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To reassess the United States-Tanzania bilateral relationship, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2026

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 27, 2026

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

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A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reassessing the United
5 States-Tanzania Bilateral Relationship Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

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2 economies with strong economic growth over the
3 past decade due to the expansion of key sectors, in-
4 cluding agriculture, mining, and tourism.

5 (2) Tanzania's reliability as a partner to the
6 United States is increasingly in question due to on-
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8 dom and freedom of expression, and persistent bar-
9 riers to United States investment.

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11 were marked by significant political interference, in-
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13 irregularities, which favored incumbent President
14 Samia Suluhu Hassan and other candidates of Tan-
15 zania's parliamentary majority party, Chama Cha
16 Mapinduzi (CCM).

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22 Humphrey Polepole on October 6, 2025.

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24 party that has continuously held a parliamentary
25 majority and controlled Tanzania's central govern-

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2 verely undermined democracy in the country.

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14 pression.

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19 citizens and endangered the lives of United States
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24 nections, communications, business, and banking,

1 disrupting regional trade and costing the country an
2 estimated \$238,000,000 in the process.

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4 and unrest in Tanzania, the United States Embassy
5 in Tanzania issued a Security Alert on October 30,
6 2025, calling on United States citizens in Tanzania
7 to shelter-in-place.

8 (11) Following the electoral protests, the Tan-
9 zanian electoral commission released disputed results
10 from the fraudulent election, declaring President
11 Samia Suluhu Hassan the winner with 98 percent of
12 the vote.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress—

15 (1) that it is in the national security interests
16 of the United States to help counter democratic
17 backsliding of key partner nations where the United
18 States has supplied billions of dollars worth of in-
19 vestment, development, humanitarian assistance, and
20 security partnerships;

21 (2) that the actions by the Government of Tan-
22 zania have subverted democracy, blatantly violated
23 citizens' fundamental human rights, disrupted re-
24 gional trade, and endangered the safety and security

1 of Tanzanians, tourists, and the diplomatic commu-
 2 nity;

3 ~~(3)~~ that these actions place United States na-
 4 tional interests in Tanzania at risk and threaten to
 5 undermine regional stability and long-term bilateral
 6 cooperation;

7 ~~(4)~~ to support the decision to terminate Tanza-
 8 nia's Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
 9 threshold program; and

10 ~~(5)~~ to express solidarity with the people of Tan-
 11 zania, recognizing the unprecedented levels of vio-
 12 lence experienced in Tanzania and support calls for
 13 an international independent investigation into the
 14 pre- and post-election violence in Tanzania leading
 15 those who conducted violence against Tanzania civil-
 16 ians to be held accountable for human rights viola-
 17 tions.

18 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES REASSESSMENT WITH TANZANIA.**

19 ~~(a) BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP REASSESSMENT.—~~

20 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary
 21 of Defense, the United States Trade Representative, and
 22 the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall conduct
 23 a comprehensive reassessment of the bilateral relationship
 24 between the United States and Tanzania.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The reassessment required under
2 subsection (a) shall include—

3 (1) an analysis of the democratic priorities and
4 trajectory of Tanzania;

5 (2) a detailed strategy on the necessary demo-
6 cratic reforms needed in Tanzania;

7 (3) an assessment of United States security as-
8 sistance to Tanzania to ensure that the Tanzanian
9 Defense Forces and Tanzanian Police are reliable
10 partners that adhere to Tanzania’s constitutionally
11 mandated human rights and rule of law norms and
12 protect the safety of citizens and all visitors to the
13 country of Tanzania;

14 (4) an assessment of how recent political unrest
15 and internet shutdown in Tanzania have impacted
16 United States business, investments, and partner-
17 ships in Tanzania; and

18 (5) an evaluation of the relationship between
19 the Government of Tanzania and the Government of
20 the People’s Republic of China, including—

21 (A) military and security cooperation, in-
22 cluding training, exercises, arms transfers, and
23 cooperation between defense, intelligence, or law
24 enforcement entities;

(B) economic engagement, including investments, loans, and financing involving Chinese-state-owned or affiliated entities; and the impact of such activities on market access; debt sustainability; and the competitiveness of United States companies; and

(C) political cooperation with the Government of the People's Republic of China that seeks to undermine democratic principles, advance one-party consolidation, and solidify anti-American and anti-Western sentiment internally and internationally.

