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To support the advancement of inclusive economic growth, democratic governance, peace, and security in Colombia, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To support the advancement of inclusive economic growth, democratic governance, peace, and security in Colombia, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “United States-Colombia Bicentennial Alliance Act”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Designation of Colombia as a major non-NATO ally.

TITLE I—SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Sec. 101. Colombian-American Enterprise Fund.
- Sec. 102. Strategy for promoting and strengthening nearshoring in the Western Hemisphere.
- Sec. 103. United States-Colombia Labor Compact.
- Sec. 104. Supporting efforts to combat corruption.
- Sec. 105. Increasing English language proficiency.
- Sec. 106. Partnership for STEM education.
- Sec. 107. Supporting women and girls in science and technology.

TITLE II—ADVANCING PEACE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN COLOMBIA

- Sec. 201. Supporting peace and justice.
- Sec. 202. Advancing integrated rural development.
- Sec. 203. Empowering Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities in Colombia.
- Sec. 204. Protecting human rights defenders.

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- Sec. 301. Establishment of United States-Colombia security consultative committee.
- Sec. 302. Cooperation on cyber defense and combating cyber crimes.
- Sec. 303. Classified report on the activities of certain terrorist and criminal groups.
- Sec. 304. Counternarcotics and rural security strategy.
- Sec. 305. Classified report on the malicious activities of state actors in the Andean region.
- Sec. 306. Protecting and countering illicit activities in tropical forests.
- Sec. 307. Public-private partnership to build responsible gold value chains.

TITLE IV—ADDRESSING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

- Sec. 401. Colombia Relief and Development Coherence Strategy.
- Sec. 402. Assessment of healthcare infrastructure needs in rural areas.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) On June 19, 2022, the United States and
 4 Colombia will celebrate 200 years of formal diplo-
 5 matic relations, commemorating the United States
 6 Congress' recognition of the independence of Colom-
 7 bia.

8 (2) On May 15, 2022, the United States and
 9 Colombia will celebrate 10 years since the entry into

1 force of the United States-Colombia Trade Pro-
2 motion Agreement, which has contributed to eco-
3 nomic growth in both the United States and Colom-
4 bia.

5 (3) On July 13, 2000, the United States and
6 Colombia launched Plan Colombia, an ambitious bi-
7 lateral strategy that strengthened Colombia's insti-
8 tutions and capacity to combat drug trafficking, or-
9 ganized crime, and violence, and promote rule of
10 law.

11 (4) On February 4, 2016, the United States
12 and Colombia launched a new chapter in bilateral
13 security cooperation between the two countries
14 through the announcement of Peace Colombia, the
15 successor strategy to Plan Colombia aimed at sup-
16 porting Colombia's consolidation of peace, demo-
17 cratic governance, and security.

18 (5) To implement Plan Colombia and its suc-
19 cessor strategies, the United States Congress has
20 appropriated more than \$12,000,000,000 since
21 2000. The Government of Colombia has contributed
22 more than 90 percent of the total costs of the imple-
23 mentation of Plan Colombia.

24 (6) Increased military and security cooperation
25 through Plan Colombia and Peace Colombia has

1 helped Colombia expand and professionalize its po-
2 lice and armed forces.

3 (7) The United States and Colombia have en-
4 tered into formal partnerships with governments
5 throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to bol-
6 ster hemispheric security cooperation through the
7 United States-Colombia Action Plan on Regional Se-
8 curity Cooperation (USCAP).

9 (8) In May 2017, Colombia became the first
10 Latin American partner of the North Atlantic Trea-
11 ty Organization.

12 (9) Colombia is the second most biodiverse
13 country on Earth and is home to 10 percent of the
14 world's flora and fauna.

15 (10) Colombia hosts more than 1,800,000 refu-
16 gees from Venezuela. In addition, Colombia has a
17 population of 8,100,000 registered victims of inter-
18 nal displacement since 1985.

19 (11) Colombia is the United States third largest
20 trade partner in Latin America, with United States
21 goods and services trade with Colombia totaling an
22 estimated \$40,700,000,000 in 2019.

23 (12) The Government of Colombia is a strong
24 advocate for democratic governance in Latin Amer-
25 ica and the Caribbean, publicly condemning ongoing

1 violations of civil liberties and human rights in
2 Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.

3 (13) The Government of Colombia has been an
4 active participant in global peacekeeping and
5 peacebuilding missions, including the United Nations
6 Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), the
7 United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in
8 Sierra Leone (UNOSIL), and the Multinational
9 Force and Observers in the Sinai, since 1979.

10 (14) In February 2021, Colombian President
11 Ivan Duque announced he would grant temporary
12 protected status to nearly 1,800,000 Venezuelan ref-
13 ugees in the country.

14 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF COLOMBIA AS A MAJOR NON-**
15 **NATO ALLY.**

16 Section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
17 (22 U.S.C. 2321k) is amended by adding at the end the
18 following new subsection:

19 “(c) ADDITIONAL DESIGNATIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of the
21 enactment of the United States-Colombia Bicenten-
22 nial Alliance Act, Colombia is designated as a major
23 non-NATO ally for purposes of this Act, the Arms
24 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), and
25 section 2350a of title 10, United States Code.

1 “(2) NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF DESIGNA-
 2 TION.—The President shall notify Congress in ac-
 3 cordance with subsection (a)(2) before terminating
 4 the designation of a country specified in paragraph
 5 (1).”.

6 **TITLE I—SUPPORTING** 7 **INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

8 **SEC. 101. COLOMBIAN-AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FUND.**

9 (a) DESIGNATION.—The President shall designate a
 10 private, nonprofit organization (to be known as the “Co-
 11 lombian-American Enterprise Fund”) to receive funds and
 12 support made available under this section after deter-
 13 mining that such organization has been designated for the
 14 purposes specified in subsection (b). The President shall
 15 make such designation only after consultation with the
 16 leadership of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
 17 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 18 House of Representatives.

