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To support the advancement of inclusive economic growth, democratic governance, peace, and security in Colombia, and for other purposes.

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

A BILL

To support the advancement of inclusive economic growth,
democratic governance, peace, and security in Colombia,
and for other purposes.

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 “United States-Colombia Strategic Alliance Act of 2022”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Designation of Colombia as a major non-NATO ally.

TITLE I—SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Sec. 101. Colombian-American Enterprise Fund.
- Sec. 102. Strategy for promoting and strengthening nearshoring in the Western Hemisphere.
- Sec. 103. United States-Colombia Labor Compact.
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- Sec. 105. Increasing English language proficiency.
- Sec. 106. Partnership for STEM education.
- Sec. 107. Supporting women entrepreneurs.
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- Sec. 201. Supporting peace and justice.
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- Sec. 204. Protecting human rights defenders.

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- Sec. 301. Establishment of United States-Colombia security consultative committee.
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- Sec. 304. Counternarcotics and rural security strategy.
- Sec. 305. Classified report on the malicious activities of state actors in the Andean region.

TITLE IV—PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

- Sec. 401. Protecting tropical forests.
- Sec. 402. Public-private partnership to build responsible gold value chains.
- Sec. 403. Supporting the protected areas of Colombia.

TITLE V—ADDRESSING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

- Sec. 501. Colombia Relief and Development Coherence Strategy.
- Sec. 502. Senior Humanitarian Coordinator.
- Sec. 503. Support for establishment of assisted voluntary return and reintegration programming.
- Sec. 504. Assessment of healthcare infrastructure needs in rural areas.
- Sec. 505. Strategy for refugee resettlement in the Western Hemisphere.

TITLE VI—GLOBAL ISSUES

- Sec. 601. Authorities related to counternarcotics.
- Sec. 602. Ensuring the integrity of communications cooperation.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

- 3 (1) On June 19, 2022, the United States and
- 4 Colombia will celebrate 200 years of formal diplo-

1 matic relations, commemorating the United States
2 Congress' recognition of the independence of Colom-
3 bia.

4 (2) On May 15, 2022, the United States and
5 Colombia will celebrate 10 years since the entry into
6 force of the United States-Colombia Trade Pro-
7 motion Agreement, which has contributed to eco-
8 nomic growth in both the United States and Colom-
9 bia.

10 (3) On July 13, 2000, the United States and
11 Colombia launched Plan Colombia, an ambitious bi-
12 lateral strategy that strengthened Colombia's insti-
13 tutions and capacity to combat drug trafficking, or-
14 ganized crime, and violence, and promote rule of
15 law.

16 (4) On February 4, 2016, the United States
17 and Colombia launched a new chapter in bilateral
18 security cooperation between the two countries
19 through the announcement of Peace Colombia, the
20 successor strategy to Plan Colombia aimed at sup-
21 porting Colombia's consolidation of peace, demo-
22 cratic governance, and security.

23 (5) To implement Plan Colombia and its suc-
24 cessor strategies, the United States Congress has
25 appropriated more than \$12,000,000,000 since

1 2000. The Government of Colombia has contributed
2 more than 90 percent of the total costs of the imple-
3 mentation of Plan Colombia.

4 (6) Increased military and security cooperation
5 through Plan Colombia and Peace Colombia has
6 helped Colombia expand and professionalize its po-
7 lice and armed forces.

8 (7) The United States and Colombia have en-
9 tered into formal partnerships with governments
10 throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to bol-
11 ster hemispheric security cooperation through the
12 United States-Colombia Action Plan on Regional Se-
13 curity Cooperation (USCAP).

14 (8) In May 2017, Colombia became the first
15 Latin American partner of the North Atlantic Trea-
16 ty Organization.

17 (9) Colombia is the second most biodiverse
18 country on Earth and is home to 10 percent of the
19 world's flora and fauna.

20 (10) Colombia hosts more than 1,800,000 refu-
21 gees from Venezuela. In addition, Colombia has a
22 population of 8,100,000 registered victims of inter-
23 nal displacement since 1985.

24 (11) Colombia is the United States third-largest
25 trade partner in Latin America, with United States

1 goods and services trade with Colombia totaling an
2 estimated \$40,700,000,000 in 2019.

3 (12) The Government of Colombia is a strong
4 advocate for democratic governance in Latin Amer-
5 ica and the Caribbean, publicly condemning ongoing
6 violations of civil liberties and human rights in
7 Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.

8 (13) The Government of Colombia has been an
9 active participant in global peacekeeping and
10 peacebuilding missions, including the United Nations
11 Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), the
12 United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in
13 Sierra Leone (UNOSIL), and the Multinational
14 Force and Observers in the Sinai, since 1979.

15 (14) In February 2021, Colombian President
16 Ivan Duque announced he would grant temporary
17 protected status to nearly 1,800,000 Venezuelan ref-
18 ugees in the country.

19 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF COLOMBIA AS A MAJOR NON-**
20 **NATO ALLY.**

21 Section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
22 (22 U.S.C. 2321k) is amended by adding at the end the
23 following new subsection:

24 “(c) ADDITIONAL DESIGNATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of the
 2 enactment of the United States-Colombia Strategic
 3 Alliance Act of 2022, Colombia is designated as a
 4 major non-NATO ally for purposes of this Act, the
 5 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.),
 6 and section 2350a of title 10, United States Code.

7 “(2) NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF DESIGNA-
 8 TION.—The President shall notify Congress in ac-
 9 cordance with subsection (a)(2) before terminating
 10 the designation of a country specified in paragraph
 11 (1).”.

12 **TITLE I—SUPPORTING** 13 **INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

14 **SEC. 101. COLOMBIAN-AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FUND.**

15 (a) DESIGNATION.—The President shall designate a
 16 private, nonprofit organization (to be known as the “Co-
 17 lombian-American Enterprise Fund”) to receive funds and
 18 support made available under this section after deter-
 19 mining that such organization has been designated for the
 20 purposes specified in subsection (b). The President shall
 21 make such designation only after consultation with the
 22 leadership of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
 23 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 24 House of Representatives.

1 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are
2 the purposes described in section 1421(g)(3) of the
3 BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(g)(3)).

4 (c) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

5 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Colombian-American
6 Enterprise Fund shall be governed by a Board of
7 Directors pursuant to paragraphs (5) and (6) of sec-
8 tion 1421(g) of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
9 9621(g)).

10 (2) UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIAISON TO
11 THE BOARD.—The President shall appoint the
12 United States Ambassador to Colombia, or the Am-
13 bassador’s designee, as a liaison to the Board. The
14 liaison appointed under this paragraph shall not
15 have any voting authority.

16 (3) NONGOVERNMENT LIAISONS TO THE
17 BOARD.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Upon the recommenda-
19 tion of the Board of Directors, the President
20 may appoint up to 2 additional liaisons to the
21 Board of Directors in addition to the liaison
22 specified in paragraph (2), of which not more
23 than 1 may be a noncitizen of the United
24 States. A liaison appointed under this subpara-
25 graph shall not have any voting authority.

1 (B) NGO COMMUNITY.—One of the addi-
2 tional liaisons to the Board should be from the
3 nongovernmental organization community, with
4 significant prior experience in development fi-
5 nancing and an understanding of development
6 policy priorities for Colombia.

