

ety and to improve transparency and accountability at all levels of government and throughout the private sector.”

#### DEADLINE FOR INITIAL REPORT

Pub. L. 106–309, title II, § 205(b), Oct. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 1094, required transmission of the initial annual report under former 22 U.S.C. 2152c(d)(1) not later than 180 days after Oct. 17, 2000.

#### Executive Documents

##### DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under this section, see Ex. Ord. No. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 F.R. 56673, as amended, set out as a note under section 2381 of this title.

### § 2152d. Assistance to foreign countries to meet minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking

#### (a) Authorization

The President is authorized to provide assistance to foreign countries directly, or through nongovernmental and multilateral organizations, for programs, projects, and activities designed to meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking (as defined in section 7102 of this title), including—

- (1) the drafting of laws to prohibit and punish acts of trafficking;
- (2) the investigation and prosecution of traffickers, including investigation of individuals and entities that may be involved in trafficking in persons involving sexual exploitation;
- (3) the creation and maintenance of facilities, programs, projects, and activities for the protection of victims; and
- (4) the expansion of exchange programs and international visitor programs for governmental and nongovernmental personnel to combat trafficking.

#### (b) Funding

Amounts made available to carry out the other provisions of subchapter I of this chapter (including part IV of subchapter II of this chapter) and the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 [22 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.] shall be made available to carry out this section. Assistance may be provided under this section notwithstanding section 2420 of this title.

(Pub. L. 87–195, pt. I, § 134, as added Pub. L. 106–386, div. A, § 109, Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1481; amended Pub. L. 108–193, § 6(f), Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2883; Pub. L. 110–457, title I, § 103(b), Dec. 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 5046.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 101–179, Nov. 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 1298, which is classified principally to chapter 63 (§ 5401 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5401 of this title and Tables.

##### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 110–457 inserted “, including investigation of individuals and entities

that may be involved in trafficking in persons involving sexual exploitation” before semicolon at end.

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108–193 inserted at end “Assistance may be provided under this section notwithstanding section 2420 of this title.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### REFERENCES TO SUBCHAPTER I DEEMED TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PARTS OF SUBCHAPTER II

References to subchapter I of this chapter are deemed to include parts IV (§ 2346 et seq.), VI (§ 2348 et seq.), and VIII (§ 2349aa et seq.) of subchapter II of this chapter, and references to subchapter II are deemed to exclude such parts. See section 202(b) of Pub. L. 92–226, set out as a note under section 2346 of this title, and sections 2348c and 2349aa–5 of this title.

#### Executive Documents

##### DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under this section, see Ex. Ord. No. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 F.R. 56673, as amended, set out as a note under section 2381 of this title.

### § 2152e. Program to improve building construction and practices in Latin American countries

#### (a) In general

The President, acting through the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, is authorized, under such terms and conditions as the President may determine, to carry out a program to improve building construction codes and practices in Ecuador, El Salvador, and other Latin American countries (in this section referred to as the “program”).

#### (b) Program description

##### (1) In general

The program shall be in the form of grants to, or contracts with, organizations described in paragraph (2) to support the following activities:

##### (A) Training

Training of appropriate professionals in Latin America from both the public and private sectors to enhance their understanding of building and housing codes and standards.

##### (B) Translation and distribution

Translating and distributing in the region detailed construction manuals, model building codes, and publications from organizations described in paragraph (2), including materials that address zoning, egress, fire and life safety, plumbing, sewage, sanitation, electrical installation, mechanical installation, structural engineering, and seismic design.

##### (C) Other assistance

Offering other relevant assistance as needed, such as helping government officials develop seismic micro-zonation maps or draft pertinent legislation, to implement building codes and practices that will help improve the resistance of buildings and housing in the region to seismic activity and other natural disasters.