(e) REPORT ON FINDINGS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes the findings of the review required under subsection (a).

SEC. 5. REPORT ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN TANZANIA.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of

1 Representatives a report that includes a list of each for-
 2 eign person that the Secretary determines—

3 (1) holds a senior position in the Government
 4 of Tanzania; the leadership of Chama Cha
 5 Mapinduzi; the Tanzania Police Force; the Tanza-
 6 nian People's Defense Force; or the Tanzanian In-
 7 telligence and Security Service; and

8 (2) is responsible for or complicit in; or has di-
 9 rectly or indirectly engaged in—

10 (A) ordering; controlling; or otherwise di-
 11 recting abductions; enforced disappearances; or
 12 arbitrary detention of political opponents; jour-
 13 nalists; or civil society actors;

14 (B) the targeting harassment, intimidat-
 15 ion; detention; or use of violence against jour-
 16 nalists; media organizations; or activists to sup-
 17 press dissent or silence public reporting on
 18 human rights violations;

19 (C) censorship; shutdowns; or other re-
 20 strictions on media; internet access; or freedom
 21 of expression intended to conceal human rights
 22 abuses or prevent the dissemination of credible
 23 information;

24 (D) severe violations of religious freedom;
 25 including the persecution of individuals or

groups on account of religion; prohibitions or restrictions on religious worship, assembly, or expression; or acts of violence, coercion, or discrimination against religious communities;

(E) the use of transnational repression tactics that target foreign nationals, Tanzanian citizens, and diaspora members regionally and internationally;

(F) extrajudicial killings, torture, or gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; or

(G) other actions that violate or undermine internationally recognized human rights or the civil liberties guaranteed to Tanzanian citizens under the Constitution of Tanzania.

SEC. 6. SANCTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the submission of the report, the President may impose sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to any foreign person identified in the report required under section 5(a)(1) that the Secretary determines meets the criteria described in section 5(a)(2)(A).

(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described in this paragraph are the following:

1 ~~(1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—~~The President
 2 may exercise all authorities under the International
 3 Emergency Economic Powers Act (~~50 U.S.C. 1701~~
 4 ~~et seq.~~), to the extent necessary to block and pro-
 5 hibit all transactions in property and interests in
 6 property of a foreign person if such property and in-
 7 terests in property are in the United States, come
 8 within the United States, or come within the posses-
 9 sion or control of a United States person.

10 ~~(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR~~
 11 ~~PAROLE.—~~

12 ~~(A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—~~An
 13 alien described in subsection (a) shall be—

14 ~~(i) inadmissible to the United States;~~
 15 ~~(ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other~~
 16 documentation to enter the United States;
 17 and

18 ~~(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted~~
 19 or paroled into the United States or to re-
 20 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
 21 tion and Nationality Act (~~8 U.S.C. 1101 et~~
 22 ~~seq.~~).

23 ~~(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—~~

24 ~~(i) IN GENERAL.—~~The visa or other
 25 entry documentation of any alien described

1 in subsection (a) is subject to revocation
2 regardless of the issue date of the visa or
3 other entry documentation.

4 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
5 tion under clause (i) shall, in accordance
6 with section 221(i) of the Immigration and
7 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i))—

8 (I) take effect immediately; and

9 (II) cancel any other valid visa or
10 entry documentation that is in the
11 possession of the alien.

12 (c) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

13 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
14 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
15 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
16 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) for purposes
17 of carrying out this section.

18 (2) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
19 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
20 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
21 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates,
22 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
23 violation of this section or any regulations promul-
24 gated to carry out this section to the same extent
25 that such penalties apply to a person that commits

1 an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that
2 Act.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term
5 “agricultural commodity” has the meaning given
6 such term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade
7 Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).