7 (C) TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.—One of the
8 additional liaisons to the Board should have ex-
9 tensive demonstrated industry, sector, or tech-
10 nical experience and expertise in a priority in-
11 vestment sector described in subsection (e) for
12 the Colombia-American Enterprise Fund.

13 (d) GRANTS.—The President is authorized to use
14 \$200,000,000 in funds appropriated by any Act, in this
15 fiscal year or prior fiscal years, making appropriations for
16 the Department of State, foreign operations, and related
17 programs, including funds previously obligated, that are
18 otherwise available for such purposes, notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law—

20 (1) to carry out the purposes set forth in sub-
21 section (b) through the Colombian-American Enter-
22 prise Fund in accordance with section 1421(g)(4)(A)
23 of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
24 9621(g)(4)(A)); and

1 (2) to pay for the administrative expenses of
2 the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund, in ac-
3 cordance with the limitation under section
4 1421(g)(4)(B) of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22
5 U.S.C. 9621(g)(4)(B)).

6 (e) PRIORITIZATION.—In carrying out the purposes
7 of the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund described in
8 subsection (b), the Board of Directors shall not be prohib-
9 ited from making investments, grants, and expenditures
10 in any economic sector, but shall prioritize such activities
11 in the following sectors:

12 (1) Not less than 35 percent of the investments,
13 grants, and expenditures of the Colombian-American
14 Enterprise Fund shall go to projects and activities
15 of small and medium-sized businesses in Colombia
16 working to close the digital divide, enabling digital
17 transformation, and developing and applying ad-
18 vanced digital technologies, including big data, artifi-
19 cial intelligence, and the Internet of Things.

20 (2) Not less than 50 percent of the investments,
21 grants, and expenditures, of the Colombian-Amer-
22 ican Enterprise Fund shall go to small and medium-
23 sized businesses owned by women.

24 (3) Small and medium-sized businesses dedi-
25 cated to advancing the growth, sustainability, mod-

1 ernization, and formalization of Colombia's agri-
2 culture sector.

3 (f) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 15 days before
4 designating an organization to operate as the Colombia-
5 American Enterprise Fund pursuant to subsection (a), the
6 President shall notify the Chairmen and Ranking Mem-
7 bers of the appropriate congressional committees of—

8 (1) the identity of the organization to be des-
9 ignated to operate as the Colombian-American En-
10 terprise Fund;

11 (2) the names and qualifications of the individ-
12 uals who will comprise the initial Board of Directors;
13 and

14 (3) the amount of the grant intended to fund
15 the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund.

16 (g) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
17 designation of the Fund, and annually thereafter, the
18 President shall brief the appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees on—

20 (1) a summary of the Fund's beneficiaries;

21 (2) progress by the Fund in achieving the pur-
22 poses set forth in subsection (b);

23 (3) recommendations on how the Fund can bet-
24 ter achieve the purposes set forth in subsection (b);
25 and

1 (4) the reporting requirements described in sub-
2 section (h).

3 (h) COMPLIANCE.—The Colombian-American Enter-
4 prise Fund shall be subject to the reporting and oversight
5 requirements described in paragraphs (7) and (8) of sec-
6 tion 1421(g) of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
7 9621(g)), respectively.

8 (i) BEST PRACTICES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum extent
10 practicable, the Board of Directors of the Colum-
11 bian-American Enterprise Fund should adopt the
12 best practices and procedures used by other Amer-
13 ican Enterprise Funds, including those for which
14 funding has been made available pursuant to section
15 201 of the Support for East European Democracy
16 (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421).

17 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—In implementing this
18 section, the President shall ensure that the articles
19 of incorporation of the Colombia-American Enter-
20 prise Fund (including provisions specifying the re-
21 sponsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Fund)
22 and the terms of United States Government grant
23 agreements with the Fund are, to the maximum ex-
24 tent practicable, consistent with the articles of incor-
25 poration and the terms of grant agreements estab-

1 lished for other American Enterprise Funds, includ-
2 ing those established pursuant to section 201 of the
3 Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act
4 of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421) and comparable provisions
5 of law.

6 (j) RETURN OF FUNDS TO TREASURY.—Any funds
7 resulting from the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up
8 of the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund, in whole or
9 in part, shall be returned to the Treasury of the United
10 States.

11 (k) TERMINATION.—The Colombian-American En-
12 terprise Fund shall terminate on—

13 (1) the date that is 10 years after the date of
14 the first expenditure of amounts from the fund; or

15 (2) the date on which the fund is liquidated.

16 **SEC. 102. STRATEGY FOR PROMOTING AND STRENGTH-**
17 **ENING NEARSHORING IN THE WESTERN**
18 **HEMISPHERE.**

19 (a) STRATEGY.—The Secretary of State, in coordina-
20 tion with the United States Agency for International De-
21 velopment and the United States International Develop-
22 ment Finance Corporation, and the heads of all other rel-
23 evant Federal departments and agencies, shall develop and
24 implement a strategy to increase supply chain resiliency
25 and security by promoting and strengthening nearshoring

1 efforts to relocate supply chains from the People’s Repub-
2 lic of China to the Western Hemisphere.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
4 section (a) shall—

5 (1) be informed by consultations with—

6 (A) the governments of allies and partners
7 in the Western Hemisphere; and

8 (B) labor organizations, trade unions, and
9 companies and other private sector enterprises
10 in the United States;

11 (2) provide a description of how reshoring and
12 nearshoring initiatives can be pursued in a com-
13plementary fashion to strengthen United States na-
14tional interests;

15 (3) include an assessment of the status and ef-
16fectiveness of current efforts by regional govern-
17ments, multilateral development banks, and the pri-
18vate sector to promote nearshoring to the Western
19Hemisphere, major challenges hindering such ef-
20forts, and how the United States can strengthen the
21effectiveness of such efforts;

22 (4) identify countries within Latin America and
23the Caribbean with comparative advantages for
24sourcing and manufacturing critical goods and coun-
25tries with the greatest nearshoring opportunities;

1 (5) identify how activities by the United States
2 Agency for International Development and the
3 United States International Development Finance
4 Corporation can effectively be leveraged to strength-
5 en and promote nearshoring to Latin America and
6 the Caribbean;

7 (6) advance diplomatic initiatives to secure spe-
8 cific national commitments by governments in Latin
9 America and the Caribbean to undertake efforts to
10 create favorable conditions for nearshoring in the re-
11 gion, including commitments to develop formalized
12 national nearshoring strategies, address corruption
13 and rule of law concerns, modernize digital and
14 physical infrastructure, lower trade barriers, improve
15 ease of doing business, and finance and incentivize
16 nearshoring initiatives;

17 (7) advance diplomatic initiatives to harmonize
18 standards and regulations, expedite customs oper-
19 ations, and facilitate economic integration in the re-
20 gion; and

21 (8) develop and implement programs to finance,
22 incentivize, or otherwise promote nearshoring to the
23 Western Hemisphere in accordance with the findings
24 made pursuant to paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), in-
25 cluding, at minimum, programs to develop physical

1 and digital infrastructure, promote transparency in
2 procurement processes, provide technical assistance
3 in implementing national nearshoring strategies, mo-
4 bilize private investment, and secure commitments
5 by private entities to relocate supply chains from the
6 People’s Republic of China to the Western Hemi-
7 sphere.

