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To ensure that the United States promotes women’s meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To ensure that the United States promotes women’s meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2014”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Sense of Congress regarding the National Action Plan on Women,
Peace, and Security.
- Sec. 5. Statement of United States policies.
- Sec. 6. National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.
- Sec. 7. Monitoring and evaluation.
- Sec. 8. Engaging women in the full range of conflict prevention, peace negotia-
tion, peace-building, and security initiatives.
- Sec. 9. Consultations with stakeholders.
- Sec. 10. Reports to Congress.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The United States National Action Plan on
6 Women, Peace, and Security, rooted in United Na-
7 tions Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and
8 its six follow-up resolutions 1820 (2008), 1888
9 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013),
10 and 2122 (2013), seeks to address the dispropor-
11 tionate impact of modern warfare on civilians, par-
12 ticularly women and girls, and the necessity of sub-
13 stantively including “women as equal partners in
14 preventing conflict and building peace in countries
15 threatened and affected by war, violence, and insecur-
16 ity in all efforts to promote peace and security”.

17 (2) Fundamental to the affirmations described
18 in paragraph (1) is the full and equal participation
19 of women as decisionmakers, planners, implemen-
20 ters, and beneficiaries in all efforts to achieve solu-

1 tions for just conflict resolution, lasting stability,
2 and inclusive democratic governance, including in—

3 (A) conflict prevention;

4 (B) mediation, transition processes, and
5 peace and security negotiations;

6 (C) peacekeeping and peace-building ef-
7 forts;

8 (D) humanitarian response; and

9 (E) post-conflict reconstruction and gov-
10 ernance.

11 (3) The United States National Action Plan on
12 Women, Peace, and Security, issued in December
13 2011—

14 (A) builds upon the goals for gender inte-
15 gration articulated in—

16 (i) the United States 2006 National
17 Security Strategy: “No nation can be free
18 if half its population is oppressed and de-
19 nied fundamental rights. We affirm the in-
20 herent dignity and worth of women, and
21 support vigorously their full participation
22 in all aspects of society.”;

23 (ii) the United States May 2010 Na-
24 tional Security Strategy: “Experience
25 shows that countries are more peaceful and

1 prosperous when women are accorded full
2 and equal rights and opportunity. When
3 those rights and opportunities are denied
4 countries often lag behind.”; and

5 (iii) the 2010 Quadrennial Diplomacy
6 and Development Review: “The protection
7 and empowerment of women and girls is
8 key to the foreign policy and security of
9 the United States.”; and

10 (B) asserts that “evidence from around the
11 world and across cultures shows that inte-
12 grating women and gender considerations into
13 peace-building processes helps promote demo-
14 cratic governance and long-term stability”.

15 (4) As directed by Executive Order 13595,
16 “State, DoD, and USAID will designate one or more
17 officers, as appropriate, as responsible for coordina-
18 tion and implementation, and will supplement this
19 Plan, by submitting to the Assistant to the Presi-
20 dent and National Security Advisor agency-specific
21 Women, Peace, and Security implementation plans.
22 These implementation plans will establish a full
23 range of time-bound, measurable, and resourced ac-
24 tions State, DoD, and USAID will take to realize
25 their commitments, and will include meaningful

1 strategies for monitoring implementation and evalu-
2 ating results.”.

3 (5) On April 5, 2012, the Department of De-
4 fense (DoD) issued a Secretary of Defense Memo-
5 randum directing the Department to incorporate the
6 concepts from the United States National Action
7 Plan on Women, Peace, and Security into programs,
8 policies and daily activities, stating “that the goal of
9 the National Action Plan is critical to national secu-
10 rity” and in June 2012, introduced the Department
11 of Defense Implementation Guide for the United
12 States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and
13 Security to integrate the objectives of the National
14 Action Plan into the “strategic, operational, and tac-
15 tical environment and aims” of the United States
16 Armed Forces.

17 (6) In March 2012, the United States Agency
18 for International Development (USAID) released a
19 new, agency-wide Gender Equality and Female Em-
20 powerment Policy, the first such policy since 1982.
21 According to this policy, “Gender equality and fe-
22 male empowerment are core development objectives,
23 fundamental for the realization of human rights and
24 key to effective and sustainable development out-
25 comes. No society can develop successfully without

1 providing equitable opportunities, resources, and life
2 prospects for males and females so that they can
3 shape their own lives and contribute to their families
4 and communities.”.