8 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
9 son” means a person that is not a United States
10 person.

11 (3) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term “medical de-
12 vice” has the meaning given the term “device” in
13 section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
14 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

15 (4) MEDICINE.—The term “medicine” has the
16 meaning given the term “drug” in section 201 of the
17 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
18 321).

19 (e) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The President
20 may terminate the application of a sanction imposed pur-
21 suant to this section with respect to a person if the Presi-
22 dent certifies to the appropriate committees of Congress
23 that—

24 (1) the person is not engaging in the activity
25 that was the basis for such sanction or has taken

1 significant verifiable steps toward stopping such ac-
 2 tivity; and

3 ~~(2) the President has received reliable assur-~~
 4 ~~ances that the person will not knowingly engage in~~
 5 ~~activity subject to such sanction in the future.~~

6 ~~(f) EXCEPTIONS.—~~

7 ~~(1) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions~~
 8 ~~authorized under this section shall not apply to—~~

9 ~~(A) the conduct or facilitation of a trans-~~
 10 ~~action for the provision of agricultural commod-~~
 11 ~~ities, food, medicine, medical devices, humani-~~
 12 ~~tarian assistance, or for humanitarian purposes;~~
 13 ~~or~~

14 ~~(B) transactions that are necessary for, or~~
 15 ~~ordinarily incident to, the activities described in~~
 16 ~~subparagraph (A).~~

17 ~~(2) COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLI-~~
 18 ~~GATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—~~
 19 ~~Sanctions authorized under this section shall not~~
 20 ~~apply with respect to an alien if admitting or parol-~~
 21 ~~ing such alien is necessary—~~

22 ~~(A) to comply with United States obliga-~~
 23 ~~tions under—~~

24 ~~(i) the Agreement between the United~~
 25 ~~Nations and the United States of America~~

1 regarding the Headquarters of the United
 2 Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
 3 1947, and entered into force November 21,
 4 1947;

5 (ii) the Convention on Consular Rela-
 6 tions, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and
 7 entered into force March 19, 1967; or

8 (iii) any other international agree-
 9 ment; or

10 (B) to carry out or assist law enforcement
 11 activity in the United States.

12 ~~(3) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVI-~~
 13 ~~TIES.—~~Sanctions authorized under this section shall
 14 not apply to—

15 (A) any activity subject to the reporting
 16 requirements under title V of the National Se-
 17 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.); or

18 (B) any authorized intelligence activities of
 19 the United States.

20 ~~(4) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF~~
 21 ~~GOODS.—~~

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The requirement to
 23 block and prohibit all transactions in all prop-
 24 erty and interests in property under this section
 25 shall not include the authority or a requirement

1 to impose sanctions on the importation of
2 goods.

3 (B) GOOD DEFINED.—In this paragraph,
4 the term “good” means any article, natural or
5 man-made substance, material, supply or manu-
6 factured product, including inspection and test
7 equipment, and excluding technical data.

8 (g) RULEMAKING.—The President is authorized to
9 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be nec-
10 essary to carry out the provisions of this section (which
11 may include regulatory exceptions), including under sec-
12 tion 205 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
13 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1704).

14 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN UNITED STATES ASSIST-**
15 **ANCE AND INVESTMENTS FOR TANZANIA.**

16 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
17 (e), none of the following may be obligated, expended, or
18 otherwise made available for any entity in Tanzania:

19 (1) Security assistance, as defined in section
20 502B(d)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
21 (22 U.S.C. 2304(d)(2)).

22 (2) Assistance, grants, loans, loan guarantees,
23 insurance, equity investments, or other support pro-
24 vided by—

1 (A) the United States International Devel-
2 opment Finance Corporation;

3 (B) the Export-Import Bank of the United
4 States; or

5 (C) the United States Trade and Develop-
6 ment Agency.

