

(Pub. L. 110-53, title XXI, §2111, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 529.)

§ 8212. Democracy Fellowship Program

(a) Requirement for Program

The Secretary shall establish a Democracy Fellowship Program to enable officers of the Department to gain an additional perspective on democracy promotion in foreign countries by working on democracy issues in appropriate congressional offices or congressional committees with oversight over the subject matter of this chapter, including the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and international or nongovernmental organizations involved in democracy promotion.

(b) Selection and placement

The Assistant Secretary shall play a central role in the selection of Democracy Fellows and facilitate their placement in appropriate congressional offices, congressional committees, international organizations, and nongovernmental organizations.

(Pub. L. 110-53, title XXI, §2112, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 531.)

§ 8213. Investigations of violations of international humanitarian law

(a) In general

The President, with the assistance of the Secretary, the Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, and the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, shall collect information regarding incidents that may constitute crimes against humanity, genocide, slavery, or other violations of international humanitarian law.

(b) Accountability

The President shall consider what actions can be taken to ensure that any government of a country or the leaders or senior officials of such government who are responsible for crimes against humanity, genocide, slavery, or other violations of international humanitarian law identified under subsection (a) are brought to account for such crimes in an appropriately constituted tribunal.

(Pub. L. 110-53, title XXI, §2113, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 531.)

SUBCHAPTER II—STRATEGIES AND REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY

§ 8221. Strategies, priorities, and annual report

(a) Expansion of country-specific strategies to promote democracy

(1) Commendation

Congress commends the Secretary for the ongoing work by the Department to develop country-specific strategies for promoting democracy.

(2) Expansion

The Secretary shall expand the development of such strategies to all nondemocratic countries and democratic transition countries.

(3) Briefings

The Secretary shall keep the appropriate congressional committees fully and currently informed as such strategies are developed.

(b) to (d) Omitted or repealed

(Pub. L. 110-53, title XXI, §2121, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 531; Pub. L. 118-31, div. F, title LXVII, §6707(b)(3), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 1018.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 2121 of Pub. L. 110-53. Subsecs. (b) and (d) of section 2121 of Pub. L. 110-53 amended section 665(c) of Pub. L. 107-228, which is set out as a note under section 2151n of this title. Subsec. (c) of section 2121 of Pub. L. 110-53 was repealed by Pub. L. 118-31, see 2023 Amendment note below.

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118-31 struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The Annual Report on Advancing Freedom and Democracy shall include, as appropriate—

“(1) United States priorities for the promotion of democracy and the protection of human rights for each nondemocratic country and democratic transition country, developed in consultation with relevant parties in such countries; and

“(2) specific actions and activities of chiefs of missions and other United States officials to promote democracy and protect human rights in each such country.”

§ 8222. Translation of human rights reports

(a) In general

The Secretary shall continue to expand the timely translation of the applicable parts of the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices required under sections 2151n(d) and 2304(b) of this title, the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom required under section 6412(b) of this title, the Trafficking in Persons Report required under section 7107(b) of this title, and any separate report on democracy and human rights policy submitted in accordance with section 665(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 2151n note) into the principal languages of as many countries as possible, with particular emphasis on nondemocratic countries, democratic transition countries, and countries in which extrajudicial killings, torture, or other serious violations of human rights have occurred.

(b) Report

(1) Requirement

Not later than April 1, 2008, and annually thereafter through 2010, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report describing any translations of the reports specified in subsection (a) for the preceding year, including which of such reports have been translated into which principal languages and the countries in which such translations have been distributed by posting on a relevant website or elsewhere.

(2) Form

The report required under paragraph (1) may be included in any separate report on democ-

racy and human rights policy submitted in accordance with section 665(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003.

(Pub. L. 110–53, title XXI, §2122, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 532.)

SUBCHAPTER III—ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY PROMOTION AND THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

§ 8231. Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion

Congress commends the Secretary for creating an Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion, and it is the sense of Congress that the Committee should play a significant role in the Department’s transformational diplomacy by advising the Secretary regarding United States efforts to promote democracy and democratic transition in connection with the formulation and implementation of United States foreign policy and foreign assistance, including reviewing and making recommendations on—

(1) how to improve the capacity of the Department to promote democracy and human rights; and

(2) how to improve foreign assistance programs related to the promotion of democracy.

(Pub. L. 110–53, title XXI, §2131, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 533.)

§ 8232. Sense of Congress regarding the Internet website of the Department of State

It is the sense of Congress that in order to facilitate access by individuals, nongovernmental organizations, and movements in foreign countries to documents, streaming video and audio, and other media regarding democratic principles, practices, and values, and the promotion and strengthening of democracy, the Secretary should take additional steps to enhance the Internet site for global democracy and human rights of the Department, which should include, where practicable, the following:

(1) Narratives and histories, published by the United States Government, of significant democratic movements in foreign countries, particularly regarding successful nonviolent campaigns to promote democracy in nondemocratic countries and democratic transition countries.

(2) Narratives, published by the United States Government, relating to the importance of the establishment of and respect for internationally recognized human rights, democratic principles, practices, and values, and other fundamental freedoms.

(3) Major human rights reports by the United States Government, including translations of such materials, as appropriate.

(4) Any other documents, references, or links to appropriate external Internet websites (such as websites of international or nongovernmental organizations), including references or links to training materials, narratives, and histories regarding successful democratic movements.

(Pub. L. 110–53, title XXI, §2132, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 533.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—TRAINING IN DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS; INCENTIVES

§ 8241. Training in democracy promotion and the protection of human rights

(a) In general

The Secretary shall continue to enhance training for members of the Foreign Service and civil service responsible for the promotion of democracy and the protection of human rights. Such training shall include appropriate instruction and training materials regarding:

(1) International documents and United States policy regarding the promotion of democracy and respect for human rights.

(2) United States policy regarding the promotion and strengthening of democracy around the world, with particular emphasis on the transition to democracy in nondemocratic countries and democratic transition countries.

(3) For any member, chief of mission, or deputy chief of mission who is to be assigned to a nondemocratic country or democratic transition country, ways to promote democracy in such country and to assist individuals, nongovernmental organizations, and movements in such country that support democratic principles, practices, and values.

(4) The protection of internationally recognized human rights (including the protection of religious freedom) and standards related to such rights, provisions of United States law related to such rights, diplomatic tools to promote respect for such rights, and the protection of individuals who have fled their countries due to violations of such rights.

(b) Consultation

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Foreign Affairs Training Center of the Foreign Service Institute of the Department, shall consult, as appropriate, with nongovernmental organizations involved in the protection and promotion of such rights and the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom with respect to the training required by this subsection.¹

(c) Report

Not later than 180 days after August 3, 2007, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report containing a description of the current and planned training provided to Foreign Service officers in human rights and democracy promotion, including such training provided to chiefs of mission serving or preparing to serve in nondemocratic countries or democratic transition countries.

(Pub. L. 110–53, title XXI, §2141, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 534.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

References to National Foreign Affairs Training Center considered to refer to George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center, see section 1(b) of Pub. L. 107–132, set out as a note under section 4021 of this title.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section”.