8 (c) COORDINATION WITH MULTILATERAL DEVELOP-
9 MENT BANKS.—In implementing the strategy required
10 under subsection (a), the Secretary of State and the heads
11 of all other relevant Federal departments and agencies
12 shall coordinate with the United States Executive Direc-
13 tors of the Inter-American Development Bank and the
14 World Bank.

15 (d) PRIORITIZATION.—As part of the effort described
16 in this section, the Secretary of State shall prioritize Co-
17 lombia.

18 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
20 after for a period of 5 years, the Secretary of State shall
21 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
22 ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
23 of Representatives a report on the strategy required under
24 subsection (a) and progress made in its implementation.

1 **SEC. 103. UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA LABOR COMPACT.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
3 ings:

4 (1) In July 2020, the Government of Colombia,
5 through the Ministry of Labor and the Department
6 of Planning, established a “Misión de Empleo” to
7 evaluate labor market challenges and make rec-
8 ommendations. The mission made several critical
9 findings, including—

10 (A) the majority of Colombian workers
11 labor under precarious conditions, with few op-
12 portunities for upward mobility, low and unsta-
13 ble incomes, incomplete and erratic protections,
14 and limited access to labor justice;

15 (B) the number of labor inspectors in Co-
16 lombia is 55 percent below recommendations by
17 the International Labor Organization, and the
18 proportion of labor judges to the population is
19 83 percent below the average of Organization
20 for Economic Cooperation and Development
21 countries; and

22 (C) capacity building is needed to strength-
23 en the Ministry of Labor’s ability to inspect
24 labor conditions and violations and the ability
25 of labor courts to resolve complaints.

1 (b) COMPACT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of State,
2 in coordination with the Secretary of Labor and the
3 United States Trade Representative, is authorized to enter
4 into a bilateral agreement of not less than 7 years in dura-
5 tion with the Government of Colombia to continue
6 strengthening labor rights and labor policies in the coun-
7 try. The agreement shall be known as the “United States-
8 Colombia Labor Compact” (referred to in this section as
9 the “Compact”).

10 (c) COMPACT ELEMENTS.—The Compact shall estab-
11 lish a multi-year strategy to—

12 (1) address the findings in the 2021 Executive
13 Report of the Misión de Empleo de Colombia;

14 (2) further advance the objectives set forth
15 under the related goals of the 2016 peace accord
16 and the Colombian Action Plan Related to Labor
17 Rights of April 7, 2011 (referred to in this section
18 as the “Labor Action Plan”);

19 (3) promote labor formalization in Colombia;

20 (4) protect internationally recognized labor
21 rights, including with respect to freedom of associa-
22 tion, elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory
23 labor, prohibitions on child labor, and acceptable
24 work conditions related to hours worked and occupa-
25 tional health and safety; and

1 (5) address and prevent violence against labor
2 organizations and trade unions and prosecute the
3 perpetrators of such violence.

4 (d) STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy re-
5 quired under subsection (c) shall—

6 (1) be informed by consultations with labor or-
7 ganizations, trade unions, and companies and other
8 private sector enterprises in the United States and
9 Colombia;

10 (2) be informed by assessments, including as-
11 sessments by the Department of Labor’s Inter-
12 national Labor Affairs Bureau, of the areas in Co-
13 lombia experiencing the highest incidence of labor
14 rights violations and violence against labor organiza-
15 tions and trade unions;

16 (3) identify clear and measurable goals, objec-
17 tives, and benchmarks under the Compact to detect,
18 deter, and respond to labor rights violations and vio-
19 lence against labor leaders;

20 (4) set out clear roles, responsibilities, and ob-
21 jectives under the Compact, which shall include a de-
22 scription of policies and financial commitments of
23 the United States Government and the Government
24 of Colombia;

1 (5) provide for the conduct of an impact evalua-
2 tion not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the
3 negotiations of the Compact and biannually there-
4 after; and

5 (6) provide for a full accounting of all funds ex-
6 pended under the Compact, which shall include full
7 audit authority for the Office of the Inspector Gen-
8 eral of the Department of State, the Office of the
9 Inspector General of the United States Agency for
10 International Development, and the Government Ac-
11 countability Office, as appropriate.

12 (e) ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.—The Presi-
13 dent shall establish an interagency task force to advance,
14 monitor, enforce, and evaluate the negotiation and signing
15 of the Compact (referred to in this section as the “Labor
16 Task Force”), which shall consist of—

17 (1) the Secretary of State, who shall serve as
18 the Chair;

19 (2) the Administrator of the United States
20 Agency for International Development;

21 (3) the Secretary of Labor;

22 (4) the United States Trade Representative;
23 and

24 (5) any other Federal officials as may be des-
25 ignated by the President.

1 (f) ACTIVITIES OF THE LABOR TASK FORCE.—The
2 Labor Task Force shall—

3 (1) engage with the Government of Colombia to
4 design and implement the Compact;

5 (2) engage in consultation and advocacy with
6 nongovernmental organizations, including labor or-
7 ganizations and trade unions in the United States
8 and Colombia, to advance the purposes of this sec-
9 tion;

10 (3) assess efforts by the United States Govern-
11 ment and the Government of Colombia to implement
12 the Compact; and

13 (4) establish regular meetings of the Labor
14 Task Force to ensure closer coordination across de-
15 partments and agencies in the development of poli-
16 cies regarding the Compact.

17 (g) SPECIFIC FOCUS.—The activities described in
18 subsection (f) shall include an in-depth analysis of the im-
19 pact of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion
20 Agreement on vulnerable populations, including women
21 and Afro-Colombian, Indigenous, and migrant commu-
22 nities, and recommendations on ways to ensure that those
23 communities are better assisted and protected.

24 (h) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
25 15 days after entering into a Compact with the Govern-

1 ment of Colombia, the Secretary of State, in coordination
2 with the Administrator of the United States Agency for
3 International Development and the Secretary of Labor,
4 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
5 Senate, the Committee on Finance of the Senate, the
6 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives—

9 (1) a copy of the proposed Compact; and

10 (2) a copy of any annexes, appendices, or imple-
11 mentation plans related to the Compact.

12 (i) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after entering
13 into a Compact, and annually during the period in which
14 the Compact is in effect, the Secretary of State, in coordi-
15 nation with the Administrator of the United States Agen-
16 cy for International Development, shall submit a report
17 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
18 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives that describes the progress made under the
20 Compact and includes recommendations for strengthening
21 United States implementation of the Compact.

22 **SEC. 104. SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION.**

23 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of
24 State shall engage with the Government of Colombia for
25 the purpose of developing and implementing a multi-year

1 strategy, including through the provision of technical as-
2 sistance, to combat corruption and address the misuse of
3 public resources. The Secretary of State shall consult with
4 the Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
5 national Development and the Secretary of the Treasury
6 in the development of the strategy.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
8 section (a) shall—

9 (1) assess the scope of public and private sector
10 corruption in Colombia, including specific cases of
11 significant corruption;

12 (2) provide technical assistance for the purposes
13 of combating corruption and increasing transparency
14 in Colombia;

15 (3) develop and implement programming to
16 support investigative journalism, protection of jour-
17 nalists reporting on public and private sector corrup-
18 tion, civil society anti-corruption initiatives;

19 (4) consult and advocate with nongovernmental
20 organizations and the private sector to advance the
21 purposes of this section; and

22 (5) establish regular United States interagency
23 meetings to ensure closer coordination across United
24 States departments and agencies in the development

1 of policies regarding transparency and corruption in
 2 Colombia.

