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To require a National Diplomacy and Development Strategy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To require a National Diplomacy and Development Strategy.

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 “National Diplomacy
5 and Development Strategy Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DIPLOMACY AND DEVELOPMENT STRAT-**
7 **EGY.**

8 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

9 (1) INITIAL STRATEGY.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ad-

1 ministrator of the United States Agency for
2 International Development and the heads of
3 other relevant Federal departments and agen-
4 cies, shall submit to Congress a comprehensive
5 report on the national diplomacy and develop-
6 ment strategy (NDDS) of the United States.

7 (B) USE OF QDDR.—For the purposes of
8 fulfilling the requirement under subparagraph
9 (A), the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Develop-
10 ment Review of 2015 may be used to inform
11 the development of the NDDS.

12 (2) SUBSEQUENT STRATEGIES.—Beginning in
13 the year after the initial NDDS report is submitted
14 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State, in con-
15 sultation with the Administrator of the United
16 States Agency for International Development and
17 the heads of other relevant Federal departments and
18 agencies, shall submit an NDDS report—

19 (A) in any year in which a new President
20 is inaugurated, not later than October 1; and

21 (B) in any other year, not later than 90
22 days after the development of a new National
23 Security Strategy Report.

24 (b) CONTENT.—Each NDDS report required under
25 subsection (a) shall set forth the national diplomacy and

1 development strategy of the United States and shall, at
2 a minimum, include a comprehensive description and dis-
3 cussion of the following matters:

4 (1) The leading worldwide interests and objec-
5 tives of the United States, categorized as vital, high-
6 ly important, or important, in accordance with cat-
7 egories defined by the Secretary in order to delineate
8 a clear prioritization of the United States interests
9 and objectives.

10 (2) The leading threats, challenges, and oppor-
11 tunities associated with these interests and objec-
12 tives, including—

13 (A) an assessment of the severity and like-
14 lihood of the threats, explicitly linking each
15 threat to a vital, highly important, or important
16 national interest or objective;

17 (B) an assessment of the nature of the
18 challenges and how each challenge will evolve if
19 left unaddressed; and

20 (C) an assessment of the opportunities and
21 associated potential benefits to United States
22 interests or objectives.

23 (3) An overview of the diplomatic and develop-
24 ment tools and sources of leverage necessary to ad-
25 dress or minimize the leading threats and challenges

1 and to take advantage of the leading opportunities,
2 including an assessment of whether the United
3 States Government possesses those tools or sources
4 of leverage and—

5 (A) for each threat, challenge, or oppor-
6 tunity that the Secretary assesses the United
7 States Government lacks sufficient tools or
8 sources of leverage to address, minimize, or
9 take advantage of, a detailed plan to develop or
10 improve these tools and sources of leverage; and

11 (B) an identification of key existing or
12 needed military, economic, informational, or in-
13 telligence tools or sources of leverage outside
14 the Department of State that are critical to the
15 successful implementation of the NDDS.

16 (4) A plan to utilize available diplomatic and
17 development tools or sources of leverage to address
18 or minimize the leading threats and challenges and
19 to take advantage of the leading opportunities, in-
20 cluding—

21 (A) a discussion of the optimal allocation
22 of finite resources and identification of the risks
23 associated with that allocation;

24 (B) diplomatic and development regional
25 bureau sub-plans, incorporating feedback from

1 the functional bureaus, that seek to promote
2 the national interests and objectives in each re-
3 spective worldwide region, including a descrip-
4 tion of key priorities and tasks for United
5 States missions within the region and how indi-
6 vidual missions will work together to support
7 the regional and international plan;

8 (C) a description of—

9 (i) how the NDDS is integrated and
10 coordinated with the current National De-
11 fense Strategy (as required by section 941
12 of the National Defense Authorization Act
13 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–
14 328)); and

15 (ii) how the NDDS supports the na-
16 tional security strategy (as described in
17 section 108 of the National Security Act of
18 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3043));

19 (D) an identification of relationships and
20 contributions of other United States depart-
21 ments or agencies that are key to the fulfill-
22 ment of the plan;

23 (E) an identification of the desired role of
24 allied or partner nations and a diplomatic plan

1 to encourage their cooperation in executing the
2 NDDS; and

3 (F) an identification of the desired role of
4 select international organizations, and a diplo-
5 matic plan to encourage their cooperation in
6 executing the NDDS.

7 (5) An identification of any additional resources
8 or statutory authorizations necessary from Congress
9 to implement the NDDS.

10 (6) Such other information as may be necessary
11 to help inform Congress on matters relating to the
12 NDDS.

13 (c) REPORT.—Each NDDS report required under
14 this section shall be submitted to the appropriate congres-
15 sional committees in classified form with an unclassified
16 summary.

17 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
18 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations of
20 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
21 House of Representatives.

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