7 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The prohibition under sub-
8 section (a) shall terminate beginning on the date that is
9 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of State
10 submits to the appropriate committees of Congress a writ-
11 ten certification that the Government of Tanzania has—

12 (1) enacted electoral reforms to advance free,
13 fair, and transparent elections;

14 (2) suspended politically motivated or illegit-
15 imate criminal proceedings, corrected flawed or im-
16 proper judicial judgments, and released opposition
17 leaders and other individuals detained on politically
18 motivated grounds;

19 (3) taken demonstrable steps to hold govern-
20 ment officials, members of the security forces, and
21 law enforcement personnel accountable for political
22 abductions, electoral violence, and actions that un-
23 dermine democratic institutions; and

1 (4) ceased the political intimidation and censor-
 2 ship of media figures, journalists, and civil society
 3 actors.

4 (c) ~~EXCEPTIONS.~~—The prohibition under subsection
 5 (a) shall not apply to—

6 (1) humanitarian assistance;

7 (2) health assistance; and

8 (3) assistance to support democracy, human
 9 rights, governance, and civil society in Tanzania.

10 **SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE COR-**
 11 **PORATION FUNDS FOR TANZANIA.**

12 (a) ~~PROHIBITION.~~—Except as provided in subsection
 13 (b), no Millennium Challenge Corporation funds may be
 14 committed, obligated, expended, or otherwise made avail-
 15 able for support for any threshold or compact activities
 16 in Tanzania.

17 (b) ~~CERTIFICATION.~~—The prohibition under sub-
 18 section (a) shall terminate beginning on the date that is
 19 30 days after the date on which the Board of Directors
 20 of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, acting through
 21 the Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge
 22 Corporation, submits to the appropriate committees of
 23 Congress a written certification that the Government of
 24 Tanzania has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to
 25 just and democratic governance in accordance with the cri-

1 teria described in section 607 of the Millennium Challenge
 2 Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7706).

3 **SEC. 9. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-**
 4 **FINED.**

5 In this Act, the term “appropriate committees of
 6 Congress” means—

- 7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
 8 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
 9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
 10 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
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5 *and restrictions on religious worship and expression.*

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24 *nian electoral commission released disputed results*
25 *from the fraudulent election, declaring President*

1 *Samia Suluhu Hassan the winner with 98 percent of*
 2 *the vote.*

3 *(12) On December 4, 2025, the Department of*
 4 *State announced a comprehensive review of the bilat-*
 5 *eral relationship between the United States and Tan-*
 6 *zania.*

7 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

9 *(1) over the last three years, the actions by the*
 10 *Government of Tanzania—*

11 *(A) have subverted democracy;*

12 *(B) have blatantly violated citizens' inter-*
 13 *nationally-recognized human rights;*

14 *(C) have disrupted regional trade;*

15 *(D) have endangered the safety and security*
 16 *of Tanzanians, tourists, and the diplomatic com-*
 17 *munity;*

18 *(E) place United States national interests*
 19 *in Tanzania at risk; and*

20 *(F) threaten to undermine regional stability*
 21 *and long-term bilateral cooperation between the*
 22 *United States and Tanzania; and*
 23 *(2) the United States—*

1 (A) supports the decision to terminate Tan-
 2 zania's Millennium Challenge Corporation
 3 threshold program;

4 (B) expresses solidarity with the people of
 5 Tanzania;

6 (C) recognizes the unprecedented levels of vi-
 7 olence experienced in Tanzania; and

8 (D) supports calls for an international
 9 independent investigation into the pre- and post-
 10 election violence in Tanzania that will result in
 11 those who conducted violence against Tanzania
 12 civilians being held accountable for violations of
 13 internationally-recognized human rights.

14 **SEC. 4. REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES RELATIONSHIP**
 15 **WITH TANZANIA.**

16 (a) *REASSESSMENT OF THE UNITED STATES-TAN-*
 17 *ZANIA BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.*—The Secretary of State,
 18 in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the United
 19 States Trade Representative, and the heads of other relevant
 20 Federal agencies, shall conduct a comprehensive reassess-
 21 ment of the bilateral relationship between the United States
 22 and Tanzania.