3 (c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
 4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
 5 shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
 6 ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
 7 of Representatives on the strategy required under sub-
 8 section (a). Not later than 1 year after the briefing on
 9 the strategy, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
 10 State shall brief the committees on the implementation of
 11 the strategy.

12 **SEC. 105. INCREASING ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.**

13 (a) PARTNERSHIP AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
 14 State and the Administrator of the United States Agency
 15 for International Development are authorized to establish
 16 a 5-year public-private partnership to support—

17 (1) innovative in-country solutions for improv-
 18 ing English language proficiency among primary and
 19 secondary school teachers in Colombia; and

20 (2) the creation of English language accelerator
 21 courses, including specialized courses in business
 22 and technology.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—In designing and implementing the
 24 partnership authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary

1 of State and the Administrator of the United States Agen-
2 cy for International Development shall—

3 (1) complement ongoing efforts by the Ministry
4 of Education of Colombia and other relevant institu-
5 tions;

6 (2) target teachers from schools in low-income
7 communities and underrepresented communities, in-
8 cluding Afro-Colombian and Indigenous commu-
9 nities; and

10 (3) consult with the Government of Colombia,
11 civil society, and academia.

12 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the partnership au-
13 thorized under subsection (a) is to increase English lan-
14 guage proficiency among primary and secondary school
15 teachers, enhance teachers’ use of emerging digital tech-
16 nologies for English language learning, and ensure con-
17 tinuity of teacher development, thereby increasing student
18 outcomes and the ability of Colombian youth to access
19 higher education and higher quality livelihoods.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to the United States Agency
22 for International Development \$12,000,000 for each of
23 fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the creation of the
24 partnership authorized under subsection (a).

1 (e) MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK.—

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
3 this Act, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of
4 the United States Agency for International Development
5 shall jointly submit to the Committee on Foreign Rela-
6 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
7 of the House of Representatives a monitoring and evalua-
8 tion framework that includes objectives and indicators re-
9 lated to the partnership authorized under subsection (a).

10 (f) ASSESSMENTS OF PARTNERSHIP IMPACT.—Not

11 later than 2 years and 5 years after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Adminis-
13 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
14 velopment shall jointly submit to the Committee on For-
15 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
16 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a comprehen-
17 sive assessment on the impact of the partnership author-
18 ized under subsection (a) that uses the monitoring and
19 evaluation framework submitted pursuant to subsection
20 (e).

21 (g) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
23 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
24 International Development shall brief the Committee on
25 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on

1 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding
 2 the progress achieved in advancing the partnership au-
 3 thorized under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 106. PARTNERSHIP FOR STEM EDUCATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Administrator
 6 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
 7 ment shall support Colombia’s Ministry of Education in
 8 the development of K–12 STEM curricula, the develop-
 9 ment of a STEM teacher education and degree program
 10 at public schools, and the training of 10,000 new K–12
 11 public school educators, including in underrepresented and
 12 Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities.

13 (b) COORDINATION.—In designing and implementing
 14 the program required under subsection (a), the Adminis-
 15 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
 16 velopment shall coordinate with the Chief Executive Offi-
 17 cer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Chief
 18 Executive Officer of the Peace Corps.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-
 20 propriated to the United States Agency for International
 21 Development \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
 22 through 2027 for the creation of the program authorized
 23 under subsection (a).

24 (d) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
 25 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,

1 the Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
2 national Development shall brief the Committee on For-
3 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
4 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives on the results
5 of the program required under subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 107. SUPPORTING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State and the
8 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
9 national Development shall design and implement a new
10 program to promote women’s entrepreneurship through
11 initiatives that—

12 (1) promote policies and legislative efforts to re-
13 duce barriers to women’s entrepreneurship and wom-
14 en’s ownership of small and medium-sized enter-
15 prises;

16 (2) increase access to credit and financing; and

17 (3) provide training and mentorship to women
18 entrepreneurs, including women from Afro-Colom-
19 bian and Indigenous communities.

20 (b) COORDINATION.—In designing and implementing
21 the program required under subsection (a), the Secretary
22 of State and the Administrator of the United States Agen-
23 cy for International Development shall coordinate with the
24 Chief Executive Officer of the United States International
25 Development Finance Corporation.

1 (c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
 2 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
 3 the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the
 4 United States Agency for International Development shall
 5 brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
 6 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
 7 Representatives on the results of the program required
 8 under subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 108. SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE**
 10 **AND TECHNOLOGY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall es-
 12 tablish TechWomen and TechGirls programs designed to
 13 empower and inspire women and girls from Latin America
 14 and the Caribbean to advance careers in science and tech-
 15 nology.

16 (b) PARTICIPATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
 17 the Secretary of State shall—

18 (1) during the first 5 years of the programs,
 19 prioritize the participation of Colombian women and
 20 girls; and

21 (2) take steps to include underrepresented
 22 women and girls from across Latin America and the
 23 Caribbean, including women from low-income and
 24 underrepresented communities, including Afro-Co-

1 lombian and Indigenous communities, in the pro-
2 grams.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for fiscal year
5 2023 to carry out this section.

6 **TITLE II—ADVANCING PEACE**
7 **AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERN-**
8 **ANCE IN COLOMBIA**

9 **SEC. 201. SUPPORTING PEACE AND JUSTICE.**

10 (a) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to
11 support peace, justice, and democratic governance in Co-
12 lombia, including the full and timely implementation of the
13 2016 peace accord.

14 (b) EVALUATION FRAMEWORK.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of State, in consultation with the Adminis-
18 trator of the United States Agency for International
19 Development, shall submit to the Committee on For-
20 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
21 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives an
22 evaluation framework that assesses the impact of
23 United States diplomatic engagement and foreign
24 assistance programming in support of the peace
25 process in Colombia.

1 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of State,
2 in consultation with the Administrator of the United
3 States Agency for International Development, shall
4 consult with the Committee on Foreign Relations of
5 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
6 the House of Representatives on the development of
7 the evaluation framework required under paragraph
8 (1).

9 **SEC. 202. ADVANCING INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

10 (a) SUPPORTING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES.—
11 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-
12 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
13 velopment, the Chief Executive Officer of the United
14 States International Development Finance Corporation,
15 and the Secretary of Commerce, and in consultation with
16 the Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-American Founda-
17 tion, shall develop and implement programs to support the
18 ability of rural cooperatives in conflict-affected areas of
19 Colombia to bring products into national and international
20 markets by—

- 21 (1) supporting research;
- 22 (2) developing new skills;
- 23 (3) building resilience capacities, including ca-
- 24 capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change;

- 1 (4) integrating best practices in sustainable ag-
- 2 riculture;
- 3 (5) promoting standardization and quality con-
- 4 trol;
- 5 (6) supporting commercialization;
- 6 (7) enabling access to financing; and
- 7 (8) promoting access to markets.

