under circumstances where the Under-
15 secretary furnishes such assistance, the Under-
16 secretary shall prioritize support for the most
17 vulnerable populations susceptible to severe
18 malnutrition, including children under the age
19 of 5 and pregnant and lactating women.

20 (B) The Undersecretary is authorized to
21 determine and target partner countries by
22 prioritizing the most cost-effective and proven
23 malnutrition prevention and treatments inter-
24 ventions, with planning to transition to partner

country ownership in preventing malnutrition.

Such interventions may include—

(i) multiple micronutrient supplementation (MMS);

(ii) breastfeeding support;

(iii) vitamin A supplementation; and

(iv) specialized nutritious food products for the treatment of acute malnutrition, and other evidence-based interventions, as deemed appropriate at the discretion of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Food Security, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Global Health Security and Diplomacy.

(7) The Undersecretary shall ensure rigorous monitoring and evaluation of such efforts in consultation with the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Food Security.

SEC. 602. INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PROGRAMS AND REPORT.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On May 1 of each year or the first day thereafter on which the appropriate House of Congress is in session, the Secretary, with

1 the assistance of the Ambassador at Large for Inter-
2 national Religious Freedom, and taking into consid-
3 eration the recommendations of the Commission on
4 International Religious Freedom, shall prepare and
5 submit to Congress an Annual Report on Inter-
6 national Religious Freedom supplementing the most
7 recent Human Rights Reports by providing addi-
8 tional detailed information with respect to matters
9 involving international religious freedom. Each An-
10 nual Report shall contain the following:

11 (A) STATUS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—A
12 description of the status of religious freedom in
13 each foreign country, including—

14 (i) trends toward improvement in the
15 respect and protection of the right to reli-
16 gious freedom and trends toward deteriora-
17 tion of such right;

18 (ii) violations of religious freedom en-
19 gaged in or tolerated by the government of
20 that country;

21 (iii) particularly severe violations of
22 religious freedom engaged in or tolerated
23 by the government of that country as well
24 as the routine denial of visa applications
25 for religious workers;

1 (iv) particularly severe violations of
2 religious freedom in that country if such
3 country does not have a functioning gov-
4 ernment or the government of such coun-
5 try does not control its territory;

6 (v) the identification of prisoners, to
7 the extent possible, in that country pursu-
8 ant to section 108(d) of the International
9 Religious Freedoms Act of 1988 (22
10 U.S.C. 6417(d));

11 (vi) any action taken by the govern-
12 ment of that country to censor religious
13 content, communications, or worship activi-
14 ties online, including descriptions of the
15 targeted religious group, the content, com-
16 munication, or activities censored, and the
17 means used; and

18 (vii) wherever applicable, an assess-
19 ment and description of the nature and ex-
20 tent of acts of antisemitism and
21 antisemitic incitement that occur in that
22 country during the preceding year, includ-
23 ing—

24 (I) acts of physical violence
25 against, or harassment of, Jewish peo-

1 ple, acts of violence against, or van-
2 dalism of, Jewish community institu-
3 tions, and instances of propaganda in
4 government and nongovernment media
5 that incite such acts; and

6 (II) the actions taken by the gov-
7 ernment of that country to respond to
8 such violence and attacks or to elimi-
9 nate such propaganda or incitement,
10 to enact and enforce laws relating to
11 the protection of the right to religious
12 freedom of Jewish people, and to pro-
13 mote anti-bias and tolerance edu-
14 cation.

15 (B) VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREE-
16 DOM.—An assessment and description of the
17 nature and extent of violations of religious free-
18 dom in each foreign country, including persecu-
19 tion of one religious group by another religious
20 group, religious persecution by governmental
21 and nongovernmental entities, persecution tar-
22 geted at individuals or particular denominations
23 or entire religions, persecution of lawyers, poli-
24 ticians, or other human rights advocates seek-
25 ing to defend the rights of members of religious

1 groups or highlight religious freedom violations,
2 prohibitions on ritual animal slaughter or male
3 infant circumcision, the existence of government
4 policies violating religious freedom, including
5 policies that discriminate against particular reli-
6 gious groups or members of such groups, poli-
7 cies that ban or restrict the public manifesta-
8 tion of religious belief and the peaceful involve-
9 ment of religious groups or their members in
10 the political life of each such foreign country,
11 and the existence of government policies con-
12 cerning—

13 (i) limitations or prohibitions on, or
14 lack of availability of, openly conducted,
15 organized religious services outside of the
16 premises of foreign diplomatic missions or
17 consular posts; and

18 (ii) the forced religious conversion of
19 minor United States citizens who have
20 been abducted or illegally removed from
21 the United States, and the refusal to allow
22 such citizens to be returned to the United
23 States.

24 (C) UNITED STATES POLICIES.—A detailed
25 description of United States actions, diplomatic

1 and political coordination efforts, and other
2 policies in support of religious freedom in each
3 foreign country engaging in or tolerating viola-
4 tions of religious freedom, including a descrip-
5 tion of the measures and policies implemented
6 during the preceding 12 months by the United
7 States under titles I, IV, and V of the Inter-
8 national Religious Freedom Act of 1988 in op-
9 position to violations of religious freedom and
10 in support of international religious freedom.

11 (D) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN EF-
12 FECT.—A description of any binding agreement
13 with a foreign government entered into by the
14 United States under section 401(b) or 402(c) of
15 the International Religious Freedom Act of
16 1988.

17 (E) TRAINING AND GUIDELINES OF GOV-
18 ERNMENT PERSONNEL.—A description of—

19 (i) the training described in section
20 207(f) of the Immigration and Nationality
21 Act (8 U.S.C. 1157(f)), section 708 of the
22 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C.
23 4028), and subsections (b) and (c) of sec-
24 tion 603 of the International Religious
25 Freedom Act of 1988 (22 U.S.C. 6473(b))

1 and (c)) on violations of religious freedom
2 provided to immigration judges and con-
3 sular, refugee, immigration, and asylum of-
4 ficers; and

5 (ii) the development and implementa-
6 tion of the guidelines described in sections
7 602(c) and 603(a) of the International Re-
8 ligious Freedom Act of 1988 (22 U.S.C.
9 6472(c) and 6473(a)).

10 (F) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.—An Executive
11 Summary to the Annual Report highlighting
12 the status of religious freedom in certain for-
13 eign countries and including the following:

14 (i) COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE
15 UNITED STATES IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING
16 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—An identification
17 of foreign countries in which the United
18 States is actively promoting religious free-
19 dom. This section of the report shall in-
20 clude a description of United States ac-
21 tions taken to promote the internationally
22 recognized right to freedom of religion and
23 oppose violations of such right under title
24 IV and title V of the International Reli-
25 gious Freedom Act of 1988 during the pe-

1 riod covered by the Annual Report. Any
2 country designated as a country of par-
3 ticular concern for religious freedom under
4 section 402(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Inter-
5 national Religious Freedom Act of 1988
6 (22 U.S.C. 6442(b)(1)(A)(ii)) shall be in-
7 cluded in this section of the report. Any
8 country in which a non-state actor des-
9 ignated as an entity of particular concern
10 for religious freedom under section 301 of
11 the International Religious Freedom Act of
12 1988 (22 U.S.C. 6442a) is located shall be
13 included in this section of the report.

14 (ii) COUNTRIES OF SIGNIFICANT IM-
15 PROVEMENT IN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—An
16 identification of foreign countries the gov-
17 ernments of which have demonstrated sig-
18 nificant improvement in the protection and
19 promotion of the internationally recognized
20 right to freedom of religion during the pe-
21 riod covered by the Annual Report. This
22 section of the report shall include a de-
23 scription of the nature of the improvement
24 and an analysis of the factors contributing
25 to such improvement, including actions

1 taken by the United States under this
2 chapter.

