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# H. R. 1856

To amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to strengthen the promotion of religious freedom in United States foreign policy and to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services and Oversight and Government Reform, 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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
 3 “International Religious Freedom Act Amendments of  
 4 2011”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings; policy.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIVITIES

- Sec. 101. Office of International Religious Freedom; Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.
- Sec. 102. Reports.
- Sec. 103. Training for Foreign Service officers.
- Sec. 104. Programs and allocations of funds by United States missions abroad.
- Sec. 105. Prisoner lists and issue briefs on religious freedom concerns.
- Sec. 106. Interagency report.

TITLE II—COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS  
 FREEDOM

- Sec. 201. Establishment and composition.
- Sec. 202. Commission personnel matters.
- Sec. 203. Report of the Commission.
- Sec. 204. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 205. Standards of conduct and disclosure.
- Sec. 206. Termination.

TITLE III—PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

- Sec. 301. Presidential actions in response to violations of religious freedom.
- Sec. 302. Presidential actions in response to particularly severe violations of religious freedom.
- Sec. 303. Consultations.
- Sec. 304. Presidential waiver.
- Sec. 305. Termination of Presidential actions.

TITLE IV—PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- Sec. 401. Assistance for promoting religious freedom.

TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 501. Report on effectiveness of programs to promote religious freedom.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; POLICY.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 2(a) of the International Re-  
3 ligious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401(a)) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the  
6 following: “Both America’s history and the experi-  
7 ence of other countries demonstrate that the vig-  
8 orous protection of religious freedom is necessary for  
9 democracy to endure, and to yield its social, eco-  
10 nomic, political, intellectual, and religious benefits to  
11 all its citizens. Contemporary scholarship also dem-  
12 onstrates that the absence of religious freedom in a  
13 country is causally related not only to the persecu-  
14 tion of religious minorities, but also to religious con-  
15 flict, violence, extremism, and terrorism, including  
16 the kind of terrorism that has reached the American  
17 homeland.”;

18 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “one-half”  
19 and inserting “two-thirds”;

20 (3) in paragraph (5), by striking “religious per-  
21 secution” and inserting “persecution”; and

22 (4) by striking paragraph (7).

23 (b) POLICY.—Section 2(b) of the International Reli-  
24 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6401(b)) is amend-  
25 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and non-  
2 governmental organizations” after “other govern-  
3 ments”;

4 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and non-  
5 governmental organizations” after “governments”;

6 (3) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and non-  
7 governmental organizations” after “foreign govern-  
8 ments”; and

9 (4) in paragraph (5), by inserting “as well as  
10 foreign assistance and other programs funded by the  
11 United States Government,” after “cultural chan-  
12 nels,”.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 Section 3(3)(A) of the International Religious Free-  
15 dom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402) is amended by striking  
16 “Committee on International Relations” and inserting  
17 “Committee on Foreign Affairs”.

18 **TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF**  
19 **STATE ACTIVITIES**

20 **SEC. 101. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREE-**  
21 **DOM; AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR INTER-**  
22 **NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—Section 101(a) of  
24 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
25 U.S.C. 6411(a)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “within the Department of  
2           State” and inserting “, in the Office of the Sec-  
3           retary of State,”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following: “The  
5           Ambassador at Large shall report directly to the  
6           Secretary of State.”.

7           (b) DUTIES.—Section 101(c) of the International Re-  
8           ligious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411(c)) is  
9           amended—

10           (1) in paragraph (1)—

11                   (A) by striking “responsibility” and insert-  
12                   ing “responsibilities”;

13                   (B) by striking “shall be to advance” and  
14                   inserting the following: “shall be—

15                           “(A) to advance”;

16                   (C) by striking the period at the end and  
17                   inserting “; and”; and

18                   (D) by adding at the end the following new  
19                   subparagraph:

20                           “(B) to integrate United States inter-  
21                           national religious freedom policies and religious  
22                           engagement programs into democracy and civil  
23                           society programs funded by the United States  
24                           and into the counterterrorism policies of United  
25                           States Government departments and agencies,

1 including the Department of Defense, the De-  
2 partment of State, the Department of Home-  
3 land Security, and the Department of the  
4 Treasury.”;

5 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “a principal  
6 advisor” and inserting “the principal advisor”;

7 (3) in paragraph (3)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
9 “and” at the end;

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
11 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
13 subparagraph:

14 “(C) contacts with nongovernmental orga-  
15 nizations that have an impact on the state of  
16 religious freedom in their respective societies or  
17 regions, or internationally.”;

18 (4) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
19 graph (5); and

20 (5) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
21 lowing new paragraph:

22 “(4) COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—The  
23 Ambassador at Large shall seek to coordinate all  
24 programs, projects, and activities of the United  
25 States Government to promote religious freedom and

1 religious engagement abroad, including programs,  
2 projects, and activities of the Department of De-  
3 fense, the Department of State, the Department of  
4 Homeland Security, the Department of the Treas-  
5 ury, and the United States Agency for International  
6 Development.”.

7 (c) FUNDING.—Section 101(d) of the International  
8 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411(d)) is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 “(d) FUNDING.—The Secretary of State shall provide  
11 the Ambassador at Large with such funds as may be nec-  
12 essary for the hiring of individuals to fill at least 15 full-  
13 time-equivalent staff positions, including a senior advisor,  
14 for the Office, for the conduct of investigations by the Of-  
15 fice, and for necessary travel to carry out the provisions  
16 of this section. The Secretary of State shall also provide  
17 the Ambassador at Large with representational funds  
18 equal to that of other Ambassadors at Large in the De-  
19 partment of State.”.

20 **SEC. 102. REPORTS.**

21 (a) STATUS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Section  
22 102(b)(1) of the International Religious Freedom Act of  
23 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)) is amended in the matter  
24 preceding subparagraph (A)—

1           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Sep-  
2           tember” and inserting “May”; and

3           (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-  
4           lowing: “Each Annual Report shall be independent  
5           and distinct from the most recent Human Rights  
6           Reports and shall be made available to the public in  
7           such a manner.”.

8           (b) VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Section  
9           102(b)(1)(B) of the International Religious Freedom Act  
10          of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)(B)) is amended in the  
11          matter preceding clause (i) by inserting “whether in mat-  
12          ters of private belief and practice or the peaceful involve-  
13          ment of such groups or members in the political life of  
14          a nation,” after “including policies that discriminate  
15          against particular religious groups or members of such  
16          groups,”.

17          (c) UNITED STATES POLICIES.—Section  
18          102(b)(1)(C) of the International Religious Freedom Act  
19          of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)(C)) is amended—

20                 (1) by striking “A description” and inserting  
21                 “A comprehensive description”;

22                 (2) by striking “policies in support” and insert-  
23                 ing “religious engagement policies in support”;

24                 (3) by inserting “with respect to each such for-  
25                 eign country” after “including a description”; and



1           (4) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
2           ing the following: “, and an analysis of the impact  
3           of actions by the United States on the status of reli-  
4           gious freedom in each country. This section of the  
5           report should be country-specific and comprehensive,  
6           and should avoid insofar as possible the repetition of  
7           standard phrases and sentences to be employed in  
8           every country report.”.

9 **SEC. 103. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

10           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 708(a) of the Foreign  
11 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028(a)) is amended—

12           (1) by striking “The Secretary of State” and  
13           inserting “(1) The Secretary of State”;

14           (2) in paragraph (1) (as added by paragraph  
15           (1) of this subsection)—

16           (A) by striking “other relevant officials,  
17           such as” and inserting “relevant officials, in-  
18           cluding”; and

19           (B) by inserting “the United States Com-  
20           mission on International Religious Freedom es-  
21           tablished under section 201(a) of such Act,”  
22           after “1998,”

23           (3) by redesignating the subsequent paragraphs  
24           (1) through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),  
25           respectively; and

1           (4) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3           “(2) Such training shall, at a minimum, be a sepa-  
4 rate, independent, and required segment of each of the  
5 following:

6           “(A) The A-100 course attended by all Foreign  
7 Service Officers.