8 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—Programs required under sub-

9 section (a) shall prioritize communities seeking to shift

10 away from illicit economies, including such economies re-

11 lated to the trafficking of narcotics, wildlife, minerals and

12 other natural resources, and other goods.

13 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the programs re-

14 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall

15 consult with representatives of the Government of Colom-

16 bia, the private sector, human rights, labor, and humani-

17 tarian organizations, and underrepresented populations

18 including women, Indigenous populations, and Afro-Co-

19 lombians.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is

21 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State

22 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for

23 International Development \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal

24 years 2023 and 2024 to carry out the programs required

25 under subsection (a).

1 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
 2 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
 3 thereafter, the Secretary of State, the Administrator of
 4 the United States Agency for International Development,
 5 and the Chief Executive Officer of the United States
 6 International Development Finance Corporation shall
 7 brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
 8 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
 9 Representatives regarding the progress achieved in ad-
 10 vancing the programs required under subsection (a).

11 **SEC. 203. EMPOWERING AFRO-COLOMBIAN AND INDIGE-**
 12 **NOUS COMMUNITIES IN COLOMBIA.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
 14 nation with the Administrator of the United States Agen-
 15 cy for International Development and the Chief Executive
 16 Officer of the United States International Development
 17 Finance Corporation, and in consultation with the Chief
 18 Executive Officer of the Inter-American Foundation, shall
 19 develop and implement initiatives to—

20 (1) support the implementation of the ethnic
 21 chapter of Colombia’s 2016 peace accord, which
 22 safeguards the rights of the Indigenous and Black
 23 populations of Colombia;

1 (2) provide technical assistance and capacity-
2 building support to Afro-Colombian community
3 councils in Colombia;

4 (3) increase the participation of individuals
5 from Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities in
6 existing bilateral initiatives and in educational and
7 cultural exchange programs of the Department of
8 State and the United States Agency for Inter-
9 national Development; and

10 (4) increase access to finance and credit for
11 small and medium-sized businesses owner by Afro-
12 Colombian and Indigenous entrepreneurs.

13 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—During the 5-year period be-
14 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act—

15 (1) the Administrator of the United States
16 Agency for International Development shall dedicate
17 not less than 10 percent of the amounts appro-
18 priated to the United States Agency for Inter-
19 national Development and allocated for Colombia to
20 programs that empower and support Afro-Colombian
21 and Indigenous communities in Colombia; and

22 (2) not less than 50 percent of the funding
23 dedicated under paragraph (1) shall be directly pro-
24 vided to Afro-Colombian and Indigenous-led organi-

1 zations to implement the programs described in that
2 paragraph.

3 **SEC. 204. PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each
6 of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to provide critical
7 assistance to human rights defenders and anti-corruption
8 activists in Colombia through the Department of State’s
9 Human Rights Defenders Fund.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
12 through the end of 2024, the Secretary of State, in co-
13 operation with the Administrator of the United States
14 Agency for International Development, shall submit a re-
15 port to Congress that includes—

16 (1) details regarding Department of State and
17 United States Agency for International Development
18 programs to—

19 (A) support the work of human rights de-
20 fenders, anti-corruption activists, and other civil
21 society actors in Colombia; and

22 (B) provide assistance when such individ-
23 uals are under threat, including specific proc-
24 esses by which such individuals can request as-
25 sistance from United States embassies;

1 (2) detailed information contained in the Coun-
 2 try Reports on Human Rights Practices regarding
 3 the intimidation of, and attacks against, such indi-
 4 viduals and the response of the foreign government;

5 (3) a strategy for any increased engagement
 6 and measures of success toward defending human
 7 rights defenders and anti-corruption activists; and

8 (4) an accounting of funds used to execute the
 9 Human Rights Defender Fund.

10 **TITLE III—STRENGTHENING** 11 **SECURITY COOPERATION**

12 **SEC. 301. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA** 13 **SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
 16 and the Secretary of Defense shall establish a consultative
 17 committee to include the Government of Colombia to de-
 18 velop a strategy for jointly strengthening Colombia’s na-
 19 tional security and defense institutions, and capacity to
 20 carry out operations across the territory of Colombia, in-
 21 cluding in rural and urban areas, related to—

22 (1) counterterrorism and counterinsurgency;

23 (2) counternarcotics and countering other forms
 24 of illicit trafficking;

25 (3) cyber defense and cyber crimes;

1 (4) border and maritime security and air de-
2 fense; and

3 (5) stabilization.

4 (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The consultative com-
5 mittee shall evaluate existing technologies, equipment, and
6 weapons systems, as well as necessary upgrades to such
7 technologies, equipment, and systems of Colombia's na-
8 tional security and defense institutions in order to ensure
9 the continued defense of the national sovereignty and na-
10 tional territory of Colombia.

11 (c) BILATERAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE COOPERA-
12 TION.—Not later than 180 days after the establishment
13 of the consultative committee required under subsection
14 (a), the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Sec-
15 retary of Defense, is authorized to enter into consultations
16 with the Government of Colombia to strengthen existing,
17 or establish new, bilateral security and defense cooperation
18 or lines of effort to address capacity-building and resource
19 needs identified by the consultative committee.

20 (d) BRIEFINGS.—

21 (1) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.—Not later
22 than 30 days after the establishment of the United
23 States-Colombia Security Consultative Committee
24 required under subsection (a), and not later than 15
25 days after any meeting of the Consultative Com-

1 mittee thereafter, the Secretary of State and the
2 Secretary of Defense shall jointly brief any of the
3 appropriate congressional committees on progress
4 made under the committee, pursuant to a request by
5 any one of the appropriate congressional committees.

6 (2) BILATERAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE CO-
7 OPERATION.—Not later than 30 days after the com-
8 pletion of any consultations with the Government of
9 Colombia pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary
10 of State and the Secretary of Defense shall brief the
11 appropriate congressional committees on the imple-
12 mentation of the agreed upon areas of cooperation
13 or lines of effort.

14 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
15 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
16 sional committees” means—

17 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
18 Senate;

19 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
20 Senate;

21 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
22 House of Representatives; and

23 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
24 House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 302. COOPERATION ON CYBER DEFENSE AND COM-**
2 **BATING CYBER CRIMES.**

3 (a) DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary of
4 State, in coordination with the Attorney General of the
5 United States, shall engage with the Government of Co-
6 lombia to support and facilitate Colombia’s adoption of
7 improved standards to address cyber crimes, especially
8 such crimes that are state-directed, including—

9 (1) supporting the development of Colombia’s
10 strategies to deter, investigate, and prosecute cyber
11 crime, to protect critical infrastructure, and to pro-
12 mote the use of new technologies, as part of a broad-
13 er and more coordinated effort to protect the infor-
14 mation technology systems and networks of citizens,
15 businesses, and governments;

16 (2) supporting the development of protocols
17 that allow cyber preparedness and ensure protection
18 and resilience to critical infrastructure;

19 (3) supporting the Government of Colombia in
20 the implementation of relevant international conven-
21 tions, such as the Budapest Convention on
22 Cybercrime, of which Colombia is a party;

23 (4) continuing to develop partnerships among
24 foreign partners, including in Latin America and the
25 Caribbean, responsible for preventing, investigating,
26 and prosecuting such crimes, and the private sector,

1 in order to streamline and improve the procurement
2 of timely information in the context of mutual as-
3 sistance proceedings;

4 (5) working, in cooperation with like-minded de-
5 mocracies in international organizations, to advance
6 standards for digital governance and promote a se-
7 cure, reliable, free, and open internet;

8 (6) supporting the adoption of new technologies
9 to enhance the technical capabilities of cyber secu-
10 rity agencies in Colombia; and

11 (7) supporting the efforts of the Government of
12 Colombia to build national resilience against foreign
13 disinformation efforts.