3 (G) ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE.—In addi-
4 tion to the information required under subpara-
5 graph (A)(vii), with respect to each European
6 country in which verbal or physical threats or
7 attacks are particularly significant against Jew-
8 ish persons, places of worship, schools, ceme-
9 teries, and other religious institutions, a de-
10 scription of—

11 (i) the security challenges and needs
12 of European Jewish communities and Eu-
13 ropean law enforcement agencies in such
14 countries to better protect such commu-
15 nities;

16 (ii) to the extent practicable, the ef-
17 forts of the United States Government
18 over the reporting period to partner with
19 European law enforcement agencies and
20 civil society groups regarding the sharing
21 of information and best practices to com-
22 bat anti-Semitic incidents in Europe;

23 (iii) European educational program-
24 ming and public awareness initiatives that
25 aim to collaborate on educational curricula

1 and campaigns that impart shared values
2 of pluralism and tolerance, and showcase
3 the positive contributions of Jews in cul-
4 ture, scholarship, science, and art, with
5 special attention to those segments of the
6 population that exhibit a high degree of
7 anti-Semitic animus; and

8 (iv) efforts by European governments
9 to adopt and apply a working definition of
10 antisemitism.

11 (2) CLASSIFIED ADDENDUM.—If the Secretary
12 determines that it is in the national security inter-
13 ests of the United States or is necessary for the
14 safety of individuals to be identified in the Annual
15 Report or is necessary to further the purposes of
16 this chapter, any information required by paragraph
17 (1), including measures or actions taken by the
18 United States, may be summarized in the Annual
19 Report or the Executive Summary and submitted in
20 more detail in a classified addendum to the Annual
21 Report or the Executive Summary.

22 (b) PREPARATIONS OF REPORTS REGARDING VIOLA-
23 TIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

24 (1) STANDARDS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The
25 Secretary shall ensure that United States missions

1 abroad maintain a consistent reporting standard and
2 thoroughly investigate reports of violations of the
3 internationally recognized right to freedom of reli-
4 gion.

5 (2) CONTACTS WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL OR-
6 GANIZATIONS.—In compiling data and assessing the
7 respect of the right to religious freedom for the
8 Human Rights Reports, the Annual Report on Inter-
9 national Religious Freedom, and the Executive Sum-
10 mary, United States mission personnel shall, as ap-
11 propriate, seek out and maintain contacts with reli-
12 gious and human rights nongovernmental organiza-
13 tions, with the consent of those organizations, in-
14 cluding receiving reports and updates from such or-
15 ganizations and, when appropriate, investigating
16 such reports.

17 **SEC. 603. COMBATTING CORRUPTION AND KLEPTOCRACY.**

18 It is the policy of the United States—

19 (1) to leverage United States diplomatic en-
20 gagement and foreign assistance to promote the rule
21 of law and good governance;

22 (2) to coordinate with other like-minded states
23 to counter corruption, kleptocracy, and illicit fi-
24 nance;

1 (3) to help foreign partner countries strengthen
2 their legal and financial architecture to better pro-
3 tect against illicit finance and investigate, prosecute,
4 adjudicate, and more generally combat the use of
5 corruption by malign actors;

6 (4) to assist in the recovery of kleptocracy-re-
7 lated stolen assets, including through appropriate bi-
8 lateral arrangements and international agreements
9 which the United States has ratified, such as the
10 United Nations Convention against Corruption, done
11 at New York October 31, 2003, and the United Na-
12 tions Convention against Transnational Organized
13 Crime, done at New York November 15, 2000; and

14 (5) to use existing authorities, such as the
15 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act
16 (subtitle F of title XII of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
18 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note)) and section
19 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Oper-
20 ations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,
21 2020 (division G of Public Law 116–94), to identify
22 and take action against corrupt foreign actors, and
23 to ensure the use of such punitive measures are seen
24 to be credible and strictly nonpartial.

1 **SEC. 604. SPECIALIZED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROFES-**
2 **SIONALS.**

3 (a) SPECIALIZED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROFES-
4 SIONALS.—The Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance,
5 in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish and
6 maintain a program for the recruitment, training, and re-
7 tention of specialized disaster assistance professionals
8 within the Department.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—This program shall ensure that the
10 Bureau of Migration and Disaster Assistance of the De-
11 partment has a sufficient number of personnel with the
12 skills and expertise necessary to plan, implement, and
13 manage complex international disaster assistance oper-
14 ations. Such expertise shall include procurement, logistics,
15 public health, nutrition, protection, engineering, and fi-
16 nance.

17 (c) TRAINING.—The Under Secretary shall ensure
18 that these professionals receive regular and relevant train-
19 ing to maintain and enhance their skills.

20 **SEC. 605. COALITION FOR EPIDEMIC PREPAREDNESS INNO-**
21 **VATIONS (CEPI).**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for Glob-
23 al Health is authorized to participate in the Coalition for
24 Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (referred to this sec-
25 tion as “CEPI”), as determined by the Assistant Sec-
26 retary to be in the best interest of the United States and

1 as considered beneficial to promoting such interests per-
2 taining to biodefense, global health security, and force-pro-
3 tection requirements.

4 (b) INVESTORS COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIREC-
5 TORS.—The Assistant Secretary shall designate an em-
6 ployee of the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplo-
7 macy of the Department to function as the representative
8 of the United States on the Investors Council and on the
9 Board of Directors of CEPI, upon which designation the
10 disbursement of all such funding provided from the United
11 States shall be contingent.

12 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the responsibil-
13 ities provided under subsection (b), the Assistant Sec-
14 retary shall consult with applicable Federal departments
15 and agencies and with the applicable bureaus at the De-
16 partment, as determined by the Assistant Secretary to be
17 beneficial to promoting United States interests.

18 (d) CONSULTATION.—Within 60 days of designation
19 by the Assistant Secretary and upon request by any of
20 the committees listed in subsection (e), the employee des-
21 ignated pursuant to subsection (b) shall consult with such
22 committees regarding—

23 (1) the manner and extent to which the United
24 States plans to participate in and assist in governing
25 CEPI;

1 (2) any planned financial contributions or
2 undisbursed amounts at the time of consultation
3 from the United States to CEPI;

4 (3) how participation in CEPI is in the best in-
5 terest of the United States;

6 (4) how participation in CEPI is expected to
7 support the applicable revision of the National Bio-
8 defense Strategy required under section 1086 of the
9 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
10 2017 (6 U.S.C. 104); and

11 (5) areas of overlap between the work being
12 conducted by CEPI and the global health interests
13 under the Assistant Secretary's purview, with special
14 interest given to emerging health security threats,
15 long-term health program transitions and sustain-
16 ability, and supporting American innovation, as
17 deemed most relevant by the Assistant Secretary.

18 (e) COMMITTEES LISTED.—The committees listed in
19 this subsection are—

20 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
21 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives; and

23 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
24 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 606. MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH POLICY.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Secretary for
3 Global Health is hereby authorized through fiscal year
4 2027 to provide targeted assistance to reduce maternal
5 and child mortality rates, subject to the following:

6 (1) Such assistance may be provided in coun-
7 tries with a high mortality rate in locations where
8 other global health programs are being implemented
9 and when deemed in the interest of the United
10 States, at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary.

11 (2) Additionally, such assistance may take the
12 form of technical assistance to support partner coun-
13 tries with data collection and analysis pertaining to
14 mortality rates, and with technical assistance as pro-
15 vided under Safe Passages program, established
16 elsewhere in this Act.