19 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are
 20 the purposes described in section 1421(g)(3) of the
 21 BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(g)(3)).

22 (c) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

23 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The Colombian-American
 24 Enterprise Fund shall be governed by a Board of
 25 Directors pursuant to paragraphs (5) and (6) of sec-

1 tion 1421(g) of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
2 9621(g)).

3 (2) UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LIAISON TO
4 THE BOARD.—The President shall appoint the
5 United States Ambassador to Colombia, or the Am-
6 bassador’s designee, as a liaison to the Board. The
7 liaison appointed under this paragraph shall not
8 have any voting authority.

9 (3) NONGOVERNMENT LIAISONS TO THE
10 BOARD.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Upon the recommenda-
12 tion of the Board of Directors, the President
13 may appoint up to 2 additional liaisons to the
14 Board of Directors in addition to the liaison
15 specified in paragraph (2), of which not more
16 than 1 may be a noncitizen of the United
17 States. A liaison appointed under this subpara-
18 graph shall not have any voting authority.

19 (B) NGO COMMUNITY.—One of the addi-
20 tional liaisons to the Board should be from the
21 nongovernmental organization community, with
22 significant prior experience in development fi-
23 nancing and an understanding of development
24 policy priorities for Colombia.

1 (C) TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.—One of the
2 additional liaisons to the Board should have ex-
3 tensive demonstrated industry, sector, or tech-
4 nical experience and expertise in a priority in-
5 vestment sector described in subsection (e) for
6 the Colombia-American Enterprise Fund.

7 (d) GRANTS.—The President is authorized to use
8 \$200,000,000 in funds appropriated by any Act, in this
9 fiscal year or prior fiscal years, making appropriations for
10 the Department of State, foreign operations, and related
11 programs, including funds previously obligated, that are
12 otherwise available for such purposes, notwithstanding any
13 other provision of law—

14 (1) to carry out the purposes set forth in sub-
15 section (b) through the Colombian-American Enter-
16 prise Fund in accordance with section 1421(g)(4)(A)
17 of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
18 9621(g)(4)(A)); and

19 (2) to pay for the administrative expenses of
20 the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund, in ac-
21 cordance with the limitation under section
22 1421(g)(4)(B) of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22
23 U.S.C. 9621(g)(4)(B)).

24 (e) PRIORITIZATION.—In carrying out the purposes
25 of the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund described in

1 subsection (b), the Board of Directors shall not be prohib-
2 ited from making investments, grants, and expenditures
3 in any economic sector, but shall prioritize such activities
4 in the following sectors:

5 (1) Not less than 35 percent of the investments,
6 grants, and expenditures of the Colombian-American
7 Enterprise Fund shall go to projects and activities
8 of small- and medium-sized businesses in Colombia
9 working to close the digital divide, enabling digital
10 transformation, and developing and applying ad-
11 vanced digital technologies, including big data, artifi-
12 cial intelligence, and the Internet of things.

13 (2) Not less than 50 percent of the investments,
14 grants, and expenditures, of the Colombian-Amer-
15 ican Enterprise Fund shall go to small- and me-
16 dium-sized businesses owned by women.

17 (3) Small- and medium-sized businesses dedi-
18 cated to advancing the growth, sustainability, mod-
19 ernization, and formalization of Colombia's agri-
20 culture sector.

21 (f) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 15 days before
22 designating an organization to operate as the Colombia-
23 American Enterprise Fund pursuant to subsection (a), the
24 President shall notify the Chairmen and Ranking Mem-
25 bers of the appropriate congressional committees of—

1 (1) the identity of the organization to be des-
2 ignated to operate as the Colombian-American En-
3 terprise Fund;

4 (2) the names and qualifications of the individ-
5 uals who will comprise the initial Board of Directors;
6 and

7 (3) the amount of the grant intended to fund
8 the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund.

9 (g) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
10 designation of the Fund, and annually thereafter, the
11 President shall brief the appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees on—

13 (1) a summary of the Fund’s beneficiaries;

14 (2) progress by the Fund in achieving the pur-
15 poses set forth in subsection (b);

16 (3) recommendations on how the Fund can bet-
17 ter achieve the purposes set forth in subsection (b);
18 and

19 (4) the reporting requirements described in sub-
20 section (h).

21 (h) COMPLIANCE.—The Colombian-American Enter-
22 prise Fund shall be subject to the reporting and oversight
23 requirements described in paragraphs (7) and (8) of sec-
24 tion 1421(g) of the BUILD Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.
25 9621(g)), respectively.

1 (i) BEST PRACTICES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum extent
3 practicable, the Board of Directors of the Colom-
4 bian-American Enterprise Fund should adopt the
5 best practices and procedures used by other Amer-
6 ican Enterprise Funds, including those for which
7 funding has been made available pursuant to section
8 201 of the Support for East European Democracy
9 (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421).

10 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—In implementing this
11 section, the President shall ensure that the articles
12 of incorporation of the Colombia-American Enter-
13 prise Fund (including provisions specifying the re-
14 sponsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Fund)
15 and the terms of United States Government grant
16 agreements with the Fund are, to the maximum ex-
17 tent practicable, consistent with the articles of incor-
18 poration and the terms of grant agreements estab-
19 lished for other American Enterprise Funds, includ-
20 ing those established pursuant to section 201 of the
21 Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act
22 of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421) and comparable provisions
23 of law.

24 (j) RETURN OF FUNDS TO TREASURY.—Any funds
25 resulting from the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up

1 of the Colombian-American Enterprise Fund, in whole or
 2 in part, shall be returned to the Treasury of the United
 3 States.

4 (k) TERMINATION.—The Colombian-American En-
 5 terprise Fund shall terminate on—

6 (1) the date that is 10 years after the date of
 7 the first expenditure of amounts from the fund; or

8 (2) the date on which the fund is liquidated.