14 (b) DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS AND SECU-
15 RITY STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
17 coordination with relevant Federal agencies, shall develop
18 and implement a strategy for leveraging United States ex-
19 pertise to share best practices and lessons learned and as-
20 sist the Government of Colombia. The strategy shall—

21 (1) improve and secure its digital infrastruc-
22 ture, including critical infrastructure;

23 (2) protect technological assets, including data
24 privacy, digital evidence, and electronically store in-
25 formation;

1 (3) advance cyber security to protect against
2 cyber crime and cyber espionage;

3 (4) promote exchanges and technical training
4 programs, including know-how transfer in cyber se-
5 curity and disinformation and misinformation;

6 (5) promote the adoption or development of new
7 technologies to enhance protection against cyber
8 crime and cyber espionage; and

9 (6) promote digital hygiene programs.

10 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
12 for the development and implementation of the strategy
13 required under subsection (b) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal
14 years 2023 through 2025.

15 (d) SEMIANNUAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not
16 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
17 this Act, and every 180 days thereafter until the date that
18 is 5 years after such date of enactment, the Secretary of
19 State shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of
20 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
21 House of Representatives regarding the implementation of
22 the diplomatic engagement described in subsection (a) and
23 the implementation of the strategy described in subsection
24 (b).

1 **SEC. 303. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CER-**
2 **TAIN TERRORIST AND CRIMINAL GROUPS.**

3 (a) FINDING.—On November 30, 2021, the United
4 States designated the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Co-
5 lombia–People’s Army (FARC–EP) and Segunda
6 Marquetalia as foreign terrorist organizations under sec-
7 tion 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
8 U.S.C. 1189(a)).

9 (b) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
11 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, acting
12 through the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau
13 of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State,
14 and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Di-
15 rector of National Intelligence, and the Director of the
16 Central Intelligence Agency, shall submit to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees a classified report detail-
18 ing the activities of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of
19 Colombia-EP, Segunda Marquetalia, the Ejército de
20 Liberación Nacional, Clan del Golfo, and other Colombian
21 organized criminal groups.

22 (c) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection
23 (b) shall include—

24 (1) the name or names of each group covered
25 by the report;

1 (2) a description of each group and the geo-
2 graphic presence of the group;

3 (3) a description of the leadership and structure
4 of each group;

5 (4) the operating modalities and capabilities of
6 each group;

7 (5) the rate of growth and recruitment strate-
8 gies of each group; and

9 (6) any linkages between such groups and any
10 other countries, including the regime of Nicolás
11 Maduro in Venezuela.

12 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
13 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
14 gressional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
16 Senate;

17 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
18 Senate;

19 (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the
20 Senate;

21 (4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
22 House of Representatives;

23 (5) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

1 (6) the Committee on Armed Services of the
2 House of Representatives.

3 **SEC. 304. COUNTERNARCOTICS AND RURAL SECURITY**
4 **STRATEGY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall de-
6 velop and implement a strategy and related programs to
7 support the Government of Colombia’s efforts to counter
8 narcotics trafficking and transnational organized crime,
9 including human trafficking, illicit trafficking in arms,
10 wildlife, and cultural property, environmental crimes, mi-
11 grant smuggling, corruption, money laundering, the illicit
12 smuggling of bulk cash, the licit use of financial systems
13 for malign purposes, and other new and emerging forms
14 of crime, by supporting—

15 (1) the eradication of illicit coca crops and the
16 destruction of laboratories used to produce illicit
17 narcotics;

18 (2) the interdiction of illicit narcotics and other
19 forms of contraband;

20 (3) efforts to disrupt illicit financial networks,
21 including through technical assistance to financial
22 intelligence units, including the enhancement of anti-
23 money laundering and asset forfeiture programs;

24 (4) civilian law enforcement agencies, including
25 support for—

1 (A) the enhancement of management of
2 complex, multi-actor criminal cases;

3 (B) the enhancement of intelligence collec-
4 tion capacity and training on civilian intel-
5 ligence collection (including safeguards for pri-
6 vacy and basic civil liberties), investigative tech-
7 niques, forensic analysis, and evidence preserva-
8 tion; and

9 (C) port, airport, and border security offi-
10 cials, agencies, and systems, including—

11 (i) improvements to computer infra-
12 structure and data management systems,
13 secure communications technologies, non-
14 intrusive inspection equipment, and radar
15 and aerial surveillance equipment; and

16 (ii) assistance to canine units;

17 (5) justice sector institutions to enhance efforts
18 to successfully prosecute drug trafficking organiza-
19 tions, transnational criminal organizations, and indi-
20 viduals and entities involved in money laundering
21 and financial crimes related to narcotics trafficking
22 and other illicit economies;

23 (6) the inclusion of human rights in law en-
24 forcement training programs; and

1 (7) advancing rural security initiatives, includ-
2 ing the protection of community leaders and mem-
3 bers of organized civil society who promote the rule
4 of law and democratic governance.

5 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—During the 5-year period be-
6 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of State shall dedicate—

8 (1) not less than 10 percent of the amounts ap-
9 propriated to the International Narcotics Control
10 and Law Enforcement account for Colombia to com-
11 bating money laundering and financial crimes; and

12 (2) not less than 10 percent of the amounts ap-
13 propriated to the International Narcotics Control
14 and Law Enforcement account for Colombia to re-
15 search, innovation initiatives, and new technologies
16 that can be utilized to combat illicit trafficking and
17 all forms of transnational organized crime, as de-
18 scribed in subsection (a).

19 (c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
21 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall brief the Com-
22 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
23 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
24 regarding the progress achieved in advancing the pro-
25 grams required under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 305. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON THE MALICIOUS ACTIVI-**
2 **TIES OF STATE ACTORS IN THE ANDEAN RE-**
3 **GION.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
6 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, acting
7 through the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau
8 of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State,
9 and in coordination with the Director of National Intel-
10 ligence, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,
11 and the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, shall
12 submit a classified report to the appropriate congressional
13 committees detailing the malicious activities of state ac-
14 tors in the Andean region, including—

- 15 (1) disinformation, misinformation, and all
16 other information operations;
17 (2) election interference;
18 (3) cyber attacks and aggressions;
19 (4) sales or donations of weapons or military
20 equipment;
21 (5) security cooperation;
22 (6) the direct and indirect supply of tech-
23 nologies, equipment, and weapons to irregular armed
24 actors operating in the Andean region;
25 (7) the provision of technologies, equipment,
26 and weapons systems to the regime of Nicolas

1 Maduro in Venezuela and the implications for the
2 security of countries in the Andean region; and

3 (8) other threats to United States national in-
4 terests and national security.

