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To revise and improve authorities relating to international security assistance,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. ROYCE of California 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “International Security Assistance Act of 2018”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—MILITARY ASSISTANCE

Sec. 101. Modification of purposes for which military sales by the United
States are authorized.

Sec. 102. Return of defense articles.

- Sec. 103. Requirements relating to exemptions for licensing of defense items.
- Sec. 104. Amendment to general provisions.
- Sec. 105. Technical amendments to Arms Export Control Act.
- Sec. 106. Sense of Congress on licensing under United States arms export control programs.
- Sec. 107. Coordination of export controls.
- Sec. 108. Extension of war reserve stockpile authority.
- Sec. 109. Peacekeeping operations and other national security programs.
- Sec. 110. Other amendments to military assistance authorities.
- Sec. 111. Transfer of excess naval vessel to Bahrain.

TITLE II—SECURITY ASSISTANCE REFORM

- Sec. 201. List of priority countries for security assistance.
- Sec. 202. Coordinator for security assistance in priority countries.
- Sec. 203. Policies and guidance for regional bureaus of the Department of State.
- Sec. 204. Office for Security Assistance in the Department of State.
- Sec. 205. Database for security assistance.
- Sec. 206. Notification of chief of mission concurrence for support of special operations to combat terrorism.
- Sec. 207. Definitions.

TITLE III—MODIFICATIONS OF AUTHORITIES THAT PROVIDE FOR RESCISSION OF DETERMINATIONS OF COUNTRIES AS STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM

- Sec. 301. Modifications of authorities that provide for rescission of determinations of countries as state sponsors of terrorism.

- 1 TITLE I—MILITARY ASSISTANCE**
- 2 SEC. 101. MODIFICATION OF PURPOSES FOR WHICH MILITARY SALES BY THE UNITED STATES ARE AUTHORIZED.**
 - 5 Section 4 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2754) is amended in the first sentence by striking “internal security” and inserting “legitimate internal security (including for anti-terrorism purposes)”.
 - 9 SEC. 102. RETURN OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.
 - 10 Section 21(m)(1)(B) of the Arms Export Control Act
 - 11 (22 U.S.C. 2761(m)(1)(B)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(B) is not” and inserting
2 “(B)(i) is not”;
3 (2) by striking “; and” and inserting “; or”;
4 and
5 (3) by adding at the end the following:
6 “(ii) is significant military equipment (as
7 defined in section 47(9) of this Act) and the
8 Secretary of State has provided prior approval
9 of the return of such defense article from the
10 foreign country or international organization;
11 and”.

12 **SEC. 103. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FOR**
13 **LICENSING OF DEFENSE ITEMS.**

14 Section 38(j) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
15 U.S.C. 2778(j)) is amended—

16 (1) in the subsection heading—
17 (A) by striking “COUNTRY”; and
18 (B) by striking “TO FOREIGN COUN-
19 TRIES”;
20 (2) in paragraph (1)(A)—
21 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i)—
22 (i) by striking “a foreign country”
23 and inserting “the North Atlantic Treaty
24 Organization, any member country of that

Organization, the Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, or Israel”;

(ii) by inserting “(except that the President may not so exempt such Organization, member country, or other country that is not eligible to acquire defense items under any other provision of law)” after “with respect to exports of defense items”; and

(iii) by striking “the foreign country” and inserting “such Organization, member country, or other country”; and

(B) in clause (ii)—

(i) by striking “the foreign country” and inserting “such Organization, member country, or other country”; and

(ii) by striking “under their domestic laws”;

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause

(I) by striking “, at a min-

(II) by striking “the foreign country” and inserting “the Organization, member country, or other country referred to in paragraph (1)”;

(III) by striking “to revise its policies and practices, and promulgate or enact necessary modifications to its laws and regulations”;

(ii) in clause (i), by striking “the former country” and inserting “such Organisation, member country, or other country”;

(iii) in clause (ii), by striking “re-transfer control commitments, including securing” and inserting “retransfer controls that secure”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause

(i) —

(I) by striking “, at a minimum,”;

(II) by striking “the foreign country” and inserting “the Organization, member country, or other country referred to in paragraph (1)”; and

8 (4) in paragraph (3)—

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “that foreign country” and inserting “such Organization, member country, or other country”;

16 (C) in subparagraph (B)—

25 (D) in subparagraph (C)—

14 SEC. 104. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PROVISIONS.

15 Section 42(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
16 U.S.C. 2791(a)) is amended in the first sentence by insert-
17 ing “on a competitive basis” after “procurement in the
18 United States”.

