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To provide that the annual drug certification procedures under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 not apply to certain countries with which the United States has bilateral agreements and other plans relating to counterdrug activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 1999

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. GRAMM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The international traffic in illicit drugs,
6 particularly along the Southwest Border, poses a se-
7 rious threat to the national security of the United

1 States and to every nation where the production,
2 transit, or consumption of such drugs occurs.

3 (2) The United States considers combating
4 international drug cartels to be one of its highest na-
5 tional security and foreign policy priorities.

6 (3) In order to reduce and eliminate the illicit
7 drug trade, the United States and countries where
8 substantial production or transit of such drugs oc-
9 curs must cooperate to eradicate and interdict sup-
10 plies of such drugs and to penetrate the operations
11 of major drug traffickers.

12 (4) It is in the national interest that the Presi-
13 dent explore all possible mechanisms, including bilat-
14 eral agreements and other plans on counternarcotics
15 matters, in order to facilitate cooperation in joint
16 counternarcotics programs and to better assist other
17 governments in developing effective counternarcotics
18 programs within their territories.

19 (5) The bilateral agreements and other plans on
20 counternarcotics matters to which the United States
21 is a party should establish concrete and measurable
22 goals with transparent benchmarks for measuring
23 progress in the achievement of such goals.

1 **SEC. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF ANNUAL DRUG CERTIFI-**
 2 **CATION PROCEDURES TO CERTAIN COUN-**
 3 **TRIES COVERED BY BILATERAL**
 4 **COUNTERDRUG AGREEMENTS AND PLANS**
 5 **WITH THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 490 of the Foreign Assist-
 7 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291j) is amended by adding
 8 at the end the following:

9 “(i) INAPPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES HAV-
 10 ING BILATERAL COUNTERDRUG AGREEMENTS AND
 11 PLANS WITH THE UNITED STATES.—

12 “(1) INAPPLICABILITY.—Subsections (a)
 13 through (g) shall not apply in a fiscal year to a
 14 country to which such subsections would otherwise
 15 apply in that fiscal year if the President determines,
 16 not later than December 31 of that fiscal year and
 17 after consultation with the Secretary of State, the
 18 Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the
 19 Director of the Office of National Drug Control Pol-
 20 icy, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
 21 tion, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement
 22 Administration, the Commissioner of Immigration
 23 and Naturalization, and the Commissioner of Cus-
 24 toms, that—

1 “(A) the country is a party to a bilateral
2 agreement and other plans with the United
3 States, which agreement and plans together—

4 “(i) are consistent with the goals and
5 objectives established by international
6 agreements on the illicit trafficking and
7 abuse of narcotics and psychotropic drugs
8 to which the United States and the coun-
9 try are parties;

10 “(ii) address issues relating to the
11 control of illicit drugs, including produc-
12 tion, distribution, and interdiction, demand
13 reduction, the activities of criminal organi-
14 zations, cooperation among law enforce-
15 ment agencies (including the exchange of
16 information and evidence), extradition of
17 individuals involved in drug-related crimi-
18 nal activity, border security, money laun-
19 dering, firearms trafficking, corruption,
20 control of chemicals, asset forfeiture, and
21 training and technical assistance; and

22 “(iii) include timetables and objective
23 and measurable standards to assess the
24 progress made by both countries with re-
25 spect to such issues; and

1 “(B) progress is being made in accordance
2 with the agreement and plans with respect to
3 the control of illicit drugs.

4 “(2) REPORTS.—Not later than December 31
5 and June 30 of a fiscal year, the President shall
6 submit to Congress a report on the progress made
7 with respect to the control of illicit drugs by each
8 country determined to be covered by paragraph (1)
9 for that fiscal year.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to the with-
13 holding of bilateral assistance and opposition to multilat-
14 eral assistance under section 490 of the Foreign Assist-
15 ance Act of 1961 for fiscal years after fiscal year 1999.

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