5 (7) In August 2012, the Department of State
6 Implementation of the National Action Plan on
7 Women, Peace, and Security was introduced. The
8 plan states, “the Department recognizes that pro-
9 moting women’s participation in conflict prevention,
10 management and resolution, as well as in post-con-
11 flict relief and recovery, advances core U.S. national
12 interests of peace, national security, economic and
13 social development and international cooperation.”.

14 (8) In August 2012, the United States Agency
15 for International Development (USAID) introduced
16 its Implementation of the United States National
17 Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, assert-
18 ing, “Ensuring the meaningful participation and
19 protection of women and girls affected by crisis and
20 conflict is critical to building lasting peace and
21 achieving long-term development objectives.”.

22 (9) During preparations for United States with-
23 drawal of security forces in Afghanistan by 2014,
24 and upcoming Afghan elections, it is critical to en-
25 sure women’s rights are not sacrificed and further

1 that women’s security and ability to move freely
2 throughout the country are recognized as indicators
3 of the transition’s success.

4 (10) In the Democratic Republic of Congo, on-
5 going impunity for violations of human rights, par-
6 ticularly women’s human rights, continues to under-
7 mine all efforts to bring lasting peace to the country
8 and the region.

9 (11) Women and girls on the forefronts of the
10 Arab uprising—from Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and
11 Syria—are systematically excluded from political
12 processes in the new emerging democratic govern-
13 ments, and reports of gender-based violent attacks,
14 including sexual violence, by police and security
15 forces are frequent.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
19 trator” means the Administrator of the United
20 States Agency for International Development.

21 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
22 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
25 the Senate;

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of
2 the Senate;

3 (C) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
4 the Senate;

5 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
6 the House of Representatives;

7 (E) the Committee on Armed Services of
8 the House of Representatives; and

9 (F) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
10 the House of Representatives.

11 (3) DECISIONMAKING PROCESSES.—The term
12 “decisionmaking processes” means formal or infor-
13 mal processes related to, or a part of, negotiations
14 or mediations addressing conflict prevention and sta-
15 bilization, peace-building, protection, or appropriate
16 security initiatives.

17 (4) NAP.—The term “NAP” means the United
18 States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and
19 Security, which was instituted by Executive Order
20 13595 on December 19, 2011.

21 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
22 the Secretary of State.

23 (6) STAKEHOLDERS.—The term “stakeholders”
24 means nongovernmental and private sector entities
25 engaged in or affected by conflict prevention and

1 stabilization, peace-building, protection, security,
2 transition initiatives, humanitarian response, or re-
3 lated efforts, including—

4 (A) registered or nonregistered nonprofit
5 organizations, advocacy groups, business or
6 trade associations, labor unions, cooperatives,
7 credit unions, relief or development organiza-
8 tions, community and faith-based organizations,
9 philanthropic foundations, and tribal leaders or
10 structures;

11 (B) independent media, educational, or re-
12 search institutions; and

13 (C) private enterprises, including inter-
14 national development firms, banks, and other fi-
15 nancial institutions, and particularly small busi-
16 nesses and businesses owned by women or dis-
17 advantaged groups.

18 (7) WOMEN’S MEANINGFUL INCLUSION AND
19 PARTICIPATION.—The term “women’s meaningful
20 inclusion and participation” means ensuring women
21 have safe, genuine, and effective access and are
22 present and actively involved in the full range of de-
23 cisionmaking processes, which may include—

24 (A) conflict prevention;

1 (B) mediation or negotiation efforts to re-
2 solve, mitigate, and transition from violent con-
3 flict;

4 (C) peacekeeping and peace-building ef-
5 forts;

6 (D) post-conflict reconstruction, transition
7 initiatives, and governance; and

8 (E) humanitarian response.