9 **SEC. 102. STRATEGY FOR PROMOTING AND STRENGTH-**
 10 **ENING NEARSHORING IN THE WESTERN**
 11 **HEMISPHERE.**

12 (a) STRATEGY.—The Secretary of State, in coordina-
 13 tion with the United States Agency for International De-
 14 velopment and the United States International Develop-
 15 ment Finance Corporation, and the heads of all other rel-
 16 evant Federal departments and agencies, shall develop and
 17 implement a strategy to increase supply chain resiliency
 18 and security by promoting and strengthening nearshoring
 19 efforts to foster economic growth in the Americas and re-
 20 locate supply chains from the People’s Republic of China
 21 to the Western Hemisphere.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
 23 section (a) shall—

24 (1) be informed by consultations with—

1 (A) the governments of allies and partners
2 in the Western Hemisphere; and

3 (B) labor organizations, trade unions, and
4 companies and other private sector enterprises
5 in the United States;

6 (2) provide a description of how reshoring and
7 nearshoring initiatives can be pursued in a com-
8plementary fashion to strengthen United States na-
9tional interests, including an assessment of how
10 nearshoring initiatives can expand opportunities for
11 coproduction and other cooperative business ventures
12 between United States and regional entities;

13 (3) include an assessment of the status and ef-
14fectiveness of current efforts by regional govern-
15ments, multilateral development banks, and the pri-
16vate sector to promote nearshoring to the Western
17Hemisphere, major challenges hindering such ef-
18forts, and how the United States can strengthen the
19effectiveness of such efforts;

20 (4) identify countries and sectors within Latin
21America and the Caribbean with comparative advan-
22tages for sourcing and manufacturing critical goods
23and countries with the greatest nearshoring opportu-
24nities;

1 (5) identify how activities by the United States
2 Agency for International Development and the
3 United States International Development Finance
4 Corporation can effectively be leveraged to strength-
5 en and promote nearshoring to Latin America and
6 the Caribbean;

7 (6) require that the Department of the Treas-
8 ury and the United States Trade and Development
9 Agency work with United States firms to identify
10 barriers that inhibit them from committing capital
11 or financing projects and provide a description for
12 how the United States Government can work with
13 Latin American and Caribbean countries to address
14 these barriers;

15 (7) advance diplomatic initiatives to secure spe-
16 cific national commitments by governments in Latin
17 America and the Caribbean to undertake efforts to
18 create favorable conditions for nearshoring in the re-
19 gion, including commitments to develop formalized
20 national nearshoring strategies, address corruption
21 and rule of law concerns, modernize digital and
22 physical infrastructure, lower trade barriers, raise
23 labor and environmental standards, improve ease of
24 doing business, and finance and incentivize
25 nearshoring initiatives;

1 (8) advance diplomatic initiatives to harmonize
2 standards and regulations, especially among existing
3 United States free trade partners, expedite customs
4 operations, facilitate economic integration in the re-
5 gion, strengthen legal regimes and monitoring and
6 enforcement measures relating to labor standards,
7 and ensure that nearshoring initiatives are con-
8 sistent with efforts to improve supply chain energy
9 efficiency, reduce the energy used to transport global
10 goods, and advance environmental sustainability;
11 and

12 (9) develop and implement programs to finance,
13 incentivize, or otherwise promote nearshoring to the
14 Western Hemisphere in accordance with the findings
15 made pursuant to paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), in-
16 cluding, at minimum, programs to develop physical
17 and digital infrastructure, promote transparency in
18 procurement processes, provide technical assistance
19 in implementing national nearshoring strategies,
20 support capacity building to strengthen labor and
21 environmental standards, mobilize private invest-
22 ment, and secure commitments by private entities to
23 relocate supply chains from the People's Republic of
24 China to the Western Hemisphere.

1 (c) COORDINATION WITH MULTILATERAL DEVELOP-
 2 MENT BANKS.—In implementing the strategy required
 3 under subsection (a), the Secretary of State and the heads
 4 of all other relevant Federal departments and agencies
 5 shall coordinate with the United States Executive Direc-
 6 tors of the Inter-American Development Bank and the
 7 World Bank.

8 (d) PRIORITIZATION.—As part of the effort described
 9 in this section, the Secretary of State shall prioritize Co-
 10 lombia.

11 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
 12 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
 13 after for a period of 5 years, the Secretary of State shall
 14 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
 15 ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
 16 of Representatives a report on the strategy required under
 17 subsection (a) and progress made in its implementation.

18 **SEC. 103. UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA LABOR COMPACT.**

19 (a) COMPACT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of State,
 20 in coordination with the Secretary of Labor and the
 21 United States Trade Representative, is authorized to enter
 22 into a bilateral agreement of not less than 7 years in dura-
 23 tion with the Government of Colombia to continue
 24 strengthening labor rights, labor policies, and labor com-
 25 petitiveness in the country. The agreement shall be known

1 as the “United States-Colombia Labor Compact” (re-
 2 ferred to in this section as the “Compact”).

3 (b) COMPACT ELEMENTS.—The Compact shall estab-
 4 lish a multi-year strategy to—

5 (1) address the findings in the 2021 Executive
 6 Report of the Misión de Empleo de Colombia;

7 (2) further advance the objectives set forth
 8 under the related goals of the 2016 peace accord
 9 and the Colombian Action Plan Related to Labor
 10 Rights of April 7, 2011 (referred to in this section
 11 as the “Labor Action Plan”);

12 (3) promote labor formalization in Colombia;

13 (4) protect internationally recognized labor
 14 rights, including with respect to freedom of associa-
 15 tion, elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory
 16 labor, prohibitions on child labor, and acceptable
 17 work conditions;

18 (5) address and prevent violence against labor
 19 organizations and trade unions and prosecute the
 20 perpetrators of such violence; and

21 (6) promote competitive labor for Colombia at
 22 the level of other international markets, allowing in-
 23 creased job opportunities.