17 (3) All such programming shall prioritize high-
18 impact treatment interventions, designed to maxi-
19 mize efficiency, and the utilization of commodities
20 that represent American trade interests, where
21 deemed beneficial by the Assistant Secretary.

22 (4) All such programming shall be included in
23 the global health compacts established elsewhere in
24 this Act, with targets established to enable partner
25 country transitions.

1 (b) BUDGET.—The Bureau for Global Health Secu-
2 rity and Diplomacy of the Department shall implement a
3 common set of indicators and budget tags or codes to
4 track funding allocations and obligations by country, year,
5 and intervention area.

6 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “maternal
7 and child health” means interventions and activities fund-
8 ed specifically through the Maternal and Child Health
9 sub-account under the National Security, Department of
10 State, and Related Programs appropriations.

11 **SEC. 607. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES TO THE**
12 **PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM.**

13 The provisions of the International Organizations Im-
14 munities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) may be extended to
15 the Pacific Islands Forum in the same manner, to the
16 same extent, and subject to the same conditions as such
17 provisions may be extended to a public international orga-
18 nization in which the United States participates pursuant
19 to any treaty or under the authority of any Act of Con-
20 gress authorizing such participation or making an appro-
21 priation for such participation.

22 **SEC. 608. REPORT ON METRICS OF SUCCESS FOR INTER-**
23 **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, and for each of the

1 2 years thereafter, the Assistant Secretary for Inter-
2 national Organizations Affairs shall submit to the appro-
3 priate congressional committees a report that includes the
4 following:

5 (1) An identification of metrics of success re-
6 lated to the effectiveness of United States participa-
7 tion in international organizations, including—

8 (A) the number of resolutions in those or-
9 ganizations that the United States was success-
10 ful in revising to benefit the United States and
11 a description of those resolutions and revisions;
12 and

13 (B) a description of the success of the pro-
14 grams of those organizations that are financed
15 by United States funding.

16 (2) A determination based on the metrics of
17 success identified under paragraph (1) on whether
18 United States participation in international organi-
19 zations is in the national interests of the United
20 States generally.

21 (3) A strategic and performance plan for the
22 Bureau of International Organizations Affairs of the
23 Department and its missions regarding United
24 States participation in international organizations.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “inter-
2 national organization” means any public international or-
3 ganization to which the privileges, exemptions, and immu-
4 nities provided by the International Organizations Immu-
5 nities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) have been extended,
6 whether by a provision of law or through an Executive
7 Order.

8 **SEC. 609. REPORT ON COUNTRY UNITED NATIONS VOTING**
9 **PRACTICES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31 of each
11 year, the Secretary shall transmit to the appropriate con-
12 gressional committees a full and complete annual report
13 which assesses for the preceding calendar year, with re-
14 spect to each foreign country member of the United Na-
15 tions, the voting practices of the governments of such
16 countries at the United Nations, and which evaluates Gen-
17 eral Assembly and Security Council actions and the re-
18 sponsiveness of those governments to United States policy
19 on issues of special importance to the United States.

20 (b) INFORMATION ON VOTING PRACTICES AT THE
21 UN.—Such report shall include, with respect to voting
22 practices and plenary actions in the United Nations dur-
23 ing the preceding calendar year, information to be com-
24 piled and supplied by the United States Ambassador to
25 the United Nations, consisting of—

1 (1) an analysis and discussion, prepared in con-
2 sultation with the Secretary, of the extent to which
3 member countries supported United States policy ob-
4 jectives at the United Nations;

5 (2) an analysis and discussion, prepared in con-
6 sultation with the Secretary, of actions taken by the
7 United Nations by consensus;

8 (3) with respect to plenary votes of the United
9 Nations General Assembly—

10 (A) a listing of all such votes on issues
11 which directly affected important United States
12 interests and on which the United States lob-
13 bied extensively and a brief description of the
14 issues involved in each such vote;

15 (B) a listing of the votes described in sub-
16 paragraph (A) which provides a comparison of
17 the vote cast by each member country with the
18 vote cast by the United States;

19 (C) a country-by-country listing of votes
20 described in subparagraph (A); and

21 (D) a listing of votes described in subpara-
22 graph (A) displayed in terms of United Nations
23 regional caucus groups;

24 (4) a listing of all plenary votes cast by member
25 countries of the United Nations in the General As-

1 sembly which provides a comparison of the votes
2 cast by each member country with the vote cast by
3 the United States, including a separate listing of all
4 plenary votes cast by member countries of the
5 United Nations in the General Assembly on resolu-
6 tions specifically related to Israel that are opposed
7 by the United States;

8 (5) an analysis and discussion, prepared in con-
9 sultation with the Secretary, of the extent to which
10 other members supported United States policy objec-
11 tives in the Security Council and a separate listing
12 of all Security Council votes of each member country
13 in comparison with the United States; and

14 (6) a side-by-side comparison of agreement on
15 important and overall votes for each member coun-
16 try and the United States.

17 (c) **FORMAT.**—Information required pursuant to sub-
18 section (b)(3) shall also be submitted as an addendum,
19 together with an explanation of the statistical method-
20 ology, and be made available to the public.

21 (d) **STATEMENT BY SECRETARY.**—Each report under
22 subsection (a) shall contain a statement by the Secretary
23 discussing the measures which have been taken to inform
24 United States diplomatic missions of United Nations Gen-
25 eral Assembly and Security Council activities.

1 **SEC. 610. ANNUAL REPORTS ON MALIGN INFLUENCE OPER-**
2 **ATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after en-
4 actment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 3 years,
5 the Assistant Secretary for International Organization Af-
6 fairs shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees an unclassified report, which may include a classi-
8 fied annex, regarding malign influence operations within
9 international organizations and across the United Nations
10 system.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
12 section (a) shall include, with respect to the preceding 12-
13 month period—

14 (1) a list of Member States determined to be
15 engaged in malign influence operations;

16 (2) actions inconsistent with the principle of im-
17 partiality enshrined in the United Nations Charter
18 by the government of any Member State described
19 in paragraph (1);

20 (3) a description of the impact of such oper-
21 ations on the interests and security of the United
22 States; and

23 (4) recommendations for future coordination
24 with allies to uphold transparency and rule-of-law
25 values in international forums.

26 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees” means—

3 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
4 the Senate;

5 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
6 the Senate;

7 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives; and

9 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
10 the House of Representatives;

11 (2) the term “malign influence operations”
12 means a coordinated, integrated, and synchronized
13 application by a Member State of national diplo-
14 matic, informational, military, economic, or other ca-
15 pabilities, to foster attitudes, behaviors, or decisions
16 by a United Nations entity, or within the United
17 Nations system, that furthers the national interests
18 and objectives of a Member State, in a manner in-
19 consistent with the United Nations Charter;

20 (3) the term “Member State” means a country
21 that is a Member State of the United Nations; and

22 (4) the term “United Nations system” means
23 the aggregation of all United Nations entities.