9 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE UNITED**
10 **STATES NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON WOMEN,**
11 **PEACE, AND SECURITY.**

12 It is the sense of Congress that—

13 (1) the implementation of the United States
14 National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Secu-
15 rity (NAP) is paramount in improving the lives of
16 women and girls around the world and increasing
17 overall global stability and prosperity;

18 (2) Congress supports the statement in the
19 NAP of the United States “unqualified commitment
20 to integrating women’s views and perspectives fully
21 into our diplomatic, security, and development ef-
22 forts—not simply as beneficiaries, but as agents of
23 peace, reconciliation, development, growth, and sta-
24 bility”;

1 (3) Congress is strongly committed to advancing
2 the principles of the NAP, as instituted by Executive
3 Order 13595 of December 19, 2011;

4 (4) the United States should coordinate with
5 the international community and civil society to develop
6 criteria for eligibility to ensure that appropriate civil
7 society representatives with relevant experience in gender
8 sensitivity, peacemaking, or the promotion of human rights
9 and security are identified for inclusion in all peace-building
10 processes and activities; and

11 (5) the President, in coordination with the Secretary,
12 the Secretary of Defense, and the Administrator, should—

13 (A) ensure the NAP’s robust, transparent,
14 comprehensive, and coordinated implementation;
15 and

16 (B) coordinate with the international community
17 to reaffirm global commitments to implementation
18 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325
19 utilizing the commitments outlined in the NAP as a
20 diplomatic means to encourage other countries to—
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1 (i) advance women’s inclusion in peace
2 negotiations, peace-building activities, and
3 conflict prevention;

4 (ii) protect all civilians, specifically
5 women and girls, from sexual and gender-
6 based violence; and

7 (iii) ensure equal access to relief and
8 recovery assistance in areas of conflict and
9 insecurity.

10 **SEC. 5. STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES POLICIES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
12 States to implement the United States National Action
13 Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAP), as instituted
14 by Executive Order 13595 on December 19, 2011, to en-
15 sure that the United States effectively promotes and sup-
16 ports women in conflict-affected and post-conflict regions
17 through clear, measurable commitments to—

18 (1) promote the active and meaningful partici-
19 pation of women in affected areas in all aspects of
20 conflict prevention, management, and resolution;

21 (2) integrate the perspectives and interests of
22 affected women into conflict-prevention activities and
23 strategies;

24 (3) promote the physical safety, economic secu-
25 rity, and dignity of women and girls;

1 (4) support women’s equal access to aid dis-
2 tribution mechanisms and services;

3 (5) monitor, analyze, and evaluate implementa-
4 tion efforts and the impact of such efforts; and

5 (6) adjust policies and programs to improve
6 outcomes.

7 (b) STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

8 (1) recognizes the invaluable contributions that
9 United States and international civil society groups
10 have made to United States policies and programs
11 on women, peace, and security; and

12 (2) encourages the Secretary, the Secretary of
13 Defense, and the Administrator to continue to con-
14 sult and utilize the networks and expertise of these
15 stakeholders to strengthen the implementation of the
16 NAP.

17 (c) INTEGRATION.—The Secretary and the Adminis-
18 trator shall—

19 (1) integrate gender as fully as applicable into
20 all diplomatic and development efforts;

21 (2) include gender in strategic and budget plan-
22 ning processes;

23 (3) continue to use and improve upon perform-
24 ance indicators and evaluation mechanisms to ac-
25 count for ongoing results and measure the impact of

1 United States policies and programs on women and
2 girls in foreign countries; and

3 (4) review existing United States policies and
4 programs on women and girls in foreign countries
5 from a gender perspective, and revise such policies
6 and programs to address any unintended harm.

7 (d) INTEGRATION OF GENDER GOALS IN AGENCY
8 GUIDANCE AND CONTRACTING.—

9 (1) DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The Secretary
10 shall prescribe regulations and issue guidance speci-
11 fying key goals of the NAP with a view to fully inte-
12 grating such goals into the operations of the Depart-
13 ment of State in the United States and overseas,
14 and shall ensure that such regulations and guidance
15 call for compliance by all Department personnel and
16 contractors.

17 (2) UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTER-
18 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—The Administrator shall
19 prescribe regulations and issue guidance specifying
20 key goals of the NAP with a view to fully inte-
21 grating such goals into the operations of the United
22 States Agency for International Development in the
23 United States and overseas, and shall ensure that
24 such regulations and guidance call for compliance by
25 all Agency personnel and contractors.