19 SEC. 105. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO ARMS EXPORT
20 CONTROL ACT.

21 (a) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO SALES FROM
22 STOCKS.—Section 21(e)(3) of the Arms Export Control
23 Act (22 U.S.C. 2761(e)(3)) is amended—
24 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (B) in clause (i), by striking “support
7 partnership agreement” and inserting “support
8 or procurement partnership agreement”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (C)(i), in the matter pre-

(B) by striking “weapon system partnership agreement” and inserting “support or procurement partnership agreement”.

19 (b) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO REPORTS.—Section
20 36(b)(6) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
21 2776(b)(6)) is amended by inserting “the North Atlantic
22 Treaty Organization or” before “a member country”.

1 **SEC. 106. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LICENSING UNDER**
2 **UNITED STATES ARMS EXPORT CONTROL**
3 **PROGRAMS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that, in implementing re-
5 forms of United States arms export control programs, the
6 President should prioritize the development of a new
7 framework to improve and streamline licensing under such
8 programs, including by seeking to revise the Special Com-
9 prehensive Export Authorizations for the North Atlantic
10 Treaty Organization, any member country of that Organi-
11 zation, or any other country described in section
12 36(c)(2)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
13 2776(c)(2)(A)) under section 126.14 of title 15, Code of
14 Federal Regulations (relating to the International Traffic
15 in Arms Regulations).

16 **SEC. 107. COORDINATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The delegation of functions by the
18 President under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
19 2751 et seq.) to the Secretary of State should be exercised
20 in a manner so as to achieve effective coordination with
21 the export authorities exercised by the heads of other Fed-
22 eral departments and agencies, particularly the Secretary
23 of Commerce.

24 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress
26 that, in order to achieve the effective coordination

1 described in subsection (a), the Secretary of State
2 and the Secretary of Commerce should regularly
3 work to—

4 (A) reduce the complexity of the export
5 control authorities exercised by each Secretary;
6 and

7 (B) coordinate the exercise of such export
8 control authorities with respect to items de-
9 scribed in paragraph (2) in order to reduce as
10 much unnecessary administrative burden as
11 possible.

12 (2) ITEMS DESCRIBED.—The items described in
13 this paragraph are—

14 (A) items exported, reexported, or trans-
15 ferred to third parties;

16 (B) items exported, reexported, trans-
17 ferred, or returned to the United States in con-
18 nection with foreign military sales under chap-
19 ter 2 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
20 U.S.C. 2761 et seq.), including—

21 (i) defense articles that are not des-
22 ignated on the United States Munitions
23 List; and

24 (ii) items subject to the Export Ad-
25 ministration Regulations; and

(C) items designated on the United States
Munitions List.

3 SEC. 108. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVE STOCKPILE AU-
4 THORITY.

5 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS
6 ACT, 2005.—Section 12001(d) of the Department of De-
7 fense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287;
8 118 Stat. 1011) is amended by striking “2018” and in-
9 serting “2019”.

10 (b) STOCKPILING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR FOR-
11 EIGN COUNTRIES.—Section 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign
12 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is
13 amended by striking “and 2018” and inserting “2018,
14 and 2019”.

15 SEC. 109. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND OTHER NA-
16 TIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

17 (a) AUTHORITY.—

(B) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(b) Assistance authorized to be appropriated under
2 this chapter may also be used to provide assistance to en-
3 hance the capacity of foreign civilian security forces, in-
4 cluding gendarmes, including to participate in peace-
5 keeping operations.

6 “(c) Assistance authorized to be appropriated under
7 this chapter to provide assistance to friendly countries for
8 purposes other than support for multilateral peacekeeping
9 operations shall be subject to the requirements of section
10 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).”.

11 (2) DISARMAMENT AND REINTEGRATION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
13 other provision of law, funds authorized to be
14 appropriated under any provision of law for
15 peacekeeping operations may be made available
16 to support programs to disarm, demobilize, and
17 reintegrate into civilian society former members
18 of foreign terrorist organizations.