1 **SEC. 611. INCREASING UNITED STATES CITIZENS EMPLOY-**
2 **MENT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

3 (a) ANNUAL REVIEW OF STRATEGY.—The Assistant
4 Secretary of International Organizations Affairs shall an-
5 nually review and update as necessary the Department’s
6 strategy for encouraging United States citizens to pursue
7 careers with international organizations and ensure imple-
8 mentation, including by using performance metrics to de-
9 termine success of increasing the employment of United
10 States citizens within international organizations, includ-
11 ing across the United Nations system (as such term is
12 defined in section 611(c)). The strategy shall be updated
13 to include—

14 (1) utilizing online recruiting sites to advertise
15 available positions within the United Nations system
16 which may be implemented by the United States
17 mission to the United Nations; and

18 (2) identifying and providing information on
19 working in the United Nations system to candidates
20 that express interest in the Foreign Service test and
21 internships at the Department, including by adver-
22 tising the International Organization careers web
23 page to those individuals

24 (b) INCLUSION OF PERFORMANCE METRICS.—Per-
25 formance metrics in measuring the Department’s success
26 in encouraging increased employment of United States

1 citizens in international organizations since the 2023
2 strategy was implemented must include—

3 (1) year over year numbers of new Americans
4 employed and total Americans employed per inter-
5 national organization by employment type (detailee,
6 transfer, secondee, junior professional officer, senior
7 appointment/elected, direct hire (permanent or fixed-
8 term position), consultancy, expert, or short-term
9 contract);

10 (2) to the extent known, year-over-year num-
11 bers of United States citizen applicants for open po-
12 sitions;

13 (3) number of contacts from prospective Amer-
14 ican applicants from the relevant Department pro-
15 gramming and outreach to be broken down by con-
16 tact type, the average response time and success of
17 those contacts/applicants; and

18 (4) outreach via social media sites to be meas-
19 ured by views per item, clicks, and followers.

20 (c) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—The updated an-
21 nual strategy with included performance metrics shall be
22 notified and made available to Congress.

23 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the en-
24 actment of this legislation, and annually thereafter for 3
25 years, the Assistant Secretary of International Organiza-

1 tion Affairs shall submit to Congress a report that pro-
2 vides—

3 (1) an assessment of United States representa-
4 tion among professional and senior-level positions at
5 the United Nations, including—

6 (A) an assessment of the proportion of
7 United States citizens employed at the United
8 Nations Secretariat and at all United Nations
9 specialized agencies, funds, and programs rel-
10 ative to the total employment at the United Na-
11 tions Secretariat and at all such agencies,
12 funds, and programs;

13 (B) an assessment of compliance, in co-
14 ordination with the Inspector General of the
15 Department of State, by the United Nations
16 Secretariat and such agencies, funds, and pro-
17 grams with any applicable geographic distribu-
18 tion formula; and

19 (C) a description of any steps taken or
20 planned to be taken by the United States to in-
21 crease the staffing of United States citizens at
22 the United Nations Secretariat and such agen-
23 cies, funds and programs; and

24 (2) an assessment of—

1 (A) the number of United States citizens
2 who are involved in relevant junior professional
3 programs and internships in an international
4 organization;

5 (B) the distribution of individuals de-
6 scribed in subparagraph (A) among various
7 international organizations;

8 (C) the types of pre-deployment training
9 that are available to United States citizens
10 through a junior professional program at an
11 international organization; and

12 (D) and the number of United States citi-
13 zens who are joint professional officers and in-
14 terns who convert to full time United Nations
15 employment.

16 **SEC. 612. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES CONTRIBU-**
17 **TIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS INTER-**
18 **NATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE**
19 **OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, IN-**
20 **CLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND ISRAEL.**

21 No funds are authorized to be made available for any
22 grant, payment or other contribution to the United Na-
23 tions International Commission of Inquiry on the Occu-
24 pied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and
25 Israel.

1 **SEC. 613. EXTENDING CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNI-**
2 **TIES TO THE PERMANENT OBSERVER MIS-**
3 **SION OF THE AFRICAN UNION TO THE**
4 **UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.**

5 Section 12(b) of the International Organizations Im-
6 munities Act (22 U.S.C. 288f–2(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “extend, to the African Union
8 Mission” and inserting “extend—

9 “(1) to the African Union Mission”;

10 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
11 ing “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) to the Permanent Observer Mission of the
14 African Union to the United Nations in New York,
15 and to its members, the privileges and immunities
16 enjoyed by the permanent missions to the United
17 Nations of member states, and their members, sub-
18 ject to corresponding conditions and obligations.”.

19 **SEC. 614. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CONTINUED**
20 **DATA SHARING.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Should the United States with-
22 draw from the World Health Organization, the Secretary
23 and other the heads of other relevant Federal departments
24 and agencies shall maintain communications with the lead-
25 ership of the World Health Organization regarding tech-
26 nical exchanges of information and data that the Secretary

1 and other relevant agency heads determine, based on the
2 public health value of such information and data, and the
3 need to protect United States citizens, will maintain ef-
4 forts to strengthen global health security and prevent, de-
5 tect, control and respond to infectious diseases to ensure
6 the safety, prosperity, and national security of the United
7 States.

8 (b) INFORMATION SHARED.—Such information and
9 data to be shared shall include health emergency response,
10 global health security, and pandemic, epidemic and
11 epizootic disease surveillance, monitoring and reporting.

12 **SEC. 615. BRANDING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITED STATES**
13 **FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) MANDATORY USE.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, all programs, projects, activities, goods,
16 services, and publications funded in whole or in part by
17 United States foreign assistance shall prominently display
18 the flag of the United States as the sole and primary
19 brand.

20 (b) SPECIFICATIONS FOR DISPLAY.—The Secretary
21 shall issue regulations establishing clear and consistent
22 guidelines for the display of the United States flag on all
23 forms of foreign assistance, including—

24 (1) physical assets and infrastructure (such as
25 buildings, equipment, and vehicles);

1 (2) commodities and supplies (such as food aid
2 and medical supplies);

3 (3) public outreach materials (such as banners,
4 posters, websites, and social media);

5 (4) reports and publications; and

6 (5) signage at project sites and events.

7 Such regulations shall specify minimum size requirements,
8 color accuracy, placement, and other relevant design ele-
9 ments to ensure clear and prominent display of the flag.

10 (c) PROHIBITION OF OTHER BRANDS.—Except as
11 specifically authorized by the Secretary under exceptional
12 circumstances as outlined in subsection (d), no other na-
13 tional flags, organizational logos, or branding elements
14 shall be displayed alongside or in place of the United
15 States flag on any United States foreign assistance pro-
16 gram, project, activity, good, service, or publication.

17 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary may, on a case-by-
18 case basis, authorize the limited use of additional branding
19 elements in conjunction with the United States flag only
20 when—

21 (1) required by international agreements or
22 partnerships where co-branding is a formal condi-
23 tion;

- 1 (2) necessary for clear identification of imple-
2 menting partners, provided that the United States
3 flag remains the most prominent visual element; or
4 (3) determined to be essential for the safety or
5 security of personnel or beneficiaries in specific high-
6 risk environments.

7 **SEC. 616. GLOBAL FUND.**

8 Section 202(d) of the United States Leadership
9 Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of
10 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7622(d)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (4)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) in clause (i)—

14 (I) by striking “2025” and in-
15 serting “2027”; and

16 (II) by striking “33 percent of
17 the total amount of funds contributed
18 to the Global Fund from all sources.
19 Contributions to the Global Fund
20 from the International Bank for Re-
21 construction and Development and the
22 International Monetary Fund shall
23 not be considered in determining com-
24 pliance with this paragraph.” and in-
25 serting “20 percent of the total

1 amount of funds contributed to the
2 Global Fund from all sources, or
3 \$800,000,000, whichever is lesser.”;
4 and
5 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “2025”
6 and inserting “2027”; and
7 (B) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking
8 “2025” and inserting “2027”; and
9 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “2025” and
10 inserting “2027”.