1 (e) TENETS.—The Secretary, the Administrator, the
2 Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human
3 Services acting through the Director of the Centers for
4 Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Perma-
5 nent Representatives to the United Nations, the Secretary
6 of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of
7 Homeland Security, the United States Trade Representa-
8 tive, and the heads of other appropriate Federal depart-
9 ments and agencies shall ensure, as appropriate, that the
10 tenets of the NAP are incorporated into all programs ad-
11 ministered by each department and agency specified in
12 this subsection related to—

- 13 (1) conflict prevention;
- 14 (2) humanitarian and disaster response;
- 15 (3) conflict mediation;
- 16 (4) peacekeeping;
- 17 (5) post-conflict reconstruction;
- 18 (6) institution building; and
- 19 (7) democracy promotion.

20 **SEC. 6. UNITED STATES NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON**
21 **WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY.**

22 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, the
24 Administrator, the Secretary of Defense, and the heads
25 of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies

1 shall, subject to subsection (b), develop or update and im-
2 plement a NAP. The NAP shall be transmitted to the ap-
3 propriate congressional committees and made publicly
4 available.

5 (b) INITIAL NAP.—For the purposes of this section,
6 the “United States National Action Plan on Women,
7 Peace, and Security”, issued in December 2011, shall be
8 deemed to fulfill the initial requirement of subsection (a).

9 (c) TRAINING.—

10 (1) FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.—Section
11 704 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C.
12 4024) is amended by adding at the end the following
13 new subsection:

14 “(e) The Secretary, in conjunction with the Adminis-
15 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
16 velopment, shall ensure that all appropriate personnel, in-
17 cluding special envoys, members of mediation or negotia-
18 tion teams, relevant members of the Civil Service or For-
19 eign Service, and contractors responsible for, or deploying
20 to, countries or regions considered to be at risk of, under-
21 going, or emerging from violent conflict, obtain sub-
22 stantive knowledge and skills through—

23 “(1) appropriate advanced training in conflict
24 prevention, peace processes, mitigation, resolution,
25 and security initiatives that specifically addresses

1 the importance of women’s meaningful inclusion and
2 participation (as defined in section 3 of the Women,
3 Peace, and Security Act of 2013);

4 “(2) training on gender considerations and
5 women’s meaningful inclusion and participation, in-
6 cluding training regarding—

7 “(A) international human rights law and
8 international humanitarian law, as relevant;
9 and

10 “(B) protecting civilians from violence, ex-
11 ploitation, and trafficking in persons; and

12 “(3) training on effective strategies and best
13 practices for ensuring women’s meaningful inclusion
14 and participation.”.

15 (2) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 107 of title
17 10, United States Code, is amended by adding
18 at the end the following new section:

19 **“§ 2158. Training for ensuring women’s meaningful**
20 **inclusion and participation**

21 “The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that all ap-
22 propriate personnel, including members of the Armed
23 Forces, members of mediation or negotiation teams, rel-
24 evant members of the Civil Service, and contractors re-
25 sponsible for, or deploying to, countries or regions consid-

1 ered to be at risk of, undergoing, or emerging from violent
 2 conflict, obtain substantive knowledge and skills
 3 through—

4 “(1) appropriate advanced training in conflict
 5 prevention, peace processes, mitigation, resolution,
 6 and security initiatives that specifically addresses
 7 the importance of women’s meaningful inclusion and
 8 participation (as defined in section 3 of the Women,
 9 Peace, and Security Act of 2013);

10 “(2) training on gender considerations and
 11 women’s meaningful inclusion and participation, in-
 12 cluding training regarding—

13 “(A) international human rights law and
 14 international humanitarian law, as relevant;
 15 and

16 “(B) protecting civilians from violence, ex-
 17 ploitation, and trafficking in persons; and

18 “(3) training on effective strategies and best
 19 practices for ensuring women’s meaningful inclusion
 20 and participation.”.

21 (B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of
 22 sections at the beginning of chapter 107 of such
 23 title is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing new item:

“2158. Training for ensuring women’s meaningful inclusion and participation.”.