24 (c) STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy re-
 25 quired under subsection (c) shall—

1 (1) be informed by consultations with labor or-
2 ganizations, trade unions, and companies and other
3 private sector enterprises in the United States and
4 Colombia;

5 (2) be informed by assessments, including as-
6 sessments by the Department of Labor's Inter-
7 national Labor Affairs Bureau, of the areas in Co-
8 lombia experiencing the highest incidence of labor
9 rights violations and violence against labor organiza-
10 tions and trade unions;

11 (3) identify clear and measurable goals, objec-
12 tives, and benchmarks under the Compact to detect,
13 deter, and respond to labor rights violations and vio-
14 lence against labor leaders;

15 (4) set out clear roles, responsibilities, and ob-
16 jectives under the Compact, which shall include a de-
17 scription of policies and financial commitments of
18 the United States Government and the Government
19 of Colombia;

20 (5) provide for the conduct of an impact evalua-
21 tion not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the
22 negotiations of the Compact and biannually there-
23 after;

24 (6) provide for a full accounting of all United
25 States funds expended under the Compact, which

1 shall include full audit authority for the Office of the
2 Inspector General of the Department of State, the
3 Office of the Inspector General of the United States
4 Agency for International Development, and the Gov-
5 ernment Accountability Office, as appropriate; and

6 (7) enhance the bilateral coordination through
7 the relevant agencies and the United States labor
8 attaché in Bogota, to facilitate progress in the im-
9 plementation of the strategy.

10 (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.—The Presi-
11 dent shall establish an interagency task force to advance,
12 monitor, enforce, and evaluate the negotiation and signing
13 of the Compact (referred to in this section as the “Labor
14 Task Force”), which shall consist of—

15 (1) the Secretary of State, who shall serve as
16 the Chair;

17 (2) the Administrator of the United States
18 Agency for International Development;

19 (3) the Secretary of Labor;

20 (4) the United States Trade Representative;
21 and

22 (5) any other Federal officials as may be des-
23 ignated by the President.

24 (e) ACTIVITIES OF THE LABOR TASK FORCE.—The
25 Labor Task Force shall—

1 (1) engage with the Government of Colombia to
2 design and implement the Compact;

3 (2) engage in consultation and advocacy with
4 nongovernmental organizations, including labor or-
5 ganizations and trade unions in the United States
6 and Colombia, to advance the purposes of this sec-
7 tion;

8 (3) assess efforts by the United States Govern-
9 ment and the Government of Colombia to implement
10 the Compact; and

11 (4) establish regular meetings of the Labor
12 Task Force to ensure closer coordination across de-
13 partments and agencies in the development of poli-
14 cies regarding the Compact.

15 (f) SPECIFIC FOCUS.—The activities described in
16 subsection (f) shall include an in-depth analysis of the im-
17 pact of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion
18 Agreement on vulnerable populations, including women
19 and Afro-Colombian, Indigenous, and migrant commu-
20 nities, and recommendations on ways to ensure that those
21 communities are better assisted and protected.

22 (g) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than
23 15 days after entering into a Compact with the Govern-
24 ment of Colombia, the Secretary of State, in coordination
25 with the Administrator of the United States Agency for

1 International Development and the Secretary of Labor,
2 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
3 Senate, the Committee on Finance of the Senate, the
4 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
6 House of Representatives—

7 (1) a copy of the proposed Compact; and

8 (2) a copy of any annexes, appendices, or imple-
9 mentation plans related to the Compact.

10 (h) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after entering
11 into a Compact, and annually during the period in which
12 the Compact is in effect, the Secretary of State, in coordi-
13 nation with the Administrator of the United States Agen-
14 cy for International Development, shall submit a report
15 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
16 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives that describes the progress made under the
18 Compact and includes recommendations for strengthening
19 United States implementation of the Compact.

20 **SEC. 104. SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION.**

21 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of
22 State shall engage with the Government of Colombia for
23 the purpose of developing and implementing a multi-year
24 strategy, including through the provision of technical as-
25 sistance, to combat corruption and address the misuse of

1 public resources. The Secretary of State shall consult with
2 the Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
3 national Development and the Secretary of the Treasury
4 in the development of the strategy.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
6 section (a) shall—

7 (1) assess the scope of public and private sector
8 corruption in Colombia, including specific cases of
9 significant corruption;

10 (2) provide technical assistance for the purposes
11 of combating corruption and increasing transparency
12 in Colombia;

13 (3) develop and implement programming at the
14 national and local levels to support investigative
15 journalism, protection of journalists reporting on
16 public and private sector corruption, civil society
17 anti-corruption initiatives;

18 (4) consult and advocate with nongovernmental
19 organizations and the private sector to advance the
20 purposes of this section; and

21 (5) establish regular United States interagency
22 meetings to ensure closer coordination across United
23 States departments and agencies in the development
24 of policies regarding transparency and corruption in
25 Colombia.

1 (c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
 2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
 3 shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
 4 ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
 5 of Representatives on the strategy required under sub-
 6 section (a). Not later than 1 year after the briefing on
 7 the strategy, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
 8 State shall brief the committees on the implementation of
 9 the strategy.

10 **SEC. 105. INCREASING ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.**

11 (a) PARTNERSHIP AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
 12 State and the Administrator of the United States Agency
 13 for International Development are authorized to establish
 14 a 5-year public-private partnership to support—

15 (1) innovative in-country solutions for improv-
 16 ing English language proficiency among primary and
 17 secondary school teachers in Colombia;

18 (2) the creation of English language accelerator
 19 courses, including specialized courses in business
 20 and technology; and

21 (3) increased educational exchanges between
 22 universities in the United States and Colombia.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—In designing and implementing the
 24 partnership authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary

1 of the State and the Administrator of the United States
2 Agency for International Development shall—

3 (1) complement ongoing efforts by the Ministry
4 of Education of Colombia and other relevant institu-
5 tions;

6 (2) target teachers from schools in low-income
7 communities and underrepresented communities, in-
8 cluding Afro-Colombian and Indigenous commu-
9 nities; and

10 (3) consult with the Government of Colombia,
11 civil society, and academia.