11 **SEC. 617. GLOBAL HEALTH COMPACT MODEL.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
13 sion of law, the Assistant Secretary for Global Health (in
14 this section referred to as the “Assistant Secretary”), in
15 consultation with the Secretary, is authorized to provide
16 assistance for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to partner coun-
17 tries that enter into global health compacts with the
18 United States to—

- 19 (1) support policies and programs that burden
20 shift global health programs to partner countries;
21 (2) perpetuate the wind-down of the President’s
22 Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) under
23 the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS,
24 Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (Public Law
25 108–25); and

1 (3) address health security and tuberculosis,
2 malaria, HIV/AIDS, neglected tropical diseases, and
3 any disease or additional global health assistance as
4 determined by the Assistant Secretary.

5 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each global health
6 compact under this section shall include the following:

7 (1) A clear articulation of the interests and re-
8 quests of the partner country, or nongovernmental
9 organization or private entity, as the case may be,
10 and the United States.

11 (2) The proposed amount of funding to be pro-
12 vided under the compact and the number of years of
13 the compact.

14 (3) A plan for a phase-out of funding under the
15 compact, with United States funding to be reduced
16 each fiscal year, to enable the transition to full own-
17 ership of global health programs by the partner
18 country by ensuring that activities under such pro-
19 grams will continue to be implemented by such part-
20 ner countries.

21 (4) Metrics to determine the success of the
22 compact and benchmarks to reevaluate the continued
23 funding of the compact at the start of each subse-
24 quent fiscal year.

1 (5) A strategy, where applicable, to incorporate
2 the interests and capabilities of private sector devel-
3 opment and investment, including with respect to
4 HIV/AIDS testing and treatment as determined by
5 the Assistant Secretary—

6 (A) ensuring infants born to mothers re-
7 ceiving prevention of mother to child trans-
8 mission (PMTCT) are provided viral load test-
9 ing within the intervals recommended by health
10 standard organizations;

11 (B) ensuring new patients on antiretroviral
12 treatment receive a viral load test within the
13 timing interval recommended by health stand-
14 ard organizations; and

15 (C) ensuring that persons living with HIV
16 in the country receive a viral load test within
17 the intervals recommended by health standard
18 organizations.

19 (6) A provision that ensures an exemption from
20 taxation in the partner country with respect to as-
21 sistance provided by the United States under the
22 compact.

23 (7) An end date for the compact.

24 (c) FORM.—Assistance under global health compacts
25 under this section—.

1 (1) may be provided in the form of grants, con-
2 tracts, and cooperative agreements to or with eligible
3 entities described in subsection (d); and

4 (2) may not be provided in the form of loans.

5 (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity described
7 in this subsection is—

8 (A) with respect to a partner country—

9 (i) the national government of the
10 country; or

11 (ii) a regional or local governmental
12 unit of the country; or

13 (B) a nongovernmental or nonprofit orga-
14 nization or private entity.

15 (2) LEVEL OF NEGOTIATION AND ENTRY.—A
16 global health compact shall be negotiated and en-
17 tered into at the country-level, but components of a
18 compact may be entered into with any eligible entity
19 described in paragraph (1) as determined by the As-
20 sistant Secretary.

21 (3) PRIORITY.—The Assistant Secretary shall,
22 in entering into grants, contracts, and cooperative
23 agreements to or with nongovernmental organiza-
24 tions and private entities under this section,
25 prioritize entering into grants, contracts, and coop-

1 erative agreements to or with faith-based organiza-
2 tions if it is in the national interest of the United
3 States as determined by the Assistant Secretary.

4 (4) PROHIBITIONS.—A global health compact
5 may not be entered into under this section with any
6 of the following:

7 (A) The countries of the People’s Republic
8 of China, the Democratic People’s Republic of
9 Korea, and Cuba.

10 (B) A country the government of which the
11 Secretary determines has repeatedly provided
12 support for international terrorism pursuant
13 to—

14 (i) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Ex-
15 port Control Reform Act of 2018 (50
16 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A));

17 (ii) section 620A of the Foreign As-
18 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

19 (iii) section 40 of the Arms Export
20 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

21 (iv) any other provision of law.

22 (C) A country that engages in intelligence
23 activities in the United States that are adverse
24 to the national security interests of the United
25 States.

1 (D) An entity that is funded by the Peo-
2 ple's Republic of China.

3 (E) The African Union or any affiliated
4 entity of the African Union, including Africa
5 CDC or affiliated multilateral funds.

6 (e) APPLICATION.—The Assistant Secretary, in con-
7 sultation with the appropriate congressional committees,
8 shall develop and recommend procedures for applications
9 to enter into compacts under this section and to transfer
10 existing programs to the compact framework.

11 (f) LIMITATIONS.—The prohibitions on use of funds
12 contained in paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 104(f)
13 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
14 2151b(f)) shall apply to funds made available to carry out
15 this section to the same extent and in the same manner
16 as such prohibitions apply to funds made available to carry
17 out chapter 1 of part I of such Act, as aligned with the
18 most stringent of restrictions and clearest oversight provi-
19 sions, determined by the Assistant Secretary.

20 (g) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary
22 shall consult with and notify the appropriate con-
23 gressional committees not later than 15 days before
24 taking any of the actions described in paragraph (2).

1 (2) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—The actions de-
2 scribed in this paragraph are—

3 (A) commencing negotiations with a part-
4 ner country to enter into a global health com-
5 pact under this section;

6 (B) entering into a global health compact
7 under this section; and

8 (C) terminating or reinstating assistance
9 under a global health compact under this sec-
10 tion.

11 (3) ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION RELATING TO
12 ENTRY INTO COMPACT.—Not later than 10 days
13 after entering into a global health compact under
14 this section, the Assistant Secretary shall—

15 (A) publish the text of the compact on a
16 publicly available website of the Department;

17 (B) provide a detailed summary of the
18 compact and, upon request, the full text of the
19 compact to the appropriate congressional com-
20 mittees; and

21 (C) publish in the Federal Register a de-
22 tailed summary of the compact and a notice of
23 availability of the text of the compact on the
24 website described in clause (i).

1 (h) TRANSITION.—The Assistant Secretary shall take
2 such actions as may be necessary to provide for all United
3 States global health programs to be carried out through
4 global health compacts under this section. This shall be
5 completed by the end of fiscal year 2026.

6 (i) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall
8 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
9 port that—

10 (1) summarizes the global health foreign assist-
11 ance programs being provided to partner countries;

12 (2) includes—

13 (A) a plan to enter into global health com-
14 pacts under this section to address and carry
15 out such global health programs of partner
16 countries in accordance with subsection (h)(1);

17 (B) with respect to partner countries for
18 which subsection (h)(1) will not initially apply,
19 a justification for such inapplicability; and

20 (C) a plan to burden-share programs oper-
21 ated under the President’s Emergency Plan for
22 AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and authorized under
23 the United States Leadership Against HIV/
24 AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003
25 (Public Law 108–25) to partner country owner-

1 ship by reducing by a minimum of 50 percent
2 the total amount of funds made available for
3 such programs for the last fiscal year ending
4 before the date of the enactment of this Act by
5 the end of fiscal year 2028, including by ensur-
6 ing that activities under such programs will
7 continue to be implemented by such partner
8 countries.

9 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
13 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
14 of Representatives; and

15 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
16 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
17 Senate;

18 (2) the term “global health compact” or “com-
19 pact” means an agreement between the United
20 States Government and an eligible entity to provide
21 foreign assistance related to global health programs,
22 which may include any global health-related issues
23 as required by the Assistant Secretary; and

24 (3) the term “partner country” means any
25 country that is receiving or will receive United

1 States foreign assistance for the purposes of global
2 health programs, regardless of the dollar value of
3 such assistance.