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—The Secretary
6 of State shall establish a “watcher” position in the Andean
7 region as necessary to fulfill the requirements detailed
8 under subsection (a).

9 (c) ANNUAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later
10 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
11 and annually thereafter, the official designated for the
12 “watcher” position established pursuant to subsection (b)
13 shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on—

14 (1) the steps that United States embassies in
15 the Andean region have taken to advance the issues
16 described in subsection (a); and

17 (2) the nature and extent of the extra-regional
18 diplomatic, economic, security, defense, and intel-
19 ligence presence and influence in the Andean region.

20 **TITLE IV—PROTECTING** 21 **BIODIVERSITY**

22 **SEC. 401. PROTECTING TROPICAL FORESTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
25 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for

1 International Development, in consultation with the Chief
2 of the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture,
3 shall develop and implement a joint 3-year strategy, in co-
4 ordination with the Government of Colombia, which shall
5 be known as the “Strategy for Protecting Colombia’s
6 Tropical Forests” (referred to in this section as the “strat-
7 egy”), to protect the biodiversity of Colombia and address
8 deforestation.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall describe how the
10 United States will—

11 (1) empower and fund local communities, espe-
12 cially Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities,
13 to manage natural resources, address deforestation
14 and forest degradation, and combat illegal activities
15 causing environmental harm in their communities,
16 including drug-trafficking activities and illegal log-
17 ging, mining, fishing, and wildlife trade;

18 (2) protect social and environmental activists
19 and whistleblowers;

20 (3) strengthen community-based prevention
21 mechanisms and support community-led efforts to
22 address illegal activities related to natural resources,
23 including those activities described in paragraph (1);

24 (4) advance the development of markets to pro-
25 mote alternatives to activities related to drug traf-

1 ficking and illegally obtained wood, fish, wildlife, or
2 minerals, as appropriate;

3 (5) promote transparency in product sourcing
4 and responsible supply chains;

5 (6) prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute
6 crimes related to natural resources;

7 (7) promote partnerships with nongovernmental
8 organizations, international organizations, and the
9 private sector;

10 (8) work within the United States interagency
11 process to end the import of illegally or
12 unsustainably sourced wildlife, timber, agricultural
13 commodities, or fish, or illegally sourced gold or
14 other minerals into the United States from Colom-
15 bia; and

16 (9) consult with civil society to address the driv-
17 ers of deforestation and forest degradation, and pro-
18 mote the conservation of intact forests.

19 (c) REGIONAL DIPLOMATIC COORDINATION.—The
20 United States shall work with the Government of Colom-
21 bia, and in cooperation with international organizations,
22 to support the development of partnerships among Latin
23 American and Caribbean officials responsible for pre-
24 venting, investigating, and prosecuting environmental
25 crimes, and in cooperation with the private sector, to pro-

1 tect the region’s biodiversity and address deforestation
2 and forest degradation.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
5 and the United States Agency for International Develop-
6 ment for the development and implementation of the strat-
7 egy—

8 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

9 (2) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2024; and

10 (3) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2025.

11 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
13 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
14 International Development shall brief the Committee on
15 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
16 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on the
17 strategy. Not later than one year after the briefing on the
18 strategy, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State
19 shall brief the committees on the implementation of the
20 strategy.

21 **SEC. 402. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD RE-**
22 **SPONSIBLE GOLD VALUE CHAINS.**

23 (a) BEST PRACTICES.—The Administrator of the
24 United States Agency for International Development, in
25 coordination with the Government of Colombia, shall con-

1 sult with the Government of Switzerland regarding best
2 practices developed through their public-private partner-
3 ship, the Swiss Better Gold Initiative, which aims to im-
4 prove transparency and traceability in the international
5 gold trade.

6 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United
7 States Agency for International Development shall coordi-
8 nate with the Government of Colombia to establish a pub-
9 lic-private partnership to advance the best practices de-
10 scribed in subsection (a), including supporting program-
11 ming in Colombia that will—

12 (1) support formalization and compliance with
13 appropriate environmental and labor standards in
14 artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM);

15 (2) increase access to financing for ASGM min-
16 ers committed to taking significant steps to for-
17 malize their operations and comply with labor and
18 environmental standards;

19 (3) enhance the traceability and support the es-
20 tablishment of a certification process for ASGM
21 gold;

22 (4) support a public relations campaign to pro-
23 mote responsibly sourced gold;

1 (5) facilitate contact between Colombian ven-
2 dors of responsibly sourced gold and United States
3 companies; and

4 (6) promote policies and practices in Colombia
5 that are conducive to the formalization of ASGM
6 and improvement of environmental and labor stand-
7 ards in ASGM.

8 (c) MEETING.—The Secretary of State, the Adminis-
9 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
10 velopment, or the President’s Special Envoy for Climate
11 Change should, without delegation and in coordination
12 with the Government of Colombia, host a meeting with
13 senior representatives of the private sector and inter-
14 national governmental and nongovernmental partners and
15 make commitments to improve due diligence and increase
16 the responsible sourcing of gold.

17 **SEC. 403. SUPPORTING THE PROTECTED AREAS OF COLOM-**
18 **BIA.**

19 The Secretary of State and the Secretary of the
20 Treasury shall instruct United States executive directors
21 of international financial institutions to use the voice, vote,
22 and influence of the United States to establish or con-
23 tribute to a Conservation Trust Fund to support the con-
24 servation and responsible management of protected areas
25 of Colombia. Activities implemented through the Con-

1 servation Trust Fund shall include an innovation chal-
 2 lenge to enhance conservation of protected areas and in-
 3 crease protections for park rangers, environmental activ-
 4 ists, and Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities.

5 **TITLE V—ADDRESSING** 6 **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

7 **SEC. 501. COLOMBIA RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COHER-** 8 **ENCE STRATEGY.**

9 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of State,
 10 in coordination with the Administrator of the United
 11 States Agency for International Development, shall de-
 12 velop and implement a strategy, to be known as the “Co-
 13 lombia Relief and Development Coherence Strategy”, to
 14 support Colombia’s responses to the separate but related
 15 challenges of assisting internally displaced persons, refu-
 16 gees, vulnerable migrants, and people affected by natural
 17 disasters. The strategy shall—

18 (1) be publicly available in English and Span-
 19 ish;

20 (2) describe concurrent efforts and clarify
 21 United States agency responsibilities in Colombia for
 22 assisting—

23 (A) asylum seekers;

24 (B) refugees;

25 (C) internally displaced persons; and

1 (D) vulnerable migrants;

2 (3) include a description of the assistance that
3 shall be provided for the populations described in
4 paragraph (2), including—

5 (A) emergency assistance, protection,
6 water, sanitation, hygiene, food, shelter, emer-
7 gency education, and psychosocial assistance;
8 and

9 (B) integration programs in the education,
10 health, livelihoods, shelter, and social protection
11 sectors;

12 (4) include a description of the technical assist-
13 ance and capacity-building efforts to be provided for
14 civil society organizations and relevant institutions
15 in Colombia, such as the Victims Unit of the Gov-
16 ernment of Colombia and relevant government min-
17 istries;

18 (5) describe outreach, coordination, and pro-
19 gramming with the private sector to support the
20 populations described in paragraph (2); and

21 (6) describe how the Department of State and
22 the United States Agency for International Develop-
23 ment will mobilize additional donor contributions to-
24 wards humanitarian appeals.