12 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the partnership au-
13 thorized under subsection (a) is to increase English lan-
14 guage proficiency among primary and secondary school
15 teachers, enhance teachers’ use of emerging digital tech-
16 nologies for English language learning, and ensure con-
17 tinuity of teacher development, thereby increasing student
18 outcomes and the ability of Colombian youth to access
19 higher education and higher quality livelihoods.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to the United States Agency
22 for International Development \$12,000,000 for each of
23 fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the creation of the
24 partnership authorized under subsection (a).

1 (e) MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK.—

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
3 this Act, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of
4 the United States Agency for International Development
5 shall jointly submit to the Committee on Foreign Rela-
6 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
7 of the House of Representatives a monitoring and evalua-
8 tion framework that includes objectives and indicators re-
9 lated to the partnership authorized under subsection (a).

10 (f) ASSESSMENTS OF PARTNERSHIP IMPACT.—Not

11 later than 2 years and 5 years after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Adminis-
13 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
14 velopment shall jointly submit to the Committee on For-
15 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
16 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a comprehen-
17 sive assessment on the impact of the partnership author-
18 ized under subsection (a) that uses the monitoring and
19 evaluation framework submitted pursuant to subsection
20 (e).

21 (g) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
23 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
24 International Development shall brief the Committee on
25 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on

1 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding
2 the progress achieved in advancing the partnership au-
3 thorized under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 106. PARTNERSHIP FOR STEM EDUCATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Administrator
6 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
7 ment shall support Colombia’s Ministry of Education in
8 the development of K–12 STEM curricula, the develop-
9 ment of a STEM teacher education and degree program
10 at public schools, and the training of 10,000 new K–12
11 public school educators, including in underrepresented and
12 Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities.

13 (b) COORDINATION.—In designing and implementing
14 the program required under subsection (a), the Adminis-
15 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
16 velopment shall coordinate with the Chief Executive Offi-
17 cer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Chief
18 Executive Officer of the Peace Corps.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to the United States Agency
21 for International Development \$10,000,000 for each of
22 fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the creation of the pro-
23 gram authorized under subsection (a).

24 (d) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,

1 the Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
2 national Development shall brief the Committee on For-
3 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
4 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives on the results
5 of the program required under subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 107. SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE**
7 **AND TECHNOLOGY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall es-
9 tablish TechWomen and TechGirls programs designed to
10 empower and inspire women and girls from Latin America
11 and the Caribbean to advance careers in science and tech-
12 nology.

13 (b) PARTICIPATION.—In carrying out subsection (a),
14 the Secretary of State shall—

15 (1) during the first 5 years of the programs,
16 prioritize the participation of Colombian women and
17 girls; and

18 (2) take steps to include underrepresented
19 women and girls from across Latin America and the
20 Caribbean, including women from low income and
21 underrepresented communities, including Afro-Co-
22 lombian and Indigenous communities, in the pro-
23 grams.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for fiscal year
3 2023 to carry out this section.

4 **TITLE II—ADVANCING PEACE**
5 **AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERN-**
6 **ANCE IN COLOMBIA**

7 **SEC. 201. SUPPORTING PEACE AND JUSTICE.**

8 (a) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to
9 support peace, justice, and democratic governance in Co-
10 lombia, including the full and timely implementation of the
11 2016 peace accord.

12 (b) EVALUATION FRAMEWORK.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of State, in consultation with the Adminis-
16 trator of the United States Agency for International
17 Development, shall submit to the Committee on For-
18 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
19 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives an
20 evaluation framework that assesses the impact of
21 United States diplomatic engagement and foreign
22 assistance programming in support of the peace
23 process in Colombia.

24 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of State,
25 in consultation with the Administrator of the United

1 States Agency for International Development, shall
 2 consult with the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 3 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 4 the House of Representatives on the development of
 5 the evaluation framework required under paragraph
 6 (1).

7 **SEC. 202. ADVANCING INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

8 (a) SUPPORTING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES.—

9 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-
 10 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
 11 velopment, the Chief Executive Officer of the United
 12 States International Development Finance Corporation,
 13 and the Secretary of Commerce, and in consultation with
 14 the Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-American Founda-
 15 tion, shall develop and implement programs to support the
 16 ability of rural cooperatives in conflict-affected areas of
 17 Colombia to bring products into national and international
 18 markets by—

- 19 (1) supporting research;
- 20 (2) developing new skills;
- 21 (3) building resilience capacities, including ca-
- 22 pacity to adapt to the effects of climate change;
- 23 (4) integrating best practices in sustainable ag-
- 24 riculture;

1 (5) promoting standardization and quality con-
2 trol;

3 (6) supporting commercialization;

4 (7) enabling access to financing; and

5 (8) promoting access to markets.

6 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—Programs required under sub-
7 section (a) shall prioritize communities seeking to shift
8 away from illicit economies, including such economies re-
9 lated to the trafficking of narcotics, wildlife, minerals and
10 other natural resources, and other goods.

11 (c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the programs re-
12 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall
13 consult with representatives of the Government of Colom-
14 bia, the private sector, human rights, labor, and humani-
15 tarian organizations, and underrepresented populations
16 including women, Indigenous populations, and Afro-Co-
17 lombians.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
20 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
21 International Development \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal
22 years 2023 and 2024 to carry out the programs required
23 under subsection (a).