8           “(B) The courses required of every Foreign  
9 Service Officer prior to a posting abroad, each seg-  
10 ment to be tailored to the religious demography, sta-  
11 tus of religious freedom, and United States strate-  
12 gies for advancing religious freedom, in the receiving  
13 country.

14           “(C) The courses required of all deputy chiefs  
15 of mission and all chiefs of mission.”.

16           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, with  
18 the assistance of the Ambassador at Large for Inter-  
19 national Religious Freedom appointed under section  
20 101(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of  
21 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411(b)) and the Director of the George  
22 P. Schultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center and  
23 in consultation with the United States Commission on  
24 International Religious Freedom established under section  
25 201(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of

1 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(a)), shall submit to the Committee  
2 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and  
3 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a com-  
4 prehensive plan for administering training for Foreign  
5 Service officers required under section 708 of the Foreign  
6 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028), as amended by sub-  
7 section (a).

8 **SEC. 104. PROGRAMS AND ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS BY**  
9 **UNITED STATES MISSIONS ABROAD.**

10 Section 106 of the International Religious Freedom  
11 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6415) is amended—

12 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
13 striking “It is the sense of Congress” and inserting  
14 “It is the policy of the United States”; and

15 (2) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking  
16 “should” each place it appears and inserting “shall”.

17 **SEC. 105. PRISONER LISTS AND ISSUE BRIEFS ON RELI-**  
18 **GIOUS FREEDOM CONCERNS.**

19 (a) INCREASED ADVOCACY.—Section 108(a) of the  
20 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
21 6417(a)) is amended—

22 (1) in the heading, by striking “SENSE OF  
23 CONGRESS” and inserting “INCREASED ADVOCACY”;

24 (2) by striking “it is the sense of Congress  
25 that”; and

1           (3) by striking “should promote” and inserting  
2           “shall promote”.

3           (b) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—Section 108(c)  
4 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
5 U.S.C. 6417(c)) is amended by striking “, as appro-  
6 priate,”.

7 **SEC. 106. INTERAGENCY REPORT.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-  
9 nation with the heads of other relevant United States Gov-  
10 ernment departments and agencies, including the Depart-  
11 ment of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security,  
12 the Department of the Treasury, and the United States  
13 Agency for International Development, shall submit to  
14 Congress a report on the best uses of United States for-  
15 eign assistance to promote religious freedom and religious  
16 engagement abroad.

17           (b) TIMING.—The report required under subsection  
18 (a) shall be issued not later than 6 months after the date  
19 on which the first report required under section 102(b)  
20 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
21 U.S.C. 6412(b)) is transmitted to Congress after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act.

1 **TITLE II—COMMISSION ON**  
2 **INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS**  
3 **FREEDOM**

4 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.**

5 (a) MEMBERSHIP.—Section 201(b)(1)(B) of the  
6 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
7 6431(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

8 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-  
9 ing “Nine” and inserting “nine”;

10 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “President pro  
11 tempore” and inserting “leadership”; and

12 (3) in clause (iii), by striking “Speaker” and in-  
13 serting “leadership”.