23 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The reassessment required under sub-
 24 section (a) shall—

1 (1) review efforts taken by the Department of
 2 State to press for the release of religious and opposi-
 3 tion leaders unjustly detained by the Government of
 4 Tanzania;

5 (2) analyze the democratic priorities and trajec-
 6 tory of Tanzania;

7 (3) develop a detailed strategy outlining the nec-
 8 essary democratic reforms needed in Tanzania;

9 (4) assess United States security assistance to
 10 Tanzania to ensure the Tanzanian Defense Forces
 11 and the Tanzanian Police are reliable partners
 12 that—

13 (A) adhere to Tanzania’s constitutionally
 14 mandated human rights and rule of law norms;
 15 and

16 (B) protect the safety of the citizens and all
 17 of the visitors to Tanzania;

18 (5) evaluate the relationship between the Govern-
 19 ment of Tanzania and the Government of the People’s
 20 Republic of China, including—

21 (A) military and security cooperation, in-
 22 cluding training, exercises, arms transfers, and
 23 cooperation between defense, intelligence, or law
 24 enforcement entities;

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2 ments, loans, and financing involving Chinese-
3 state-owned or affiliated entities, and the impact
4 of such activities on market access, debt sustain-
5 ability, and the competitiveness of United States
6 companies; and

7 (C) political cooperation with the Govern-
8 ment of the People's Republic of China that seeks
9 to undermine democratic principles, advance
10 one-party consolidation, and solidify anti-Amer-
11 ican and anti-Western sentiment internally and
12 internationally;

13 (6) assess the likely impact of the measures au-
14 thorized under this Act on United States strategic
15 and security interests in Tanzania and East Africa,
16 including regional security cooperation, maritime se-
17 curity, and competition with the People's Republic of
18 China; and

19 (7) evaluate the relationship between the Govern-
20 ment of Tanzania and the Government of the Russian
21 Federation, including—

22 (A) military and security cooperation, in-
23 cluding training, exercises, arms transfers, and
24 cooperation between defense, intelligence, or law
25 enforcement entities; and

1 (B) economic engagement activities, includ-
 2 ing investments, loans, and financing involving
 3 Russian state-owned or affiliated entities, and
 4 the impact of such activities on market access,
 5 debt sustainability, and the competitiveness of
 6 United States companies, with a particular focus
 7 on Russian investment in the energy, critical
 8 minerals, healthcare, and agriculture sectors.

9 (c) *REPORT*.—Not later than 90 days after the date
 10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
 11 submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress
 12 that includes the findings of the reassessment required
 13 under subsection (a).

14 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN LEADERSHIP**
 15 **POSITIONS IN TANZANIA.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
 17 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to
 18 the appropriate committees of Congress that includes a list
 19 of each foreign person the Secretary determines—

20 (1) holds a senior position in the Government of
 21 Tanzania, the leadership of Chama Cha Mapinduzi,
 22 the Tanzania Police Force, the Tanzanian People's
 23 Defense Force, or the Tanzanian Intelligence and Se-
 24 curity Service; and

1 (2) *is responsible for or complicit in, or has di-*
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7 (B) *targeting harassment, intimidation, de-*
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9 *media organizations, or activists to suppress dis-*
10 *sent or silence public reporting on violations of*
11 *internationally-recognized human rights;*

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15 *tended to conceal abuses of internationally-recog-*
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19 *including the persecution of individuals or*
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 4 *violations of internationally recognized human*
 5 *rights; or*

6 *(G) other actions that violate or undermine*
 7 *internationally recognized human rights or the*
 8 *civil liberties guaranteed to Tanzanian citizens*
 9 *under the Constitution of Tanzania.*