1 (b) DESCRIPTION OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

2 EFFORTS.—The strategy developed under subsection (a)
3 shall include a description of how the Department of State
4 will lead interagency coordination efforts in implementing
5 the strategy, including a description of mechanisms to co-
6 ordinate programming, advocacy, monitoring and evalua-
7 tion, communications, participation in international fora,
8 and funding announcements.

9 **SEC. 502. SENIOR HUMANITARIAN COORDINATOR.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
12 shall designate a senior officer (to be known as the “Sen-
13 ior Humanitarian Coordinator”), selected from among
14 senior officers at the GS–15 level or equivalent, to coordi-
15 nate Department of State and United States Agency for
16 International Development humanitarian and development
17 programming and policies for asylum seekers, refugees, in-
18 ternally displaced persons, and vulnerable migrants in the
19 Western Hemisphere.

20 (b) LOCATION.—The Senior Humanitarian Coordi-
21 nator shall be based in Washington, DC.

22 (c) SUPERVISION.—The Senior Humanitarian Coor-
23 dinator shall report to the Assistant Secretary of State
24 for Western Hemisphere Affairs and the Assistant Sec-
25 retary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration.

1 (d) DUTIES.—The Senior Humanitarian Coordinator
2 shall—

3 (1) ensure that United States assistance and
4 diplomatic engagement with respect to the popu-
5 lations described in subsection (a), through all
6 stages of displacement, is consistent with the strat-
7 egy described in section 501(a) and similar strate-
8 gies; and

9 (2) coordinate all of the efforts, activities, and
10 programs related to the strategy described in section
11 501(a), the interagency coordination required pursu-
12 ant to section 501(b), and similar efforts across the
13 Western Hemisphere region.

14 **SEC. 503. SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTED**
15 **VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION**
16 **PROGRAMMING.**

17 The Secretary of State is authorized to establish and
18 contribute to a regional funding mechanism for Latin
19 America and the Caribbean to support Assisted Voluntary
20 Return and Reintegration programming for stranded mi-
21 grants, particularly such migrants in Colombia, Panama,
22 and Costa Rica. The programming shall include—

23 (1) providing transportation to migrants' coun-
24 try of origin;

- 1 (2) providing increased support to migrants
- 2 upon return to their country of origin;
- 3 (3) capacity building for government and civil
- 4 society to develop protection-sensitive entry and re-
- 5 turns processes;
- 6 (4) boosting migration data collection and anal-
- 7 ysis; and
- 8 (5) stemming dangerous irregular migration
- 9 through the Darien Gap.

10 **SEC. 504. ASSESSMENT OF HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE**
11 **NEEDS IN RURAL AREAS.**

12 (a) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of the Centers for
13 Disease Control and Prevention, in coordination with the
14 Department of State, shall conduct an assessment with
15 the Government of Colombia to identify initiatives to
16 strengthen public health infrastructure and increase ac-
17 cess to health services in conflict-affected communities in
18 Colombia. The assessment shall include specific rec-
19 ommendations on ways to increase access to healthcare
20 services for survivors of gender-based violence and Afro-
21 Colombian and Indigenous populations.

22 (b) SUBMISSION.—The Director of the Centers for
23 Disease Control and Prevention shall submit the assess-
24 ment conducted under subsection (a) to the Committee on
25 Foreign Relations and the Committee on Health, Edu-

1 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
2 mittee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Energy
3 and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

4 **SEC. 505. STRATEGY FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THE**
5 **WESTERN HEMISPHERE.**

6 (a) RESETTLEMENT STRATEGY REQUIRED.—The
7 Secretary of State shall develop and implement a 4-year
8 refugee resettlement strategy for the Western Hemi-
9 sphere.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
11 (a) shall include—

12 (1) an assessment of legal protections for refu-
13 gees in refugee-hosting countries;

14 (2) an assessment of refugee integration in the
15 Western Hemisphere;

16 (3) an assessment of United States efforts to
17 promote the resettlement of refugees, as much as
18 possible, to other countries in the Western Hemi-
19 sphere, to the greatest degree possible;

20 (4) a description of challenges for increasing
21 refugee resettlement rates for refugees from the
22 Western Hemisphere; and

23 (5) a description of how the United States is
24 working with the United Nations High Commis-
25 sioner for Refugees to increase the identification and

1 referral of refugees in need of resettlement to the
2 United States, including Venezuelans, Nicaraguans,
3 Cubans, and Haitians.

4 (c) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary of State shall sub-
5 mit the strategy required by subsection (a) to the Com-
6 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
7 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

8 **TITLE VI—GLOBAL ISSUES**

9 **SEC. 601. AUTHORITIES RELATED TO COUNTERNARCOTICS.**

10 Subsection (d) of section 481 of the Foreign Assist-
11 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291) is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 “(d) USE OF HERBICIDES FOR AERIAL ERADI-
14 CATION.—

15 “(1) PROHIBITION ON HERBICIDES.—Notwith-
16 standing any other provision of law, none of the
17 amounts authorized for assistance under subsection
18 (a)(4) or any other provision of this Act may be
19 used to purchase an herbicide or chemical agent for
20 aerial eradication programs.

21 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The President,
22 with the assistance of appropriate Federal agencies,
23 is authorized to provide technical assistance to for-
24 eign governments related to the effective manage-

1 ment, operation, and implementation of aerial eradi-
2 cation programs.

3 “(3) MONITORING.—The President shall in-
4 clude in the annual international narcotics control
5 strategy report required under section 489(a) report-
6 ing on the impact on the environment and the health
7 of individuals of any technical assistance related to
8 aerial eradication programs.

9 “(4) REPORT UPON DETERMINATION OF HARM
10 TO ENVIRONMENT OR HEALTH.—If the President
11 determines that any technical assistance related to
12 aerial eradication programs is harmful to the envi-
13 ronment or the health of individuals, the President
14 shall immediately report that determination to the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
16 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
17 Representatives, together with such recommenda-
18 tions as the President deems appropriate.”.

19 **SEC. 602. ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF COMMUNICATIONS**
20 **COOPERATION.**

21 (a) DETERMINATION.—Notwithstanding any other
22 provision of law, not later than 15 days after any Federal
23 department or agency determines that any communica-
24 tions equipment provided by the United States to a foreign
25 government has been used for unlawful purposes, the

1 President shall provide to the appropriate congressional
2 committees the following notifications:

3 (1) UNCLASSIFIED NOTIFICATION.—An unclas-
4 sified notification that indicates that such an inci-
5 dent occurred and the country in which it occurred.

6 (2) CLASSIFIED NOTIFICATION.—A classified
7 notification that describes the incident concerned, in-
8 cluding a description of—

9 (A) the Federal department or agency that
10 provided the equipment;

11 (B) the foreign entity or individual that
12 used the equipment for unlawful purposes; and

13 (C) how the equipment was used in an un-
14 lawful manner.

15 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
16 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
17 gressional committees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
19 Senate;

20 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
21 Senate;

22 (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the
23 Senate;

24 (4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
25 House of Representatives;

1 (5) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
2 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

3 (6) the Committee on Armed Services of the
4 House of Representatives.

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