14 (b) TERMS.—Section 201(c) of the International Re-  
15 ligious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(c)) is  
16 amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1)—

18 (A) in the second sentence, by striking “to  
19 a second term”; and

20 (B) by striking the third and fourth sen-  
21 tences;

22 (2) in paragraph (2)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “dur-  
24 ing the period May 15, 2003, through May 14,  
25 2005,”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

2 (i) in the heading, by striking “PRESI-  
3 DENT PRO TEMPORE”; and

4 (ii) by striking “President pro tem-  
5 pore” each place it appears and inserting  
6 “leadership”;

7 (C) in subparagraph (D)—

8 (i) in the heading, by striking  
9 “SPEAKER”; and

10 (ii) by striking “Speaker” each place  
11 it appears and inserting “leadership”; and

12 (D) in subparagraph (E)—

13 (i) by striking “2003” and inserting  
14 “2012”; and

15 (ii) by striking “2004” and inserting  
16 “2013”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
18 paragraph:

19 “(3) INELIGIBILITY FOR REAPPOINTMENT.—If  
20 a member of the Commission attends, by being phys-  
21 ically present or by conference call, less than 75 per-  
22 cent of the meetings of the Commission during the  
23 member’s terms on the Commission, the member  
24 shall not be eligible for reappointment to the Com-  
25 mission.”.

1 (c) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COM-  
2 MITTEE.—Section 201(d) of the International Religious  
3 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(d)) is amended—

4 (1) in the heading, by inserting “AND EXECU-  
5 TIVE COMMITTEE” after “CHAIR”;

6 (2) by striking “At” and inserting the fol-  
7 lowing: “(1) CHAIR.—At”;

8 (3) in paragraph (1), as designated by para-  
9 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “May 30”  
10 and inserting “May 1”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the first meeting of  
15 the Commission after May 1 of each calendar  
16 year, a majority of the members of the Commis-  
17 sion present and voting shall elect the Executive  
18 Committee of the Commission.

19 “(B) COMPOSITION.—The Executive Com-  
20 mittee shall be composed of—

21 “(i) the Chair of the Commission; and

22 “(ii) two other members of the Com-  
23 mission appointed under subsection  
24 (b)(1)(B), who shall serve as Vice-Chairs  
25 of the Commission, and at least one of

1           whom has been appointed under subsection  
2           (b)(1)(B) by an official whose political  
3           party is not the same political party as the  
4           official who appointed the member of the  
5           Commission who has been elected the  
6           Chair of the Commission.”.

7           (d) APPLICABILITY.—A member of the United States  
8           Commission on International Religious Freedom who is  
9           serving on the Commission on the date of enactment of  
10          this Act shall continue to serve on the Commission until  
11          the expiration of the current term of the member under  
12          the terms and conditions for membership on the Commis-  
13          sion as in effect on the day before the date of the enact-  
14          ment of this Act.

15          **SEC. 202. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

16          Section 204 of the International Religious Freedom  
17          Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended—

18                 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “and such  
19                 other additional personnel”;

20                 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “and other  
21                 personnel” each place it appears; and

22                 (3) in subsection (c)—

23                         (A) by striking the first sentence and in-  
24                         serting the following: “The Executive Director  
25                         shall have the authority to hire Commission



1 staff on the basis of professional and non-  
2 partisan qualifications and fix their compensa-  
3 tion as may be necessary to enable the Commis-  
4 sion to perform its duties and without regard to  
5 the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III  
6 of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, re-  
7 lating to classification of positions and General  
8 Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay  
9 for such staff may not exceed the rate payable  
10 for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-  
11 tion 5316 of such title.”; and

12 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-  
13 serting the following: “The Executive Director  
14 shall have the authority to terminate Commis-  
15 sion staff and shall have such other authorities  
16 as necessary to ensure the effective and effi-  
17 cient operation of the Commission.”.

18 **SEC. 203. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.**

19 Section 205(a) of the International Religious Free-  
20 dom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6433(a)) is amended by strik-  
21 ing “May” and inserting “November”.

22 **SEC. 204. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 Section 207 of the International Religious Freedom  
24 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6435) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$3,000,000  
2           for the fiscal year 2003” and inserting “\$4,300,000  
3           for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2018”; and

4           (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
5           following: “The Commission may use not more than  
6           5 percent of funds made available to carry out this  
7           title for a fiscal year for official reception and rep-  
8           resentation to help fulfill the purposes for which the  
9           Commission was established.”.

