

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7311

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of State to develop and submit to Congress a strategy and implementation plan outlining United States efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa, 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 “Countering Malign
3 Russian Activities in Africa Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the United States—

6 (1) should regularly assess the scale and scope
7 of the Russian Federation’s influence and activities
8 in Africa that undermine United States objectives
9 and interests; and

10 (2) determine how—

11 (A) to address and counter such influence
12 and activities effectively, including through ap-
13 propriate United States foreign assistance pro-
14 grams; and

15 (B) to hold accountable the Russian Fed-
16 eration and African governments and their offi-
17 cials who are complicit in aiding such malign
18 influence and activities.

19 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; REPORT.**

20 (a) STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not
21 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act, the Secretary of State shall develop and submit to
23 the appropriate congressional committees a strategy and
24 implementation plan outlining United States efforts to
25 counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian

1 Federation and its proxies in Africa, including programs
2 and other initiatives designed to—

3 (1) strengthen democratic institutions, improve
4 government transparency and accountability, im-
5 prove standards related to human rights, labor, anti-
6 corruption initiatives, fiscal transparency, monitor
7 natural resources and extractive industries, and
8 other tenets of good governance; and

9 (2) monitor and report on Russian political in-
10 fluence and disinformation operations and the activi-
11 ties of Russian, Russia-connected, or Russian-funded
12 private military contractors in Africa.

13 (b) REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
16 nually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State,
17 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
18 eral departments and agencies as appropriate, shall
19 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
20 a report on the strategy and implementation plan re-
21 quired by subsection (a) and related efforts to
22 counter the malign influence and activities of the
23 Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa.

24 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
25 graph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the scope and nature of the Russian Federation’s malign influence and activities and related diplomatic, economic, and security priorities and strategic objectives of such engagement in Africa, including influence and activities that involve Russian proxies, such as Russian oligarchs, Russian-funded private military contractors, and other individuals and entities directly or indirectly employed by or financially or politically associated with Russia and its officials, who are involved in or aid activities to, among other things—

(i) manipulate African governments and their policies, as well as the public opinions and voting preferences of African populations and diaspora groups, including those in the United States; and

(ii) invest in, engage, or otherwise control strategic sectors in Africa, such as mining and other forms of natural resource extraction and exploitation, military basing and other security cooperation agreements, and information and communications technology.

1 (B) A detailed account of United States
2 foreign assistance and other initiatives devel-
3 oped and implemented during the preceding 3
4 fiscal years to address Russia's malign influence
5 and activities in Africa, including the objectives
6 and details of planned programs and initiatives
7 set out in the strategy required by subsection
8 (a).

9 (C) An analysis of policy and pro-
10 grammatic limitations, gaps, and resource re-
11 quirements to effectively counter Russia's ma-
12 lign influence and activities in Africa.

13 (D) An overview of other initiatives and
14 assistance programs funded by other inter-
15 national donors and partner countries to
16 counter Russia's malign influence and activities
17 in Africa.

18 (E) An identification of African govern-
19 ments and government officials, Russian gov-
20 ernment officials, and other individuals and en-
21 tities that have facilitated payments and other
22 prohibited activities that benefit United States-
23 sanctioned individuals and entities tied to Rus-
24 sia, including in violation of the Global
25 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act

(subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note), the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44; 22 U.S.C. 9401 et seq.), Executive Order 14024 (86 Fed. Reg. 20249; relating to blocking property with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation), and Executive Order 13848 (83 Fed. Reg. 46843; relating to imposing certain sanctions in the event of foreign interference in a United States election), and a detailed overview of United States efforts to hold such governments, officials, and other individuals and entities complicit in violating or facilitating the evasion of United States sanctions against Russia and its proxies accountable through sanctions or other restrictions.

(F) An identification of foreign companies and persons that have provided transportation, logistical, administrative, border crossing, or money transfer services to Russian mercenaries or armed forces operating on behalf of the Russian Government in Libya, and an analysis of whether such entities meet the criteria for imposition of sanctions under section 1(a) of Ex-

1 ecutive Order 13726 (81 Fed. Reg. 23559; re-
2 lating to blocking property and suspending
3 entry into the United States of persons contrib-
4 uting to the situation in Libya).

5 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
6 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
7 include a classified annex.

8 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
9 **FINED.**

10 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
13 House of Representatives; and

14 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
15 Senate.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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