4 **SEC. 618. REVISIONS TO EXISTING GLOBAL HEALTH SECU-**
5 **RITY AND DIPLOMACY AUTHORITY.**

6 Section 5562 of the James M. Inhofe National De-
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C.
8 2151b note) is amended as follows:

9 (1) By striking “Ambassador-At-Large” and
10 “Ambassador-at-Large” each place it appears and
11 inserting “Assistant Secretary”.

12 (2) In subsection (e)(1), by striking “the World
13 Health Organization and”.

14 (3) By striking subsection (f)(2).

15 (4) In subsection (f)(3), by striking “in co-
16 operation with the World Health Organization,”.

17 **SEC. 619. PANDEMIC FUND.**

18 Section. 5563(i)(3) of the James M. Inhofe National
19 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (22
20 U.S.C. 2151b note) is amended by striking “33 percent”
21 and inserting “20 percent”.

22 **SEC. 620. CONSOLIDATION OF GLOBAL HEALTH REPORT-**
23 **ING REQUIREMENTS.**

24 (a) REPORTING.—The following reports shall be pro-
25 vided by the Assistant Secretary for Global Health on an

1 annual basis or as otherwise designated by the appropriate
2 underlying statutory provisions. All such reports shall be
3 consolidated into one searchable, annual report, required
4 by September 30 of each year beginning in 2026. For any
5 reports that are unavailable to be consolidated into this
6 report and issued pursuant to this deadline, the Assistant
7 Secretary for Global Health may instead include a notice
8 listing the report and providing that the report shall not
9 be made available until the statutorily- required due date.
10 The reports that shall continue to apply and are eligible
11 for consolidation under this portion are as follows:

12 (1) All reports as required elsewhere in this Act
13 related to global health.

14 (2) The Global Fund report required under sec-
15 tion 202(c) of the United States Leadership against
16 HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003
17 (22 U.S.C. 7622(c)).

18 (3) The PEPFAR annual report, as required by
19 section 403(a)(4) of the United States Leadership
20 against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act
21 of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7673(a)(4)).

22 (4) The PEPFAR annual treatment report re-
23 quired by section 101(g) of the United States Lead-
24 ership against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
25 Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7611(g)).

1 (5) Existing reports on health systems strength-
2 ening and health capacity building, as required by
3 any of the provisions of subtitle D of title LV of the
4 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C. 2151b note).

6 (6) The annual nutrition report, as required by
7 the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment
8 Act (22 U.S.C. 9301 note).

9 (7) The annual President’s Malaria Initiative
10 Report, as required by section 104C of the Foreign
11 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b–4).

12 (8) Existing reports required under any provi-
13 sion of law on maternal and child health.

14 (9) Any future reporting requirements, unless
15 specifically requested by Congress on a quarterly
16 basis.

17 (b) OTHER EXTENDED REPORTING REQUIRE-
18 MENTS.—The reports that shall continue to apply and are
19 not eligible for consolidation include any quarterly and ex-
20 penditure reports as related to the budget of the Depart-
21 ment. This section shall not be interpreted to limit the
22 transmission of congressional notifications required else-
23 where.

1 **SEC. 621. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING GLOBAL HEALTH**
2 **WORKER INITIATIVE.**

3 No funds shall be appropriated or expended related
4 to the Global Health Worker Initiative.

5 **SEC. 622. SAFE PASSAGES PROGRAM.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Secretary for
7 Global Health is authorized to provide assistance through
8 establishing a “Safe Passages Maternal and Child Health
9 Program”, to reduce maternal and child mortality in low
10 and lower-middle income countries with high maternal and
11 child mortality rates through fiscal year 2027. Interven-
12 tions supported by the program shall be for training and
13 resource assistance for the following:

14 (1) Prevention, recognition, diagnosis and treat-
15 ment of obstetrical hemorrhage, and its complica-
16 tions.

17 (2) Prevention, recognition, diagnosis and man-
18 agement of preeclampsia and other hypertensive,
19 metabolic and cardiovascular disorders of pregnancy,
20 and their complications, up to one-year postpartum.

21 (3) Prevention, recognition, diagnosis and treat-
22 ment of infections and their complications associated
23 with ectopic pregnancy, normal pregnancy, childbirth
24 and the postpartum period.

1 (4) Prevention, recognition, diagnosis and man-
2 agement of obstructed labor, including uterine rup-
3 ture, obstetric fistulas, and their complications.

4 (5) Reduction of fetal, perinatal, neonatal and
5 infant mortality, including stillbirth, by preventing,
6 recognizing, diagnosing and treating fetal distress,
7 newborn asphyxia, birth trauma, premature birth,
8 small size for gestational age, and neonatal infec-
9 tions and sepsis.

10 (6) Nutritional and health education for the
11 mother and provision of nutritional resources for the
12 mother and child during the first 1,000 days of life,
13 from conception to two years of age.

14 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Assistant Secretary
15 shall prioritize the implementation of this program in col-
16 laboration with new and existing global health partner-
17 ships determined to be efficient and reliable in the expend-
18 iture of taxpayer dollars, prioritizing local faith-based pro-
19 viders and faith-based organizations with strong local
20 partnerships and which have experience and expertise in
21 maternal and child health delivery in resource-limited set-
22 tings.

1 **SEC. 623. SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR ASSISTANCE TO ORPHANS**
2 **AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN.**

3 (a) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—Not later than
4 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
5 Secretary shall appoint a Special Advisor for Assistance
6 to Orphans and Vulnerable Children, pursuant to section
7 135(e)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
8 U.S.C. 2152f(e)(1)).

9 (b) EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT TO ISSUE IMPLE-
10 MENTING DIRECTIVES.—Section 137(c) of the Foreign
11 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2152k(c)) is amended
12 by inserting “and 6 years” after “1 year”.

13 (c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION.—Section
14 1283(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; referred to as the
16 “Global Child Thrive Act of 2020”) is amended by strik-
17 ing “2025” and inserting “2027”.

18 **SEC. 624. DEVELOPMENT INNOVATION VENTURES PRO-**
19 **GRAM.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the
21 relevant foreign assistance agency a program to be known
22 as the Development Innovation Ventures Program (in this
23 section referred to as the “Program”).

24 (b) DUTIES.—In carrying out the Program, the rel-
25 evant foreign assistance agency shall provide flexible fund-
26 ing to global innovators and researchers to test new ideas,

1 build rigorous evidence of what works to improve develop-
2 ment outcomes, and transition to scale those solutions
3 with rigorously demonstrated potential to improve millions
4 of lives on a cost-effective basis.

5 (c) CORE PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAM.—In carrying
6 out the program, the relevant foreign assistance agency
7 shall assess applications for funding under this subsection
8 according to the following core principles:

9 (1) Rigorous evidence of impact.

10 (2) Cost-effectiveness.

11 (3) Potential for scale and financial sustain-
12 ability.

13 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—In carrying out
14 the program, the relevant foreign assistance agency
15 shall—

16 (1) provide funding using evidence-tiered fund-
17 ing to allow for risk-taking at early stages while
18 mitigating risk at later stages, thereby maximizing
19 impact per taxpayer dollar spent; and

20 (2) work across all countries and sectors sup-
21 ported by Department assistance programs, with the
22 goal of finding, testing, and scaling up proven solu-
23 tions.

24 (e) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 60
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the rel-

1 evant foreign assistance agency shall submit to the appro-
2 priate congressional committees and make available to the
3 public a report on the implementation of the program that
4 includes—

5 (1) an assessment of the extent to which proven
6 solutions have been scaled up inside and outside of
7 the Department; and

8 (2) a description of the relevant foreign assist-
9 ance agency’s decision-making process, including
10 with respect to the use of funding received from ex-
11 ternal sources.