24 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days

1 thereafter, the Secretary of State, the Administrator of
 2 the United States Agency for International Development,
 3 and the Chief Executive Officer of the United States
 4 International Development Finance Corporation shall
 5 brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
 6 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
 7 Representatives regarding the progress achieved in ad-
 8 vancing the programs required under subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 203. EMPOWERING AFRO-COLOMBIAN AND INDIGE-**
 10 **NOUS COMMUNITIES IN COLOMBIA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
 12 nation with the Administrator of the United States Agen-
 13 cy for International Development and the Chief Executive
 14 Officer of the United States International Development
 15 Finance Corporation, and in consultation with the Chief
 16 Executive Officer of the Inter-American Foundation, shall
 17 develop and implement initiatives to—

18 (1) support the implementation of the ethnic
 19 chapter of Colombia’s 2016 peace accord, which
 20 safeguards the rights of the Indigenous and Black
 21 populations of Colombia;

22 (2) provide technical assistance and capacity-
 23 building support to Afro-Colombian community
 24 councils in Colombia;

1 (3) increase the participation of individuals
2 from Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities in
3 existing bilateral initiatives and in educational and
4 cultural exchange programs of the Department of
5 State and the United States Agency for Inter-
6 national Development; and

7 (4) increase access to finance and credit for
8 small- and medium-sized businesses owned by Afro-
9 Colombian and Indigenous entrepreneurs, particu-
10 larly those in communities historically prone to vio-
11 lence and insecurity.

12 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—During the 5-year period be-
13 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act—

14 (1) the Administrator of the United States
15 Agency for International Development shall dedicate
16 not less than 10 percent of the amounts appro-
17 priated to the United States Agency for Inter-
18 national Development and allocated for Colombia to
19 programs that empower and support Afro-Colombian
20 and Indigenous communities in Colombia; and

21 (2) not less than 50 percent of the funding
22 dedicated under paragraph (1) shall be directly pro-
23 vided to Afro-Colombian and Indigenous-led organi-
24 zations to implement the programs described in that
25 paragraph.

1 **SEC. 204. PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
3 authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fis-
4 cal years 2022 through 2026 to provide critical assistance
5 to human rights defenders and anti-corruption activists in
6 Colombia through the Department of State Human Rights
7 Defenders Fund.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
10 through the end of 2024, the Secretary of State, in co-
11 operation with the Administrator of the United States
12 Agency for International Development, shall submit a re-
13 port to Congress that includes—

14 (1) details regarding Department of State and
15 United States Agency for International Development
16 programs to—

17 (A) support the work of human rights de-
18 fenders, anti-corruption activists, and other civil
19 society actors in Colombia; and

20 (B) provide assistance when such individ-
21 uals are under threat, including specific proc-
22 esses by which such individuals can request as-
23 sistance from United States embassies;

24 (2) detailed information contained in the Coun-
25 try Reports on Human Rights Practices regarding

1 the intimidation of, and attacks against, such indi-
 2 viduals and the response of the foreign government;

3 (3) a strategy for any increased engagement
 4 and measures of success toward defending human
 5 rights defenders and anti-corruption activists; and

6 (4) an accounting of funds used to execute the
 7 Human Rights Defender Fund.

8 **TITLE III—STRENGTHENING** 9 **SECURITY COOPERATION**

10 **SEC. 301. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA** 11 **SECURITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
 14 and the Secretary of Defense shall establish a consultative
 15 committee to include the Government of Colombia to de-
 16 velop a strategy for jointly strengthening Colombia’s na-
 17 tional security and defense institutions, and capacity to
 18 carry out operations across the territory of Colombia, in-
 19 cluding in rural and urban areas, related to—

20 (1) counterterrorism and counterinsurgency;

21 (2) counternarcotics and countering other forms
 22 of illicit trafficking;

23 (3) cyberdefense and cybercrimes;

24 (4) border and maritime security and air de-
 25 fense; and

1 (5) stabilization.

2 (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The consultative com-
3 mittee shall evaluate existing technologies, equipment, and
4 weapons systems, as well as necessary upgrades to such
5 technologies, equipment, and systems of Colombia's na-
6 tional security and defense institutions in order to ensure
7 the continued defense of the national sovereignty and na-
8 tional territory of Colombia.

9 (c) BILATERAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE COOPERA-
10 TION.—Not later than 180 days after the establishment
11 of the consultative committee required under subsection
12 (a), the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Sec-
13 retary of Defense, is authorized to enter into consultations
14 with the Government of Colombia to strengthen existing,
15 or establish new, bilateral security and defense cooperation
16 or lines of effort to address capacity-building and resource
17 needs identified by the consultative committee.

18 (d) BRIEFINGS.—

19 (1) CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.—Not later
20 than 30 days after the establishment of the United
21 States-Colombia Security Consultative Committee
22 required under subsection (a), and not later than 15
23 days after any meeting of the Consultative Com-
24 mittee thereafter, the Secretary of State and the
25 Secretary of Defense shall jointly brief any of the

1 appropriate congressional committees on progress
2 made under the committee, pursuant to a request by
3 any one of the appropriate congressional committees.

4 (2) BILATERAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE CO-
5 OPERATION.—Not later than 30 days after the com-
6 pletion of any consultations with the Government of
7 Colombia pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary
8 of State and the Secretary of Defense shall brief the
9 appropriate congressional committees on the imple-
10 mentation of the agreed upon areas of cooperation
11 or lines of effort.