1 (3) UNITED NATIONS.—The Secretary is
2 strongly encouraged to work with the United Na-
3 tions and the international community to promote
4 training that provides international peacekeeping
5 personnel with substantive knowledge and skills
6 needed to effectively ensure women’s meaningful in-
7 clusion and participation.

8 **SEC. 7. MONITORING AND EVALUATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The implementation of the NAP
10 under section 6 shall include the establishment or improve-
11 ment of monitoring and evaluation tools to ensure ac-
12 countability and effectiveness of policies, programs,
13 projects, and activities undertaken to support the objec-
14 tives specified in such NAP.

15 (b) MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLANS.—The
16 Secretary, the Administrator, the Secretary of Defense,
17 and representatives of other relevant Federal agencies and
18 departments, as appropriate, shall develop a plan for mon-
19 itoring and independent evaluation of programs, projects,
20 and activities carried out under this Act. The plan shall—

21 (1) apply rigorous monitoring and evaluation
22 methodologies to focus on learning, accountability,
23 and policymaking, choosing from among a wide vari-
24 ety of qualitative, quantitative, summative, and

1 formative methods common in the field of social sci-
2 entific inquiry, including impact evaluations; and

3 (2) be included in the NAP under section 6.

4 (c) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE COORDINATION, PLAN-
5 NING, DATA COLLECTION, AND TRACKING SYSTEMS.—

6 The Secretary and the Administrator, in consultation with
7 the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, shall—

8 (1) utilize appropriate foreign assistance coordi-
9 nation, planning, data collection, and tracking sys-
10 tems to—

11 (A) analyze the impact of staff training,
12 management systems, and organizational struc-
13 tures on program results;

14 (B) improve collection of sex- and age-
15 disaggregated data in conflict-affected areas;

16 (C) ensure proper targeting of programs;
17 and

18 (D) collect and analyze gender data for the
19 purpose of developing and enhancing early
20 warning systems of conflict and violence;

21 (2) develop programming in accordance with
22 the NAP's principles and that is responsive to wom-
23 en's needs and perspectives;

1 (3) revise policies and programming as data is
2 collected and analyzed to ensure improved outcomes
3 for women and girls;

4 (4) support budgeting, operational and pro-
5 grammatic planning, and performance management,
6 related to women’s meaningful inclusion and partici-
7 pation;

8 (5) post to the Foreign Assistance Dashboard
9 up-to-date data on United States foreign assistance
10 by account, bureau or office, as the case may be,
11 and country where gender equality and women’s em-
12 powerment is a primary or secondary goal; and

13 (6) develop or improve upon existing data col-
14 lection mechanisms that—

15 (A) track and report progress on the objec-
16 tives specified in the NAP;

17 (B) assess lessons learned; and

18 (C) identify best practices.

19 (d) INDICATORS.—The Secretary and the Adminis-
20 trator, in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, as
21 appropriate, shall identify common indicators to evaluate
22 the impact of United States foreign assistance on women’s
23 meaningful inclusion and participation and revise ap-
24 proaches to ensure improved outcomes.

1 **SEC. 8. ENGAGING WOMEN IN THE FULL RANGE OF CON-**
2 **FFLICT PREVENTION, PEACE NEGOTIATION,**
3 **PEACE-BUILDING, AND SECURITY INITIA-**
4 **TIVES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Adminis-
6 trator are strongly encouraged to work to facilitate wom-
7 en’s meaningful inclusion and participation in informal
8 and formal peace negotiations, including, as appropriate
9 by—

10 (1) providing technical assistance, training, and
11 logistical support to female negotiators, peace-build-
12 ers, and stakeholders;

13 (2) utilizing technology, such as cell phones or
14 social media tools, that assist the work of orga-
15 nizers, negotiators, communicators, peace-builders,
16 and other civil society actors;

17 (3) addressing security-related barriers to wom-
18 en’s participation;

19 (4) expanding and applying gender analysis to
20 improve program design and targeting; and

21 (5) supporting appropriate local organizations,
22 especially women’s peace-building organizations.