19 (B) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of
20 State shall consult with the appropriate con-
21 gressional committees prior to obligating or ex-
22 pending funds pursuant to this any provision of
23 law described in subparagraph (A).

24 (C) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
25 term “foreign terrorist organization” means an

1 organization designated as a terrorist organiza-
2 tion under section 219(a) of the Immigration
3 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)).

4 (b) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of State shall no-
5 tify the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
6 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations
7 of the Senate at least 15 days prior to obligating funds
8 under any provision of law for peacekeeping operations.

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for
10 chapter 6 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
11 (22 U.S.C. 2348 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
12 the following: “AND OTHER NATIONAL SECURITY PRO-
13 GRAMS”

14 SEC. 110. OTHER AMENDMENTS TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE

15 AUTHORITIES.

16 The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended as
17 follows:

21 (2) In section 516 (22 U.S.C. 2321j)—

22 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “coun-
23 tries” and inserting “countries, regional organi-
24 zations, and international organizations”;

4 (C) in subsection (c)—

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “other countries” and inserting “other countries or organizations”;

11 (D) in subsection (f)(2)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
13 “country” and inserting “country or orga-
14 nization”; and

18 (E) in subsection (h), by striking “coun-
try” and inserting “country and organization”.
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1 (4) In section 656(a)(1) (22 U.S.C.
2 2416(a)(1)), by striking "January 31" and inserting
3 "March 1".

4 **SEC. 111. TRANSFER OF EXCESS NAVAL VESSEL TO BAH-**
5 **RAIN.**

6 (a) TRANSFER BY SALE.—The President is author-
7 ized to transfer to the Government of Bahrain the OLI-
8 VER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigate USS
9 ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49) on a sale basis under
10 section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
11 2761).

12 (b) COSTS OF TRANSFER.—Any expense incurred by
13 the United States in connection with the transfer author-
14 ized by this section shall be charged to the Government
15 of Bahrain notwithstanding section 516(e) of the Foreign
16 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)).

17 (c) REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED
18 STATES SHIPYARDS.—To the maximum extent prac-
19 ticable, the President shall require, as a condition of the
20 transfer of a vessel under this section, that the Govern-
21 ment of Bahrain have such repair or refurbishment of the
22 vessel as is needed, before the vessel joins the naval forces
23 of that country, performed at a shipyard located in the
24 United States, including a United States Navy shipyard.

1 (d) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to
2 transfer a vessel under this section shall expire at the end
3 of the three-year period beginning on the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act.

5 **TITLE II—SECURITY**
6 **ASSISTANCE REFORM**

7 **SEC. 201. LIST OF PRIORITY COUNTRIES FOR SECURITY AS-**
8 **SISTANCE.**

9 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that United States security assistance is a critically
11 important tool of United States foreign policy and the Sec-
12 retary of State, acting under the direction of the Presi-
13 dent, should set foreign security assistance policy prior-
14 ities related to United States security assistance.

15 (b) LIST.—The Secretary of State, in consultation
16 with the Secretary of Defense and the heads of other ap-
17 propriate Federal departments and agencies, shall include
18 in the annual congressional budget justification of the De-
19 partment of State a list that—

20 (1) those foreign countries identified by the
21 Secretary of State as priority countries to receive se-
22 curity assistance; and

23 (2) indicates for each country identified under
24 paragraph (1) the policy objectives that the Sec-

1 retary of State seeks to achieve with respect to the
2 provision of such assistance.

3 **SEC. 202. COORDINATOR FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN**
4 **PRIORITY COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall des-
6 ignate an appropriately senior individual or individuals as-
7 signed to an appropriate diplomatic or consular post in
8 each foreign country identified on the list required under
9 section 201(b) to be responsible for—

10 (1) tracking, reporting on, and coordinating se-
11 curity assistance and related policy for the foreign
12 country; and

13 (2) assisting in and ensuring implementation of
14 section 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
15 (22 U.S.C. 2378d) and section 362 of title 10,
16 United States Code.

17 (b) TRAINING.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
19 ensure that each individual designated under sub-
20 section (a) receives the specialized training described
21 in paragraph (2) to prepare such individual to carry
22 out the duties described in paragraphs (1) and (2)
23 of subsection (a).