12 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
14 sional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
16 Senate;

17 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
18 Senate;

19 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
20 House of Representatives; and

21 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
22 House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 302. COOPERATION ON CYBER DEFENSE AND COM-**
2 **BATING CYBER CRIMES.**

3 (a) DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary of
4 State, in coordination with the Attorney General of the
5 United States, shall engage with the Government of Co-
6 lombia to support and facilitate Colombia’s adoption of
7 improved standards to address cyber crimes, especially
8 such crimes that are state-directed, including—

9 (1) supporting the development of Colombia’s
10 strategies to deter, investigate, and prosecute
11 cybercrime, to protect critical infrastructure, and to
12 promote the use of new technologies, as part of a
13 broader and more coordinated effort to protect the
14 information technology systems and networks of citi-
15 zens, businesses, and governments;

16 (2) supporting the development of protocols
17 that allow cyber preparedness and ensure protection
18 and resilience to critical infrastructure;

19 (3) supporting the Government of Colombia in
20 the implementation of relevant international conven-
21 tions, such as the Budapest Convention on
22 Cybercrime, of which Colombia is a party;

23 (4) continuing to develop partnerships among
24 foreign partners, including in Latin America and the
25 Caribbean, responsible for preventing, investigating,
26 and prosecuting such crimes, and the private sector,

1 in order to streamline and improve the procurement
2 of timely information in the context of mutual as-
3 sistance proceedings;

4 (5) working, in cooperation with like-minded de-
5 mocracies in international organizations, to advance
6 standards for digital governance and promote a se-
7 cure, reliable, free, and open internet;

8 (6) supporting the adoption of new technologies
9 to enhance the technical capabilities of cybersecurity
10 agencies in Colombia; and

11 (7) supporting the efforts of the Government of
12 Colombia and Colombian civil society to build na-
13 tional resilience against foreign disinformation ef-
14 forts.

15 (b) DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS AND SECU-
16 RITY STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in
18 coordination with relevant Federal agencies, shall develop
19 and implement a strategy for leveraging United States ex-
20 pertise to share best practices and lessons learned and as-
21 sist the Government of Colombia. The strategy shall—

22 (1) improve and secure its digital infrastruc-
23 ture, including critical infrastructure;

1 (2) protect technological assets, including data
2 privacy, digital evidence, and electronically store in-
3 formation;

4 (3) advance cybersecurity to protect against
5 cybercrime and cyberespionage;

6 (4) promote exchanges and technical training
7 programs, including know-how transfer in cybersecu-
8 rity and disinformation and misinformation;

9 (5) promote the adoption or development of new
10 technologies to enhance protection against
11 cybercrime and cyberespionage;

12 (6) promote digital hygiene programs; and

13 (7) build capacity to identify and expose foreign
14 disinformation and misinformation.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
17 for the development and implementation of the strategy
18 required under subsection (b) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal
19 years 2023 through 2025.

20 (d) SEMIANNUAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not
21 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
22 this Act, and every 180 days thereafter until the date that
23 is 5 years after such date of enactment, the Secretary of
24 State shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of
25 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the

1 House of Representatives regarding the implementation of
 2 the diplomatic engagement described in subsection (a) and
 3 the implementation of the strategy described in subsection
 4 (b).

5 **SEC. 303. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CER-**
 6 **TAIN TERRORIST AND CRIMINAL GROUPS.**

7 (a) FINDING.—On November 30, 2021, the United
 8 States designated the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Co-
 9 lombia-People’s Army (FARC–EP) and Segunda
 10 Marquetalia as foreign terrorist organizations under sec-
 11 tion 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
 12 U.S.C. 1189(a)).

13 (b) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
 14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
 15 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, acting
 16 through the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau
 17 of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State,
 18 and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Di-
 19 rector of National Intelligence, and the Director of the
 20 Central Intelligence Agency, shall submit to the appro-
 21 priate congressional committees a classified report detail-
 22 ing the activities of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of
 23 Colombia-EP, Segunda Marquetalia, the Ejército de
 24 Liberación Nacional, Clan del Golfo, and other Colombian
 25 organized criminal groups.

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection

2 (b) shall include—

3 (1) the name or names of each group covered
4 by the report;

5 (2) a description of each group and the geo-
6 graphic presence of the group;

7 (3) a description of the leadership and structure
8 of each group;

9 (4) the operating modalities and capabilities of
10 each group;

11 (5) the rate of growth and recruitment strate-
12 gies of each group; and

13 (6) any linkages between such groups and any
14 other countries, including the regime of Nicolás
15 Maduro in Venezuela.

16 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

17 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
18 gressional committees” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
20 Senate;

21 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
22 Senate;

23 (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the
24 Senate;

1 (4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
2 House of Representatives;

3 (5) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
4 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

5 (6) the Committee on Armed Services of the
6 House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 304. COUNTERNARCOTICS AND RURAL SECURITY**
8 **STRATEGY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall de-
10 velop and implement a strategy and related programs to
11 support the Government of Colombia’s efforts to counter
12 narcotics trafficking and transnational organized crime,
13 including human trafficking, illicit trafficking in arms,
14 wildlife, and cultural property, environmental crimes, mi-
15 grant smuggling, corruption, money laundering, the illicit
16 smuggling of bulk cash, the licit use of financial systems
17 for malign purposes, and other new and emerging forms
18 of crime, by supporting—

19 (1) the eradication of illicit coca crops and the
20 destruction of laboratories used to produce illicit
21 narcotics;

22 (2) the interdiction of illicit narcotics and other
23 forms contraband;

24 (3) efforts to disrupt illicit financial networks,
25 including through technical assistance to financial

1 intelligence units, including the enhancement of anti-
2 money laundering and asset forfeiture programs;

3 (4) civilian law enforcement agencies, including
4 support for—

5 (A) the enhancement of management of
6 complex, multi-actor criminal cases;

7 (B) the enhancement of intelligence collec-
8 tion capacity and training on civilian intel-
9 ligence collection (including safeguards for pri-
10 vacy and basic civil liberties), investigative tech-
11 niques, forensic analysis, and evidence preserva-
12 tion; and

13 (C) port, airport, and border security offi-
14 cials, agencies, and systems, including—

15 (i) improvements to computer infra-
16 structure and data management systems,
17 secure communications technologies, non-
18 intrusive inspection equipment, and radar
19 and aerial surveillance equipment; and

20 (ii) assistance to canine units;

21 (5) justice sector institutions to enhance efforts
22 to successfully prosecute drug trafficking organiza-
23 tions, transnational criminal organizations, and indi-
24 viduals and entities involved in money laundering

1 and financial crimes related to narcotics trafficking
2 and other illicit economies;

3 (6) the inclusion of human rights in law en-
4 forcement training programs; and

5 (7) advancing rural security initiatives, includ-
6 ing the protection of community leaders and mem-
7 bers of organized civil society who promote the rule
8 of law and democratic governance.