10 **SEC. 205. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURE.**

11           Section 208 of the International Religious Freedom  
12 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6435a) is amended—

13           (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “, except  
14           that the Commission may not expend more than  
15           \$100,000 in any fiscal year to procure such serv-  
16           ices”; and

17           (2) in subsection (e), by striking “International  
18           Relations” and inserting “Foreign Affairs”.

19 **SEC. 206. TERMINATION.**

20           Section 209 of the International Religious Freedom  
21 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6436) is amended by striking  
22 “September 30, 2011” and inserting “September 30,  
23 2018”.

1           **TITLE III—PRESIDENTIAL**  
2                           **ACTIONS**

3   **SEC. 301. PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO VIOLA-**  
4                           **TIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.**

5           Section 401(b)(2) of the International Religious  
6 Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6441(b)(2)) is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8                   “(2) DEADLINE FOR ACTIONS.—Not later than  
9           90 days after the date of the submission of the re-  
10          port required under section 102(b), the President  
11          shall take action under any of paragraphs (1)  
12          through (15) of section 405(a) (or commensurate ac-  
13          tion in substitution thereto) with respect to each for-  
14          eign country the government of which has engaged  
15          in or tolerated violations of religious freedom at any  
16          time since the date of submission of the report re-  
17          quired under section 102(b) for the preceding year,  
18          except that in the case of action under any of para-  
19          graphs (9) through (15) of section 405(a) (or com-  
20          mensurate action in substitution thereto) the action  
21          may only be taken after the President makes a de-  
22          termination that the requirements of sections 403  
23          and 404 have been satisfied.”.

1 **SEC. 302. PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO PAR-**  
2 **TICULARLY SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELI-**  
3 **GIOUS FREEDOM.**

4 (a) DESIGNATIONS OF COUNTRIES OF PARTICULAR  
5 CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Section 402(b) of  
6 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
7 U.S.C. 6442(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) by striking “Not later than Sep-

11 tember 1 of each year” and inserting “Not

12 later than 90 days after the submission of

13 the report required under section 102(b)”;

14 and

15 (ii) by striking “or since the date”

16 and all that follows through “The Presi-

17 dent” and inserting “and”; and

18 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Sep-

19 tember 1 of the respective year” and inserting

20 “the date of submission of the report required

21 under section 102(b)”;

22 (2) in paragraph (3)—

23 (A) by striking “Whenever” and inserting

24 the following:

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Whenever”;

1 (B) by striking “as soon as practicable”  
2 and inserting “not later than 120 days”;

3 (C) by redesignating the subsequent sub-  
4 paragraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii),  
5 respectively, and moving the margins of such  
6 clauses 2 ems to the right;

7 (D) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the  
8 end;

9 (E) in clause (ii), by striking the period at  
10 the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (F) by adding at the end the following new  
12 clause:

13 “(iii) the actions taken, the purposes  
14 of the actions taken, and evaluation of the  
15 effectiveness of the actions taken.”; and

16 (G) by adding at the end the following new  
17 subparagraphs:

18 “(B) COUNTRIES RECOMMENDED BY THE  
19 COMMISSION.—If the President does not des-  
20 ignate a country as a country of particular con-  
21 cern for religious freedom under paragraph  
22 (1)(A) that the Commission has recommended  
23 be so designated, the President shall submit to  
24 Congress a report that contains the reasons  
25 therefor.

1           “(C) REMOVAL OF DESIGNATION.—A  
2           country that is designated as a country of par-  
3           ticular concern for religious freedom under  
4           paragraph (1)(A) shall retain such designation  
5           until the President determines and reports to  
6           the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
7           of Representatives and the Committee on For-  
8           eign Relations of the Senate that the country  
9           should no longer be so designated.”.