12 **TITLE VII—PUBLIC DIPLOMACY**

13 **SEC. 701. COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF OPINION** 14 **RESEARCH.**

15 (a) SURVEYS.—The Assistant Secretary for Strategic
16 Communications shall request the Office of Opinion Re-
17 search of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the
18 Department to conduct public opinion surveys that inform
19 the Bureau of Strategic Communications of the Depart-
20 ment on cultural context, target audiences, and shifting
21 attitudes towards the United States and United States in-
22 terests in regions where United States funded media out-
23 lets operate or could operate in the future.

24 (b) EVALUATION OF MEDIA EFFECTIVENESS.—The
25 Office of Opinion Research of the Bureau of Intelligence

1 and Research of the Department shall evaluate the effec-
2 tiveness of United States-funded media in influencing for-
3 eign audiences according to the original purpose, policy
4 goals, and performance indicators established by the As-
5 sistant Secretary for Strategic Communications in the de-
6 velopment of United States-funded media campaigns.

7 **SEC. 702. REPORTS TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF**
8 **UNITED STATES FUNDED MEDIA.**

9 (a) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180
10 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant
11 Secretary for Strategic Communications shall brief the ap-
12 propriate congressional committees on the integration and
13 operationalization of the Voice of America and the Office
14 of Cuba Broadcasting.

15 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than July 1 of each
16 of the first two years beginning after the date of the brief-
17 ing required by subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary for
18 Strategic Communications shall submit a report to the ap-
19 propriate congressional committees that provides updates
20 explaining—

21 (1) implementation of new programs or serv-
22 ices, expansion of programs and services, or reduc-
23 tion of programs and services;

24 (2) performance metrics used to assess the ef-
25 fectiveness of its programs and services in advancing

1 the policy interests of the United States and posi-
2 tively influencing foreign audiences' views over time;
3 and

4 (3) all contracts or agreements with private en-
5 tities or individuals, whether such contracts or
6 agreements are issued on a competitive or non-com-
7 petitive basis, with such updates including the iden-
8 tities of such private entities and individuals, the du-
9 ration of such contracts or agreements, and the
10 costs of such contracts or agreements.

11 **SEC. 703. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE**
12 **COORDINATING COMMITTEE.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE
14 COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—The Cultural Heritage Co-
15 ordinating Committee, described in section 2 of the Pro-
16 tect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act
17 (Pub. L. 114–151, 130 Stat. 369), is hereby established,
18 with the following members—

19 (1) a member appointed by the Secretary of
20 Defense;

21 (2) a member appointed by the Secretary of the
22 Treasury;

23 (3) a member appointed by the Attorney Gen-
24 eral;

1 (4) a member appointed by the Secretary of the
2 Interior;

3 (5) a member appointed by the Secretary of
4 Homeland Security;

5 (6) a member appointed by the Commissioner
6 of United States Customs and Border Protection;

7 (7) a designee appointed by the Secretary of the
8 Smithsonian Institution; and

9 (8) other members in such numbers and with
10 such qualifications as may be deemed appropriate
11 and appointed by the Chair of the Cultural Heritage
12 Coordinating Committee pursuant to subsection
13 (c)(2).

14 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE CO-
15 ORDINATING COMMITTEE TASK FORCES.—The Cultural
16 Property Anti-Trafficking Task Force (formerly the Cul-
17 tural Antiquities Task Force, established as directed by
18 H. Rept. 108–401, which accompanied the Consolidated
19 Appropriations Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–199)), is estab-
20 lished and shall operate as a subordinate element of the
21 Cultural Heritage Coordinating Committee established in
22 subsection (a).

23 (c) AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL
24 HERITAGE COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—The Secretary
25 shall appoint an employee of the Department serving at

1 or above the rank of Assistant Secretary to serve concur-
2 rently with that employee's other duties as Chair of the
3 Cultural Heritage Coordinating Committee—

4 (1) to convene the Cultural Heritage Coordi-
5 nating Committee;

6 (2) to appoint additional members of the Com-
7 mittee in such numbers and with such qualifications
8 as the Chair deems appropriate;

9 (3) to coordinate the Committee's activities
10 with Federal agencies and trust instrumentalities
11 with responsibility for the preservation and protec-
12 tion of international cultural property;

13 (4) to consult on behalf of the Committee with
14 nongovernmental organizations, including the United
15 States Committee of the Blue Shield, museums, pro-
16 fessional and scholarly organizations, educational
17 and research institutions, and other participants in
18 the international cultural property market regarding
19 efforts to protect and preserve international cultural
20 property; and

21 (5) to direct and manage existing task forces
22 and to establish new task forces, working groups,
23 and subcommittees, including—

24 (A) the Cultural Property Anti-Trafficking
25 Task Force, to—

1 (i) support and coordinate law en-
2 forcement efforts;

3 (ii) assist with preservation efforts
4 through enhancing site and museum secu-
5 rity, law enforcement trainings, and cre-
6 ation of inventories abroad;

7 (iii) promote public awareness, and

8 (iv) engage in other projects to pre-
9 vent trafficking in international cultural
10 property;

11 (B) the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural
12 Preservation, to protect other cultures and
13 thereby further US national interests by reduc-
14 ing incentives for terrorist activities and in-
15 creasing economic opportunity through the
16 preservation of sites, objects, or expressions, in-
17 cluding such sites, objects, and expressions at
18 risk from political instability, armed conflict,
19 civil unrest, or natural or other disasters;

20 (C) the Cultural Heritage Exchange Task
21 Force to assist and promote the international
22 loan of cultural property to cultural, edu-
23 cational, scientific, and religious institutions in
24 the United States, in particular the cultural
25 property affiliated with religious and ethnic mi-

1 norities and Indigenous peoples represented by
2 diaspora communities in the United States; and
3 to facilitate research collaborations and ex-
4 changes with international educational missions
5 from the United States; and

6 (D) such other task forces, working
7 groups, and subcommittees as the Chair may
8 deem appropriate.

9 (d) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF THE CULTURAL
10 HERITAGE COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—The Cultural
11 Heritage Coordinating Committee shall meet at the call
12 of its Chair not less frequently than three times each cal-
13 endar year.

14 (e) REPORTS ON PROTECTING AND PRESERVING
15 INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY.—Section 4 of the
16 Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act
17 (Pub. L. 114–151) is amended as follows—

18 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
19 striking “for the next 6 years” and inserting “until
20 2031”;

21 (2) by striking subparagraph (2)(C) and insert-
22 ing “a list, in consultation with appropriate Federal
23 agencies, of completed Federal criminal, civil, and
24 civil forfeiture actions, proceedings, cases, and mat-
25 ters, a list of the statutes and regulations employed

1 in each such action, and publication of such actions
2 once completed; and”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (3), by striking “done at The
4 Hague, May 14, 1954.” and inserting “done at The
5 Hague, May 14, 1954, including the number, com-
6 mission status, and readiness of any specialist mili-
7 tary cultural property protection personnel in the ac-
8 tive and reserve forces of the United States”.

9 (f) REPORTING ON CULTURAL HERITAGE DESTRUC-
10 TION.—The Secretary, to the extent practicable, may in-
11 clude as part of the annual human rights country reports
12 prepared pursuant to sections 116(d) and 502B(b) of the
13 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n and
14 2304) particularly severe instances of cultural property
15 destruction, including the extent to which such destruction
16 is widespread and systematic, engaged in or tolerated by
17 the government of that country or directed at ethnic and
18 religious minorities or Indigenous peoples by the govern-
19 ment of that country.

