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## AN ACT

To establish in the Department of State the Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia, and for other purposes.

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.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Inter-  
3 national Islamophobia Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE**  
5 **TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ISLAMOPHOBIA.**

6 Title I of the State Department Basic Authorities Act  
7 of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding  
8 at the end the following new section:

9 **“SEC. 64. MONITORING AND COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA.**

10 “(a) OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT  
11 ISLAMOPHOBIA.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State  
13 shall establish within the Department of State an  
14 Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia (in this  
15 section referred to as the ‘Office’).

16 “(2) HEAD OF OFFICE.—

17 “(A) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MONITORING  
18 AND COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA.—The head of  
19 the Office shall be the Special Envoy for Moni-  
20 toring and Combating Islamophobia (in this  
21 section referred to as the ‘Special Envoy’).

22 “(B) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOY.—  
23 The President, by and with the advice and con-  
24 sent of the Senate shall appoint the Special  
25 Envoy. If the President determines that such is  
26 appropriate, the President may appoint the

1 Special Envoy from among officers and employ-  
2 ees of the Department of State. The Secretary  
3 of State may allow such officer or employee to  
4 retain the position (and the responsibilities as-  
5 sociated with such position) held by such officer  
6 or employee prior to such appointment.

7 “(b) PURPOSE OF OFFICE.—Upon establishment, the  
8 Office shall assume primary responsibility for the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(1) Monitoring and combating acts of  
11 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement that  
12 occur in foreign countries.

13 “(2) Coordinating and assisting in the prepara-  
14 tion of that portion of the reports required by para-  
15 graph (9) of section 116(d) and subsection (k) of  
16 section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
17 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d) and 2304) relating to an as-  
18 sessment and description of the nature and extent of  
19 acts of Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement.

20 “(3) Coordinating and assisting in the prepara-  
21 tion of that portion of the report required by clause  
22 (viii) of section 102(b)(1)(A) of the International  
23 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
24 6412(b)(1)(A)) relating to an assessment and de-

1       description of the nature and extent of acts of  
2       Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement.

3       “(c) CONSULTATIONS.—The Special Envoy shall con-  
4       sult with domestic and international nongovernmental or-  
5       ganizations and multilateral organizations and institu-  
6       tions, as the Special Envoy considers appropriate, to carry  
7       out this section.”.

8       **SEC. 3. INCLUSION IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNUAL RE-**  
9                                   **PORTS OF INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS**  
10                                  **OF ISLAMOPHOBIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

11       (a) INCLUSION IN ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON  
12       HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.—The Foreign Assistance  
13       Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended—

14               (1) in section 116(d) (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d))—

15                       (A) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10),  
16                       (11), and (12), as paragraphs (10), (11), (12),  
17                       and (13), respectively; and

18                       (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the  
19                       following new paragraph:

20                       “(9) wherever applicable, a description of the  
21                       nature and extent of acts of Islamophobia and  
22                       Islamophobic incitement that occur during the pre-  
23                       ceding year, including descriptions of—

24                               “(A) acts of physical violence against, or  
25                               harassment of, Muslim people, and acts of vio-

1           lence against, or vandalism of, Muslim commu-  
2           nity institutions, including schools, mosques,  
3           and cemeteries;

4           “(B) instances of propaganda in govern-  
5           ment and nongovernment media that attempt to  
6           justify or promote racial hatred or incite acts of  
7           violence against Muslim people;

8           “(C) the actions, if any, taken by the gov-  
9           ernment of the country to respond to such vio-  
10          lence and attacks or to eliminate such propa-  
11          ganda or incitement;

12          “(D) the actions taken by such government  
13          to enact and enforce laws relating to the protec-  
14          tion of the right to religious freedom of Muslim  
15          people;

16          “(E) the efforts of such government to  
17          promote anti-bias and tolerance education; and

18          “(F) any instances of forced labor, reedu-  
19          cation, or the presence of concentration camps,  
20          such as those targeting the Uyghurs in the  
21          Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the  
22          People’s Republic of China;”;

23          (2) in section 502B (22 U.S.C. 2304), by—

1           (A) redesignating the second subsection (i)  
2           (relating to child marriage status) as subsection  
3           (j); and

4           (B) by adding at the end the following new  
5           subsection:

6           “(k)   INFORMATION   CONCERNING   ACTS   OF  
7 ISLAMOPHOBIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The report re-  
8 quired by subsection (b) shall include, wherever applicable,  
9 a description of the nature and extent of acts of  
10 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement that occur dur-  
11 ing the preceding year, including descriptions of—

12           “(1) acts of physical violence against, or harass-  
13           ment of, Muslim people, and acts of violence against,  
14           or vandalism of, Muslim community institutions, in-  
15           cluding schools, mosques, and cemeteries;

16           “(2) instances of propaganda in government  
17           and nongovernment media that attempt to justify or  
18           promote racial hatred or incite acts of violence  
19           against Muslim people;

20           “(3) the actions, if any, taken by the govern-  
21           ment of the country to respond to such violence and  
22           attacks or to eliminate such propaganda or incite-  
23           ment;

1           “(4) the actions taken by such government to  
2           enact and enforce laws relating to the protection of  
3           the right to religious freedom of Muslim people;

4           “(5) the efforts of such government to promote  
5           anti-bias and tolerance education; and

6           “(6) any instances of forced labor, reeducation,  
7           or the presence of concentration camps, such as  
8           those targeting the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Uyghur  
9           Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of  
10          China.”.

11          (b) INCLUSION IN ANNUAL REPORT ON INTER-  
12          NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Section 102(b)(1)(A)  
13          of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
14          U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

15                 (1) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at the end;

16                 (2) in clause (vii)(II), by striking the period at  
17                 the end and inserting “; and”; and

18                 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
19                 clause:

20                         “(viii) wherever applicable, an assess-  
21                         ment and description of the nature and ex-  
22                         tent of acts of Islamophobia and  
23                         Islamophobic incitement that occur in that  
24                         country during the preceding the year, in-  
25                         cluding—

1           “(I) acts of physical violence  
2           against, or harassment of, Muslim  
3           people, acts of violence against, or  
4           vandalism of, Muslim community in-  
5           stitutions, instances of propaganda in  
6           government and nongovernment media  
7           that incite such acts, and statements  
8           and actions relating thereto;

9           “(II) the actions taken by the  
10          government of that country to re-  
11          spond to such violence and attacks or  
12          to eliminate such propaganda or in-  
13          citement, to enact and enforce laws  
14          relating to the protection of the right  
15          to religious freedom of Muslims, and  
16          to promote anti-bias and tolerance  
17          education; and

18          “(III) any instances of forced  
19          labor, reeducation, or the presence of  
20          concentration camps, such as those  
21          targeting the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang  
22          Uyghur Autonomous Region of the  
23          People’s Republic of China.”.

24          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCLUSIONS.—The amend-  
25          ments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply begin-



1 ning with the first reports required under sections 116(d)  
2 and 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22  
3 U.S.C. 2151n and 2304) and section 102(b)(1)(A) of the  
4 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
5 6312(b)(1)(A)) that are submitted after the date that is  
6 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION.**

8 No funds made available pursuant to this Act or an  
9 amendment made by this Act may be used to promote or  
10 endorse a Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) move-  
11 ment ideology or used to promote or endorse a Muslim  
12 ban, such as the one instituted by former President  
13 Trump.

Passed the House of Representatives December 14,  
2021.

Attest:

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

*Clerk.*