23 (b) COORDINATION.—The Secretary is encouraged to
24 promote the meaningful inclusion and participation of
25 women in coordination and consultation with international
26 partners, including multilateral organizations, stake-

1 holders, and other relevant international organizations,
2 particularly in circumstances in which direct engagement
3 is not appropriate or advisable.

4 (c) ASSESSMENTS.—The Secretary, in consultation
5 with the Administrator, and in cooperation with the Sec-
6 retary of Defense, as appropriate, shall conduct assess-
7 ments that include the perspective of women before imple-
8 menting new projects or activities in support of assistance
9 related to—

10 (1) peace negotiations;

11 (2) transitional justice and accountability proc-
12 esses;

13 (3) efforts to combat violent extremism; and

14 (4) security sector reform.

15 (d) GOVERNMENT EFFORTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
17 tion with the Administrator, and in cooperation with
18 the Secretary of Defense and the heads of other rel-
19 evant Federal agencies and departments, as appro-
20 priate, shall encourage and facilitate the efforts of
21 partner governments to improve women’s meaningful
22 inclusion and participation in peace and security
23 processes, conflict prevention, peace-building, transi-
24 tional processes, and decisionmaking institutions in
25 conflict-affected environments.

1 (2) GOVERNMENT EFFORTS.—The efforts of
2 partner governments to be encouraged and facili-
3 tated under paragraph (1) include—

4 (A) the recruitment and retention of
5 women (including minorities) in leadership
6 roles;

7 (B) capacity building of legislative, judi-
8 cial, defense, and law enforcement institutions
9 to develop and implement policies which support
10 women’s meaningful inclusion and participation;

11 (C) increased women’s participation in pro-
12 grams funded by the United States Government
13 that—

14 (i) provide training to foreign nation-
15 als regarding law enforcement, the rule of
16 law, and professional military education;
17 and

18 (ii) offer foreign nationals opportuni-
19 ties to participate in educational ex-
20 changes, conferences, and seminars;

21 (D) training, education, and mobilization
22 of men and boys as partners in support of wom-
23 en’s meaningful inclusion and participation;

24 (E) development of transitional justice and
25 accountability mechanisms that are inclusive of

1 the experiences and perspectives of women and
2 girls; and

3 (F) measures to ensure that relief and re-
4 covery planning and assistance are informed by
5 effective consultation with women and girls.

6 **SEC. 9. CONSULTATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Adminis-
8 trator shall establish guidelines for overseas United States
9 personnel to consult with stakeholders regarding United
10 States efforts to—

11 (1) prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict;
12 and

13 (2) enhance the success of mediation and nego-
14 tiation processes by ensuring women’s meaningful
15 inclusion and participation.

16 (b) FREQUENCY AND SCOPE.—Consultations under
17 subsection (a) shall—

18 (1) take place not less frequently than once
19 every 180 days, as appropriate; and

20 (2) include a range and representative sample
21 of local stakeholders, including women, youth, ethnic
22 and religious minorities, and other politically under-
23 represented or marginalized populations.

1 **SEC. 10. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) TRAINING BRIEFING.—The Secretary, in con-
3 junction with the Administrator and the Secretary of De-
4 fense, shall designate appropriate officials to brief the ap-
5 propriate congressional committees, not later than one
6 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, on—

7 (1) the existing, enhanced, and newly estab-
8 lished training carried out pursuant to section 6(c)
9 and the amendments made by such section; and

10 (2) the guidelines established for overseas
11 United States diplomatic and consular personnel to
12 engage in consultations with United States and
13 international stakeholders pursuant to section 9.

14 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON WOMEN, PEACE, AND SE-
15 CURITY.—Not later than one year after the date of the
16 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Sec-
17 retary, in conjunction with the Administrator and the Sec-
18 retary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
19 sional committees a report that—

20 (1) outlines the monitoring and evaluation
21 tools, mechanisms, and common indicators estab-
22 lished under section 7 to assess progress made on
23 the objectives of the NAP;

24 (2) summarizes United States diplomatic efforts
25 and foreign assistance programs, projects, and ac-

1 tivities to promote women's meaningful inclusion
2 and participation; and
3 (3) summarizes and evaluates the impact of the
4 NAP initiatives.

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