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To require a report on the activities and resources required to enhance security and economic partnerships between the United States and African countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Africa Foreign Rela-
5 tions, International Cooperation, and Assistance Act of
6 2020” or the “AFRICA Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON ENHANCING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN**
2 **THE UNITED STATES AND AFRICAN COUN-**
3 **TRIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2021, the
5 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary
6 of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
7 committees a report on the activities and resources re-
8 quired to enhance security and economic partnerships be-
9 tween the United States and African countries.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
11 section (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) An assessment of the infrastructure acces-
13 sible to the Department of Defense on the continent
14 of Africa.

15 (2) An identification of the ability of the De-
16 partment to conduct freedom of movement on the
17 continent, including identifying the activities of part-
18 ners, allies, and other Federal departments and
19 agencies that are facilitated by the Department's
20 ability to conduct freedom of movement.

21 (3) Recommendations to meet the requirements
22 identified in paragraph (2), including—

23 (A) dual-use infrastructure projects;

24 (B) military construction;

25 (C) the acquisition of additional mobility
26 capability by African countries or the United

1 States Armed Forces, including strategic air
2 lift, tactical air lift, or sealift capability; or

3 (D) any other option as determined by the
4 Secretary.

5 (4) Recommendations to expand and strengthen
6 partner and ally capability, including traditional ac-
7 tivities of the combatant commands, train and equip
8 opportunities, partnerships with the National Guard
9 and the United States Coast Guard, and multilateral
10 contributions.

11 (5) Recommendations for enhancing joint exer-
12 cises and training.

13 (6) An analysis of the security, economic, and
14 stability benefits of the recommendations identified
15 under paragraphs (3) through (5).

16 (7)(A) A plan to fully resource United States
17 force posture, capabilities, and stability operations,
18 including—

19 (i) a detailed assessment of the re-
20 sources required to address the elements
21 described in paragraphs (2) through (5),
22 including specific cost estimates for rec-
23 ommended investments or projects; and

1 (ii) a detailed timeline to achieve the
2 recommendations described in paragraphs
3 (2) through (4).

4 (B) The specific cost estimates required by
5 subparagraph (A)(i) shall, to the maximum ex-
6 tent practicable, include the following:

7 (i) With respect to procurement ac-
8 counts—

9 (I) amounts displayed by ac-
10 count, budget activity, line number,
11 line item, and line item title; and

12 (II) a description of the require-
13 ments for each such amount.

14 (ii) With respect to research, develop-
15 ment, test, and evaluation accounts—

16 (I) amounts displayed by ac-
17 count, budget activity, line number,
18 program element, and program ele-
19 ment title; and

20 (II) a description of the require-
21 ments for each such amount.

22 (iii) With respect to operation and
23 maintenance accounts—

1 (I) amounts displayed by account
2 title, budget activity title, line num-
3 ber, and subactivity group title; and

4 (II) a description of the specific
5 manner in which each such amount
6 would be used.

7 (iv) With respect to military personnel
8 accounts—

9 (I) amounts displayed by ac-
10 count, budget activity, budget sub-
11 activity, and budget subactivity title;
12 and

13 (II) a description of the require-
14 ments for each such amount.

15 (v) With respect to each project under
16 military construction accounts (including
17 unspecified minor military construction
18 and amounts for planning and design), the
19 country, location, project title, and project
20 amount for each fiscal year.

21 (vi) With respect to any expenditure
22 or proposed appropriation not described in
23 clauses (i) through (iv), a level of detail
24 equivalent or greater than the level of de-
25 tail provided in the future-years defense

1 program submitted pursuant to section
2 221(a) of title 10, United States Code.

3 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In preparing the report re-
4 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
5 sider—

6 (1) the economic development and stability of
7 African countries;

8 (2) the strategic and economic value of the rela-
9 tionships between the United States and African
10 countries;

11 (3) the military, intelligence, diplomatic, devel-
12 opmental, and humanitarian efforts of China and
13 Russia on the African continent; and

14 (4) the ability of the United States, allies, and
15 partners to combat violent extremist organizations
16 operating in Africa.

17 (d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
18 may be submitted in classified form, but shall include an
19 unclassified summary.

20 (e) INTERIM BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than
21 April 15, 2021, the Secretary of Defense (acting through
22 the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Under Sec-
23 retary of Defense (Comptroller), and the Director of Cost
24 Assessment and Program Evaluation) and the Chairman
25 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall provide to the congres-

1 sional defense committees a joint interim briefing, and any
 2 written comments the Secretary of Defense and the Chair-
 3 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider necessary, with
 4 respect to their assessments of the report anticipated to
 5 be submitted under subsection (a).

6 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) DUAL-USE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

8 The term “dual-use infrastructure projects” means
 9 projects that may be used for either military or civil-
 10 ian purposes.

11 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-

12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
 13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the congressional defense committees;

15 and

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of

17 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-

18 fairs of the House of Representatives.

19 **SEC. 3. EXPANDING THE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**
 20 **IN AFRICA.**

21 The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the
 22 Chief of the National Guard Bureau, shall seek to build
 23 partner capacity and interoperability in the United States
 24 Africa Command area of responsibility through increased
 25 partnerships with countries on the African continent, mili-

- 1 tary-to-military engagements, and traditional activities of
- 2 the combatant commands.