10 **SEC. 6. SANCTIONS.**

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 12 *submission of the report required under section 5, the Presi-*
 13 *dent may impose the sanctions described in subsection (b)*
 14 *with respect to any foreign person described in section 5(1)*
 15 *that the Secretary of State determines meets the criteria de-*
 16 *scribed in section 5(2).*

17 *(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described*
 18 *in this subsection are the sanctions authorized under the*
 19 *Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (22*
 20 *U.S.C. 10101 et seq.).*

21 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN UNITED STATES ASSIST-**
 22 **ANCE AND INVESTMENTS FOR TANZANIA.**

23 *(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsections*
 24 *(c) and (d), assistance, grants, loans, loan guarantees, in-*
 25 *surance, equity investments, and other support provided by*

1 *the United States International Development Finance Cor-*
 2 *poration, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, or*
 3 *the United States Trade and Development Agency may not*
 4 *be obligated, expended, or otherwise made available for any*
 5 *entity in Tanzania.*

6 (b) *TERMINATION AFTER CERTIFICATION.—The prohi-*
 7 *bition under subsection (a) shall terminate beginning on*
 8 *the date that is 30 days after the date on which the Sec-*
 9 *retary of State submits to the appropriate committees of*
 10 *Congress a written certification that the Government of*
 11 *Tanzania has—*

12 (1) *taken steps to enact electoral reforms to ad-*
 13 *vance free, fair, and transparent elections;*

14 (2) *demonstrated substantial progress suspending*
 15 *politically motivated or illegitimate criminal pro-*
 16 *ceedings and releasing opposition leaders and other*
 17 *individuals who were detained on politically moti-*
 18 *vated grounds;*

19 (3) *allowed independent, outside investigators to*
 20 *conduct their own investigation into the October 2025*
 21 *election violence;*

22 (4) *begun a dialogue with opposition leaders fa-*
 23 *cilitated by a third-party mediator or entity to dis-*
 24 *cuss reconciliation efforts and a way forward fol-*
 25 *lowing the October 2025 election violence; and*

1 (5) *taken steps to ensure the ability of media fig-*
 2 *ures, journalists, and civil society actors to operate*
 3 *free from state sponsored violence.*

4 (c) *EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition under subsection*
 5 *(a) shall not apply to—*

6 (1) *humanitarian assistance;*

7 (2) *health assistance; or*

8 (3) *assistance to support democracy, human*
 9 *rights, governance, and civil society in Tanzania.*

10 (d) *WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may waive the*
 11 *prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary determines*
 12 *and notifies the appropriate committees of Congress that*
 13 *the issuance of such waiver is in the national interests of*
 14 *the United States.*

15 **SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE COR-**
 16 **PORATION FUNDS FOR TANZANIA.**

17 (a) *PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection*
 18 *(b), no funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise*
 19 *made available to carry out section 609 or 616 of the Mil-*
 20 *lennium Challenge Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7708 and 7715)*
 21 *may be made available to Tanzania.*

22 (b) *TERMINATION AFTER CERTIFICATION.—The prohi-*
 23 *biton under subsection (a) shall terminate beginning on*
 24 *the date that is 30 days after the date on which the Board*
 25 *of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, act-*

1 *ing through the Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium*
 2 *Challenge Corporation, submits to the appropriate commit-*
 3 *tees of Congress a written certification that the Government*
 4 *of Tanzania has demonstrated its commitment to just and*
 5 *democratic governance in accordance with the criteria de-*
 6 *scribed in section 607 of the Millennium Challenge Act of*
 7 *2003 (22 U.S.C. 7706).*

8 **SEC. 9. DEFINED TERM.**

9 *In this Act, the term “appropriate committees of Con-*
 10 *gress” means—*

11 *(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the*
 12 *Senate;*

13 *(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
 14 *ate;*

15 *(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*
 16 *House of Representatives; and*

17 *(4) the Committee on Appropriations of the*
 18 *House of Representatives.*

19 **SEC. 10. SUNSET.**

20 *This Act shall cease to have any force or effect begin-*
 21 *ning on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enact-*
 22 *ment of this Act.*

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