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To require a comprehensive regional strategy to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its affiliates.

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Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select) and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require a comprehensive regional strategy to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its affiliates.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Strat-
5 egy to Destroy ISIL Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO DESTROY THE ISLAMIC STATE OF**
2 **IRAQ AND THE LEVANT AND ITS AFFILIATES.**

3 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense and the Secretary of State, in consultation with
6 the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall
7 jointly develop and submit to the appropriate committees
8 of Congress a strategy to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq
9 and the Levant (ISIL) and its affiliates.

10 (b) ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY.—The strategy re-
11 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following ele-
12 ments:

13 (1) An update on the status and progress of the
14 Global Coalition to Counter ISIL and specific ac-
15 tions being taken in conjunction with such Coalition
16 to destroy and eliminate ISIL.

17 (2) A strategy for the deployment of United
18 States military assets, including ground combat
19 forces, to train and equip allies, as well as potential
20 direct confrontation with ISIL fighters and its affili-
21 ates.

22 (3) A strategy for airstrikes and drone strikes
23 in Iraq and Syria against ISIL senior leaders and
24 infrastructure, as well as the viability of the use of
25 airstrikes in conjunction with regional partners that
26 face a significant threat from ISIL and its affiliates.

(4) A plan to strengthen the capacity of the Iraqi Security Forces, the Kurdish Peshmerga, the Jordanian Armed Forces, the Afghanistan Security Forces, and others to counter gains by ISIL and its affiliates.

(5) A plan to provide humanitarian assistance and relief, governance, and rule of law to regions previously impacted by ISIL and its affiliates.

(6) Prevention of a reconstitution of ISIL or its affiliates in the region.

(7) Use of social media and other communication technologies to counter ISIL's propaganda, influence, and ability to recruit fighters domestically and internationally.

(c) UPDATE.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an update of the strategy required by subsection (a) at least once every two years after the date of the initial submission of the strategy.

**SEC. 3. ASSESSMENT BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTEL-
LIGENCE.**

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an assessment of the following:

1 (1) The willingness and capabilities of coalition
2 members and allies to defeat and destroy the Islamic
3 State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and its affili-
4 ates with their own military assets.

5 (2) The presence of ISIL or its affiliates in
6 countries other than Syria, Iraq, Libya, Egypt, and
7 Afghanistan.

8 (3) Preventing radicalization of citizens of re-
9 gional countries by ISIL and its affiliates and tac-
10 tics used by countries to stop radicalization.

11 (4) Assessment of the number of foreign fight-
12 ers joining ISIL and its affiliates and tactics that
13 can be used by countries with foreign fighter popu-
14 lations to prevent further recruitment.

15 (5) Significant United States intelligence gaps
16 concerning ISIL and its affiliates and the ability to
17 carry out a regional strategy to defeat ISIL and its
18 affiliates.

19 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-**
20 **FINED.**

21 In this Act, the term “appropriate committees of
22 Congress” means—

23 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
24 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
25 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-

1 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
2 tives; and

3 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
5 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
6 ligence of the Senate.

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