10       (b) PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO  
11 COUNTRIES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS  
12 FREEDOM.—Section 402(c)(5) of the International Reli-  
13 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6442(c)(5)) is  
14 amended—

15           (1) in the second sentence, by adding at the end  
16           before the period the following: “and include a de-  
17           scription of the impact of the designation of such  
18           sanction or sanctions”; and

19           (2) by adding at the end the following: “The  
20           President shall submit to the Committee on Foreign  
21           Affairs of the House of Representatives and the  
22           Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a re-  
23           port explaining why the decision was made that one  
24           or more of such sanctions also satisfy the require-  
25           ments of this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 303. CONSULTATIONS.**

2 Section 403(a) of the International Religious Free-  
3 dom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6443(a)) is amended by strik-  
4 ing “As soon as practicable” and inserting “Not later than  
5 90 days”.

6 **SEC. 304. PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER.**

7 Section 407 of the International Religious Freedom  
8 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6447) is amended by inserting  
9 “for a 180-day period” after “may waive”.

10 **SEC. 305. TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS.**

11 Section 409 of the International Religious Freedom  
12 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6449) is amended by striking “on  
13 the earlier of” and all that follows through “Upon” and  
14 inserting “upon”.

15 **TITLE IV—PROMOTION OF**  
16 **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

17 **SEC. 401. ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTING RELIGIOUS FREE-**  
18 **DOM.**

19 Section 501 of the International Religious Freedom  
20 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2151n note) is amended by adding  
21 at the end the following new subsection:

22 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Of the amounts  
23 made available for the Human Rights and Democracy  
24 Fund for fiscal years 2012 through 2018, the Secretary  
25 of State shall provide to the Office not less than 5 percent  
26 of such amounts for each such fiscal year for the pro-

1 motion of international religious freedom through groups  
2 that are able to develop legal protections and promote cul-  
3 tural and societal understanding of international norms of  
4 religious freedom.”.

5           **TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS**  
6                           **PROVISIONS**

7   **SEC. 501. REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS TO**  
8                           **PROMOTE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.**

9           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
11 of the United States shall submit to the appropriate con-  
12 gressional committees a report on the implementation of  
13 this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

14           (b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Comptroller General shall  
15 consult with the appropriate congressional committees and  
16 nongovernmental organizations for purposes of preparing  
17 the report.

18           (c) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The report shall  
19 include the following:

20                   (1) A review of the effectiveness of all United  
21 States Government programs to promote inter-  
22 national religious freedom, including their goals and  
23 objectives.

24                   (2) An assessment of the roles and functions of  
25 the Office on International Religious Freedom estab-



1 lished in section 101(a) of the International Reli-  
2 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411(a)) and  
3 the relationship of the Office to other offices in the  
4 Department of State.

5 (3) A review of the role of the Ambassador at  
6 Large for International Religious Freedom ap-  
7 pointed under section 101(b) of the International  
8 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411(b))  
9 and the placement of such position within the De-  
10 partment of State.

11 (4) A review and assessment of the goals and  
12 objectives of the United States Commission on Inter-  
13 national Religious Freedom established under sec-  
14 tion 201(a) of the International Religious Freedom  
15 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(a)).

16 (5) A comparative analysis of the structure of  
17 the United States Commission on International Reli-  
18 gious Freedom as an independent non-partisan enti-  
19 ty in relation to other United States advisory com-  
20 missions, whether or not such commissions are  
21 under the direct authority of Congress.

22 (6) A review of the relationship between the  
23 Ambassador at Large for International Religious  
24 Freedom and the United States Commission on  
25 International Religious Freedom, and possible re-

1 forms that would improve the ability of both to  
2 reach their goals and objectives.

3 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-  
4 priate congressional committees” has the meaning given  
5 the term in section 3 of the International Religious Free-  
6 dom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6402).

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