24 (2) TRAINING DESCRIBED.—The Secretary of
25 State shall establish curriculum at the George P.

1 Schultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center to
2 provide specialized training for individuals des-
3 gnated under subsection (a) to develop policy exper-
4 tise relating to security assistance, including—

5 (A) awareness of the full range of agencies,
6 offices, personnel, congressional authorities and
7 funds, and programs involved in security assist-
8 ance and the respective decision-making
9 timelines;

10 (B) familiarity with models of military and
11 police security force systems and basic knowl-
12 edge of structures and forces of the region to
13 which the individual is deployed; and

14 (C) familiarity with security assistance re-
15 form and United States interagency and exter-
16 nal resources and experts.

17 (3) COORDINATION.—The curriculum estab-
18 lished pursuant to paragraph (2) should be provided
19 in coordination with the Defense Security Coopera-
20 tion Agency's Defense Institute of Security Coopera-
21 tion Studies.

22 **SEC. 203. POLICIES AND GUIDANCE FOR REGIONAL BU-**
23 **REAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

24 (a) POLICIES AND GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of
25 State shall establish policies and guidance for each re-

1 gional bureau of the Department of State to coordinate
2 security assistance and related policy for foreign countries
3 identified on the list required under section 201(b).

4 (b) COORDINATOR FOR REGIONAL BUREAU.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The assistant secretary for
6 each regional bureau of the Department of State
7 should designate an individual who is an officer of
8 the regional bureau to be responsible for coordi-
9 nating security assistance and related policy within
10 the responsibilities of such regional bureau, includ-
11 ing the integration of the foreign security assistance
12 policy priorities established by the Secretary of
13 State, acting under the direction of the President.

14 (2) TRAINING.—The assistant secretary for
15 each regional bureau of the Department of State
16 should ensure that each individual designated under
17 paragraph (1) for such regional bureau receives the
18 specialized training described in section 2(b) to pre-
19 pare such individual to carry out the duties de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1).

21 **SEC. 204. OFFICE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN THE DE-**
22 **PARTMENT OF STATE.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of State shall des-
24 ignate an office in the Department of State, to be known

1 as the Office for Security Assistance, to serve as a central
2 coordinating point for security assistance.

3 (b) PERSONNEL.—The Office of Security Assistance
4 should include knowledgeable personnel who, as necessary,
5 are detailed from within the Department of State's rel-
6 evant functional bureaus and personnel from the United
7 States Agency for International Development and other
8 relevant Federal departments and agencies.

9 (c) DUTIES.—The Office for Security Assistance
10 shall—

11 (1) create, respond to, and coordinate security
12 assistance strategies and plans, particularly in sup-
13 port of development of interagency country strate-
14 gies by United States embassies and regular plan-
15 ning by regional bureaus of the Department of
16 State;

17 (2) maintain awareness of security assistance
18 programs administered by the Department of State,
19 the United States Agency for International Develop-
20 ment, and other Federal departments and agencies,
21 including managing the Department of State's re-
22 view and concurrence process under section 333 of
23 title 10, United States Code.

1 (3) convene appropriate offices and personnel
2 required for working-level interagency coordination;
3 and

4 (4) ensure awareness of and making use of best
5 practices in the design, implementation, monitoring
6 and evaluation of security assistance.

7 (d) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of this section
8 shall not apply if the Secretary of State certifies to the
9 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
10 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
11 ate that the Department of State has established an alter-
12 native mechanism for the effective coordination of security
13 assistance. Such certification shall describe such alter-
14 native mechanism to achieve the objectives described in
15 this section.

16 **SEC. 205. DATABASE FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President should seek to en-
18 sure that the Department of State, the Department of De-
19 fense, and other appropriate Federal agencies are able to
20 share a common database of information that permits the
21 identification of security assistance programs and funding
22 by country.

23 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
25 of the United States shall submit to the appropriate con-

1 gressional committees a report that assesses existing bar-
2 riers to data sharing and exchanges that would assist in
3 planning, assessing, and tracking security assistance.