20 **SEC. 704. MEGA-DECADE SPORTS DIPLOMACY.**

21 (a) STRATEGY SUBMISSION.—

22 (1) INITIAL STRATEGY.—Not later than 120
23 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
24 Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Af-
25 fairs of the Department shall submit to the appro-

1 appropriate congressional committees a five-year sports di-
2 plomacy strategy to strategically leverage the major
3 sporting events being hosted in the United States to
4 enhance United States soft power, diplomatic rela-
5 tionships, and global leadership;

6 (2) SUBSEQUENT STRATEGY.—Not later than
7 five years after the date on which the initial strategy
8 is submitted pursuant to paragraph (1), the Assist-
9 ant Secretary shall submit a subsequent five-year
10 strategy in accordance with the requirements of this
11 section.

12 (b) STRATEGY ELEMENTS.—Each strategy required
13 under subsection (a) shall include—

14 (1) a description of the Department’s diplo-
15 matic objectives and metrics of success related to the
16 mega-decade of sports;

17 (2) a plan to partner with local host cities, dias-
18 pora communities, creatives, athletes, the sports in-
19 dustry, private sector entities, human rights organi-
20 zations, and civil society stakeholders to showcase
21 United States national strengths and forge new dip-
22 lomatic connections;

23 (3) a plan to coordinate internally in the De-
24 partment to leverage sporting events to advance dip-
25 lomatic efforts, including by—

1 (A) integrating sports diplomacy into re-
2 gional bureaus' bilateral engagements;

3 (B) incorporating sports into public diplo-
4 macy to reach new foreign audiences; and

5 (C) leveraging sports diplomacy to advance
6 commercial diplomacy.

7 (4) a plan to ensure expeditious and secure visa
8 processing for athletes, their families and staff, and
9 eligible international visitors, including reducing ap-
10 pointment wait times;

11 (5) a description of the financial and personnel
12 resources needed to implement the strategy;

13 (6) any plans to deploy domestic public diplo-
14 macy resources, such as the Cultural Unit and For-
15 eign Press Center used during the 1984 Olympic
16 Games, to enable engagement with American culture
17 and values;

18 (7) a requirement that each strategy be made
19 publicly available on the website of the Department
20 not later than 180 days after enactment, and again
21 5 years later; and

22 (8) a requirement that the Assistant Secretary
23 consult with the relevant congressional committees
24 prior to submission and provide implementation up-
25 dates every 180 days through December 31, 2034.

1 (c) IMPLEMENTATION AND OFFICE STRUCTURE.—

2 (1) OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than
3 90 days after the date of enactment, the Secretary
4 shall rename the sports diplomacy division of the
5 Department as the “Office of Sports Diplomacy,”
6 which shall report directly to the Deputy Assistant
7 Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges
8 in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
9 of the Department;

10 (2) OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office of
11 Sports Diplomacy shall manage sports diplomacy ex-
12 change programs and implement the strategy under
13 subsection (a), including by—

14 (A) coordinating implementation across
15 relevant bureaus and offices;

16 (B) partnering with host cities to identify
17 new avenues for foreign engagement;

18 (C) engaging diaspora communities to
19 deepen people-to-people ties;

20 (D) collaborating with United States
21 sports leagues, athletes, and the sports industry
22 to expand sports diplomacy programs;

23 (E) working with host cities’ international
24 trade and tourism offices to expand commercial
25 engagement;

1 (F) elevating American arts, film, and
2 music to promote cultural connection with for-
3 eign visitors; and

4 (G) coordinating with internal and inter-
5 agency stakeholders to ensure efficient visa
6 processing for athletes, staff, and foreign visi-
7 tors.

8 (3) STAFFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
9 180 days after the date of enactment and through
10 December 31, 2034, the Secretary shall assign not
11 fewer than three additional full-time equivalent em-
12 ployees to the Office of Sports Diplomacy to support
13 the strategy’s implementation. These employees—

14 (A) shall not be dual-hatted; and

15 (B) may be assigned through mechanisms
16 including—

17 (i) the use of existing flexible hiring
18 authorities, including Domestic Employees
19 Teleworking Overseas; and

20 (ii) the realignment of existing per-
21 sonnel.

22 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one
23 year after submission of the initial strategy, and annually
24 thereafter through December 31, 2034, the Secretary shall
25 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-

1 port on progress toward achieving the objectives of this
2 section.

3 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the terms “mega-
4 decade of sports” and “American decade of sports” mean
5 the major international sporting competitions hosted in
6 the United States between 2024 and 2034, including—

7 (1) the 2024 Copa America;

8 (2) the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup;

9 (3) the 2026 FIFA World Cup;

10 (4) the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic
11 Games;

12 (5) the 2031 Men’s and 2033 Women’s Rugby
13 World Cups; and

14 (6) the 2034 Winter Olympic and Paralympic
15 Games.

16 **SEC. 705. FOREIGN RELATIONS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Under Secretary of State for
18 Public Diplomacy, in consultation with the Secretary, may
19 establish exchange programs under which officers or em-
20 ployees of the Department, including individuals appointed
21 under title 5, United States Code, and members of the
22 Foreign Service (as defined in section 103 of the Foreign
23 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3903)), may be assigned,
24 for not more than one year, to a position with any foreign

1 government or international entity that permits an em-
2 ployee to be assigned to a position with the Department.

3 (b) SALARY AND BENEFITS.—

4 (1) MEMBERS OF FOREIGN SERVICE.—During a
5 period in which a member of the Foreign Service is
6 participating in an exchange program authorized
7 pursuant to subsection (a), such member shall be en-
8 titled to the salary and benefits to which such mem-
9 ber would receive but for the assignment under this
10 section.

11 (2) NON-FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF DE-
12 PARTMENT.—An employee of the Department other
13 than a member of the Foreign Service participating
14 in an exchange program authorized pursuant to sub-
15 section (a) shall be treated in all respects as if de-
16 tailed to an international organization pursuant to
17 section 3343(c) of title 5, United States Code.

18 (3) FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS.—The salary and
19 benefits of an employee of a foreign government or
20 international entity participating in an exchange
21 program authorized pursuant to subsection (a) shall
22 be paid by such government or entity during the pe-
23 riod in which such employee is participating in such
24 program, and shall not be reimbursed by the De-
25 partment.

1 (c) NON-RECIPROCAL ASSIGNMENT.—The Under
2 Secretary may authorize a non-reciprocal assignment of
3 personnel pursuant to this section, with or without reim-
4 bursement from the foreign government or international
5 entity for all or part of the salary and other expenses pay-
6 able during such assignment, if such is in the interests
7 of the United States.

8 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
9 tion may be construed to authorize the appointment as
10 an officer or employee of the United States of—

11 (1) an individual whose allegiance is to any
12 country, government, or foreign or international en-
13 tity other than to the United States; or

14 (2) an individual who has not met the require-
15 ments of sections 3331, 3332, 3333, and 7311 of
16 title 5, United States Code, or any other provision
17 of law concerning eligibility for appointment as, and
18 continuation of employment as, an officer or em-
19 ployee of the United States.

20 **SEC. 706. FOREIGN SUPPRESSION OF UNITED STATES**
21 **SPEECH.**

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act and annually thereafter for 2 years, the
24 Assistant Secretary of State for Strategic Communica-

1 tions in consultation with relevant agencies shall submit
2 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on—

3 (1) transnational repression of speech in the
4 United States;

5 (2) United States Government responses to
6 transnational repression of speech in the United
7 States; and

8 (3) recommendations on how to address
9 transnational repression of speech.

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