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To authorize the transfer of funds for foreign countries to participate in international peacekeeping or peace enforcement operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Global Peace-
5 keeping Operations Initiative Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The need for effective peacekeeping troops
9 has grown worldwide, especially in Africa.

1 (2) Peacekeeping operations in Africa have
2 grown from 24,000 peacekeepers in 2002 to 40,000
3 peacekeepers in 2004 and immediate future require-
4 ments in Sudan and Burundi will significantly in-
5 crease the need for peacekeepers.

6 (3) Conflicts in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia/Eritrea,
7 Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Burundi, the Congo, and the
8 Sudan have devastated the continent and set back
9 economic and social progress for millions of Afri-
10 cans.

11 (4) African leaders, through the New Partner-
12 ship for Africa's Development, have placed solving
13 conflicts and managing post-conflict stabilization
14 and reconstruction efforts on the continent as
15 among their highest priorities.

16 (5) The African Union recently signed a pro-
17 tocol outlining its responsibility for peace and secu-
18 rity on the continent and highlighting the impor-
19 tance of the organization's continuing partnership
20 with the member states of the Group of Eight and
21 the rest of the developed world.

22 (6) The member states of the Group of Eight
23 have had a longstanding interest, expressed at both
24 the Kananaskis and Evian summits, in providing

1 technical and financial assistance to sustain and
2 strengthen African peacekeeping capacity.

3 (7) The Group of Eight summit held in Sea Is-
4 land, Georgia, in June 2004, resulted in the mem-
5 bers of the Group of Eight pledging to train at least
6 75,000 international peacekeepers over the next sev-
7 eral years and develop a plan to provide logistical
8 support around the world.

9 (8) The United States has recognized the im-
10 portance and value of professional training of inter-
11 national peacekeepers through several programs in-
12 cluding the Africa Crisis Response Initiative and the
13 African Contingency Operations and Training As-
14 sistance programs.

15 (9) The Global Peacekeeping Operations Initia-
16 tive is a significant United States contribution to
17 fulfilling the commitment of the Group of Eight and
18 to supporting the aspirations of African leaders as
19 such leaders pursue peace and prosperity on the con-
20 tinent.

21 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO ENGAGE**
22 **IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
24 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence
25 of the Secretary of State, may transfer funds to the Sec-

1 retary of State to provide assistance to military or security
2 forces in a foreign country to enhance the capability of
3 such country to participate in an international peace-
4 keeping or peace enforcement operation.

5 (b) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance provided
6 under subsection (a) may be used to provide equipment,
7 supplies, training, or funding.

8 (c) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The authority to pro-
9 vide assistance under this section is in addition to any
10 other authority to provide assistance to a foreign country
11 or the military or security forces of such country.

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