4 **SEC. 206. NOTIFICATION OF CHIEF OF MISSION CONCUR-**
5 **RENCE FOR SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OPER-**
6 **ATIONS TO COMBAT TERRORISM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall pro-
8 vide to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
9 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
10 tions of the Senate written notice when a chief of mission
11 has exercised concurrence with respect to the exercise of
12 authority to provide support of special operations to com-
13 bat terrorism, including, at a minimum, identification of
14 the relevant country.

15 (b) BRIEFINGS.—Upon the request of a committee
16 specified in subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall
17 provide to such committee a briefing regarding matters
18 within the competence of the Department of State related
19 to the concurrence described in such subsection.

20 **SEC. 207. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this title:

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

1 (A) means the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
2 of Representatives; and
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4 (B) the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.
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6 (2) SECURITY ASSISTANCE.—The term “security assistance” means—
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8 (A) assistance under chapter 8 (relating to international narcotics control) of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961;
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10 (B) assistance under chapter 2 (military assistance), chapter 5 (international military education and training), chapter 6 (peacekeeping operations), chapter 8 (antiterrorism assistance), and chapter 9 (nonproliferation and export control assistance) of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961;
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12 (C) assistance under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (relating to the Foreign Military Financing program); or
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14 (D) sales of defense articles or defense services, extensions of credits (including partici-
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1 pations in credits), and guaranties of loans
2 under the Arms Export Control Act.

3 **TITLE III—MODIFICATIONS OF**
4 **AUTHORITIES THAT PROVIDE**
5 **FOR RESCISSION OF DETER-**
6 **MINATIONS OF COUNTRIES**
7 **AS STATE SPONSORS OF TER-**
8 **RORISM**

9 **SEC. 301. MODIFICATIONS OF AUTHORITIES THAT PROVIDE**
10 **FOR RESCISSION OF DETERMINATIONS OF**
11 **COUNTRIES AS STATE SPONSORS OF TER-**
12 **RORISM.**

13 (a) PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS
14 SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.—Section
15 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
16 2371) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (c)(2)—
18 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
19 (A), by striking “45 days” and inserting “90
20 days”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “6-
22 month period” and inserting “24-month pe-
23 riod”;

24 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
25 section (e);

(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

3 “(d) DISAPPROVAL OF RESCISSION.—No rescission
4 under subsection (c)(2) of a determination under sub-
5 section (a) with respect to the government of a country
6 may be made if the Congress, within 90 days after receipt
7 of a report under subsection (c)(2), enacts a joint resolu-
8 tion described in subsection (f)(2) of section 40 of the
9 Arms Export Control Act with respect to a rescission
10 under subsection (f)(1) of such section of a determination
11 under subsection (d) of such section with respect to the
12 government of such country.”;

17 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section:

19 "(f) NOTIFICATION AND BRIEFING.—Not later
20 than—

21 “(1) ten days after initiating a review of the ac-
22 tivities of the government of the country concerned
23 within the 24-month period referred to in subsection
24 (c)(2)(A), the President, acting through the Sec-
25 retary of State, shall notify the Committee on For-

1 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of
3 such initiation; and

4 “(2) 20 days after the notification described in
5 paragraph (1), the President, acting through the
6 Secretary of State, shall brief such committees on
7 the status of such review.”.

8 (b) ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.—Section 40 of the
9 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (f)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

12 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
13 by striking “45 days” and inserting “90
14 days”; and

15 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “6-month
16 period” and inserting “24-month period”;
17 and

18 (B) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
20 “45 days” and inserting “90 days”; and

21 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
22 “45-day period” and inserting “90-day pe-
23 riod”;

1 (2) in subsection (g), in the matter preceding
2 paragraph (1), by striking “may waive” and inserting
3 “may, on a case-by-case basis, waive”;

4 (3) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection
5 (m); and

6 (4) by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(l) NOTIFICATION AND BRIEFING.—Not later
9 than—

10 “(1) ten days after initiating a review of the ac-
11 tivities of the government of the country concerned
12 within the 24-month period referred to in subsection
13 (f)(1)(B)(i), the President, acting through the Sec-
14 retary of State, shall notify the Committee on For-
15 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of
17 such initiation; and

18 “(2) 20 days after the notification described in
19 paragraph (1), the President, acting through the
20 Secretary of State, shall brief such committees on
21 the status of such review.”.

