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To make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORKER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017.

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 “Department of State
5 Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, Improvements Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OVERSIGHT BY COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 (a) OMNIBUS DIPLOMATIC SECURITY AND
8 ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 1986.—Section 104(a) of the
9 Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of
10 1986, as added by section 101 of the Department of State

1 Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323),
2 is amended by inserting “and the Committees on Appro-
3 priations of the Senate and the House of Representatives”
4 after “appropriate congressional committees”.

5 (b) ANNUAL REPORT ON EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION
6 COSTS.—Section 118(a) of the Department of State Au-
7 thorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is
8 amended by inserting “and the Committees on Appropria-
9 tions of the Senate and the House of Representatives”
10 after “appropriate congressional committees”.

11 (c) OVERSIGHT OF AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
12 PEACEKEEPER ABUSES.—Section 301(a) of the Depart-
13 ment of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public
14 Law 114–323) is amended by inserting “and the Commit-
15 tees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of
16 Representatives” after “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees”.

18 (d) WORKFORCE RIGHTSIZING REPORT.—Section
19 405(c) of the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal
20 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is amended by inserting
21 “and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and
22 the House of Representatives” after “appropriate congress-
23 sional committees”.

24 (e) CONSULAR IMMUNITY.—Subsection (b)(2) of sec-
25 tion 4 of the Diplomatic Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 254c),

1 as added by section 501 of the Department of State Au-
2 thorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323), is
3 amended by striking “of the House of Representatives and
4 the Committee on Foreign Relations” and inserting “and
5 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and
7 the Committee on Appropriations”.

8 (f) WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG POLICY COMMIS-
9 SION REPORT.—Section 602(c) of the Department of
10 State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–
11 323) is amended—

12 (1) by inserting “and the Committee on Appro-
13 priations” after “Committee on Foreign Affairs”;
14 and

15 (2) by inserting “and the Committee on Appro-
16 priations” after “Committee on Foreign Relations”;

17 **SEC. 3. PEACEKEEPING TRAINING.**

18 Section 301 of the Department of State Authorities
19 Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (1) in subsection (e)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “enhance
23 the discovery” and inserting “investigate allega-
24 tions”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “ade-
 2 quately respond to complaints about such of-
 3 fenses by carrying out swift and effective dis-
 4 ciplinary action against the personnel” and in-
 5 serting “appropriately hold accountable per-
 6 sonnel”; and

7 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, in-
 8 cluding compensation to victims, as appro-
 9 priate” after “responses to such offenses”;

10 (2) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “any indi-
 11 vidual who commits an act” and inserting “per-
 12 sonnel who are found to have committed acts”; and

13 (3) in subsection (g)(1), by striking “note-
 14 worthy”.

15 **SEC. 4. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SEC-**
 16 **RETARY GENERAL.**

17 Section 310 of the Department of State Authorities
 18 Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is amend-
 19 ed—

20 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The descrip-
 21 tions referred to in subsection (a) shall include the
 22 following elements” and inserting “In addition to
 23 the descriptions referred to in subsection (a), each
 24 such candidate shall be urged to describe the fol-
 25 lowing”; and

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “such l” and
2 inserting “such agenda”.

3 **SEC. 5. POLICY REGARDING THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN**
4 **RIGHTS COUNCIL.**

5 Section 311(a)(2) of the Department of State Au-
6 thorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; or” and
9 inserting a semicolon; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraphs:

12 “(E) which has been designated as a Tier
13 3 country in the annual Department of State
14 Trafficking in Persons Report under the Traf-
15 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
16 U.S.C. 7107); or

17 “(F) which is identified as having failed to
18 prevent or address gross violations of human
19 rights in the annual Department of State
20 Human Rights Report under the Foreign As-
21 sistance Act of 1961 and the Trade Act of
22 1974.”.

1 **SEC. 6. COMPARATIVE REPORT ON PEACEKEEPING OPER-**
2 **ATIONS.**

3 Section 313 of the Department of State Authorities
4 Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by inserting “and the Committees on Ap-
7 propriations of the Senate and the House of Rep-
8 resentatives” after “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees”; and

10 (2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-
11 lows:

12 “(1) a comparison of the costs of current
13 United Nations peacekeeping operations, including
14 the costs incurred by the United States for such op-
15 erations, and the estimated cost of such operations
16 if implemented unilaterally by the United States;
17 and”.

18 **SEC. 7. LATERAL ENTRY INTO THE FOREIGN SERVICE.**

19 Section 404(a) of the Department of State Authori-
20 ties Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is
21 amended by striking “outstanding”.

22 **SEC. 8. COMBATING INTOLERANCE.**

23 The section heading of section 419 of the Department
24 of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law
25 114–323) is amended by striking “**ANTI-SEMITISM**” and
26 inserting “**INTOLERANCE**”.

1 **SEC. 9. TECHNICAL CORRECTION REGARDING COMPLE-**
 2 **TION OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG POL-**
 3 **ICY COMMISSION REPORT.**

4 Section 603(f)(1) of the Department of State Au-
 5 thorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is
 6 amended by striking “section 362” and inserting “section
 7 602(e)”.

8 **SEC. 10. BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS.**

9 Section 703(b)(2) of the Department of State Au-
 10 thorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is
 11 amended by striking “any significant restructuring,”.

12 **SEC. 11. RANSOMS TO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
 13 **TIONS.**

14 Section 709(a) of the Department of State Authori-
 15 ties Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–323) is
 16 amended by inserting “, to the extent practicable,” before
 17 “transmit”.

18 **SEC. 12. RESTORATION OF TIBET REPORT.**

19 Section 613 of the Foreign Relations Authorization
 20 Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–228, 22 U.S.C.
 21 6901 note), as amended by section 715(b)(1) of the De-
 22 partment of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017 (Pub-
 23 lic Law 114–323), is further amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “IN GEN-
 25 ERAL” and inserting the following: “POLICY.—

26 “(1) IN GENERAL.—”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as para-
2 graph (2) and moving such paragraph, as so redesign-
3 nated, two ems to the right; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(b) PERIODIC REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of the Department of State
8 Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017, Improvements Act, and
9 annually thereafter until December 31, 2021, the Presi-
10 dent shall transmit to the appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees a report on—

12 “(1) the steps taken by the President and the
13 Secretary in accordance with subsection (a)(1); and

14 “(2) the status of any discussions between the
15 People’s Republic of China and the Dalai Lama or
16 his representatives.”.

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