9 (b) PRIORITIZATION.—During the 5-year period be-
10 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of State shall dedicate—

12 (1) not less than 10 percent of the amounts ap-
13 propriated to the International Narcotics Control
14 and Law Enforcement account for Colombia to com-
15 bating money laundering and financial crimes; and

16 (2) not less than 10 percent of the amounts ap-
17 propriated to the International Narcotics Control
18 and Law Enforcement account for Colombia to re-
19 search, innovation initiatives, and new technologies
20 that can be utilized to combat illicit trafficking and
21 all forms of transnational organized crime, as de-
22 scribed in subsection (a).

23 (c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
25 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall brief the Com-

1 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Com-
2 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
3 regarding the progress achieved in advancing the pro-
4 grams required under subsection (a).

5 **SEC. 305. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON THE MALICIOUS ACTIVI-**
6 **TIES OF STATE ACTORS IN THE ANDEAN RE-**
7 **GION.**

8 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
10 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, acting
11 through the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau
12 of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State,
13 and in coordination with the Director of National Intel-
14 ligence, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency,
15 and the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, shall
16 submit a classified report to the appropriate congressional
17 committees detailing the malicious activities of state ac-
18 tors in the Andean region, including—

- 19 (1) disinformation, misinformation, and all
20 other information operations;
21 (2) election interference;
22 (3) cyberattacks and aggressions;
23 (4) sales or donations of weapons or military
24 equipment;
25 (5) security cooperation;

1 (6) the direct and indirect supply of tech-
2 nologies, equipment, and weapons to irregular armed
3 actors operating in the Andean region;

4 (7) the provision of technologies, equipment,
5 and weapons systems to the regime of Nicolas
6 Maduro in Venezuela and the implications for the
7 security of countries in the Andean region; and

8 (8) other threats to United States national in-
9 terests and national security.

10 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—The Secretary
11 of State shall establish a “watcher” position in the Andean
12 region as necessary to fulfill the requirements detailed
13 under subsection (a).

14 (c) ANNUAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later
15 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 and annually thereafter, the official designated for the
17 “watcher” position established pursuant to subsection (b)
18 shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on—

19 (1) the steps that United States embassies in
20 the Andean region have taken to advance the issues
21 described in subsection (a); and

22 (2) the nature and extent of the extra-regional
23 diplomatic, economic, security, defense, and intel-
24 ligence presence and influence in the Andean region.

1 **SEC. 306. PROTECTING AND COUNTERING ILLICIT ACTIVI-**
2 **TIES IN TROPICAL FORESTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
5 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
6 International Development, in consultation with the Chief
7 of the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture,
8 shall develop and implement a joint 3-year strategy, in co-
9 ordination with the Government of Colombia, which shall
10 be known as the “Strategy for Protecting Colombia’s
11 Tropical Forests” (referred to in this section as the “strat-
12 egy”), to protect the biodiversity of Colombia and address
13 deforestation.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall describe how the
15 United States will—

16 (1) empower and fund local communities, espe-
17 cially Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities,
18 to manage natural resources, address deforestation
19 and forest degradation, and combat illegal activities
20 causing environmental harm in their communities,
21 including drug-trafficking activities and illegal log-
22 ging, mining, fishing, and wildlife trade;

23 (2) protect social and environmental activists
24 and whistleblowers;

25 (3) strengthen community-based prevention
26 mechanisms and support community-led efforts to

1 address illegal activities related to natural resources,
2 including those activities described in paragraph (1);

3 (4) advance the development of markets to pro-
4 mote alternatives to activities related to drug traf-
5 ficking and illegally obtained wood, fish, wildlife, or
6 minerals, as appropriate;

7 (5) promote transparency in product sourcing
8 and responsible supply chains;

9 (6) prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute
10 crimes related to natural resources;

11 (7) promote partnerships with nongovernmental
12 organizations, international organizations, and the
13 private sector;

14 (8) work within the United States interagency
15 process to end the import of illegally or
16 unsustainably sourced wildlife, timber, agricultural
17 commodities, or fish, or illegally sourced gold or
18 other minerals into the United States from Colom-
19 bia; and

20 (9) consult with civil society to address the driv-
21 ers of deforestation and forest degradation, and pro-
22 mote the conservation of intact forests.

23 (c) REGIONAL DIPLOMATIC COORDINATION.—The
24 United States shall work with the Government of Colom-
25 bia, and in cooperation with international organizations,

1 to support the development of partnerships among Latin
2 American and Caribbean officials responsible for pre-
3 venting, investigating, and prosecuting environmental
4 crimes, and in cooperation with the private sector, to pro-
5 tect the region's biodiversity and address deforestation
6 and forest degradation.

7 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
9 and the United States Agency for International Develop-
10 ment for the development and implementation of the strat-
11 egy—

12 (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

13 (2) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2024; and

14 (3) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2025.

15 (e) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
17 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
18 International Development shall brief the Committee on
19 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
20 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on the
21 strategy. Not later than one year after the briefing on the
22 strategy, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State
23 shall brief the committees on the implementation of the
24 strategy.

1 **SEC. 307. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD RE-**
2 **SPONSIBLE GOLD VALUE CHAINS.**

3 (a) BEST PRACTICES.—The Administrator of the
4 United States Agency for International Development, in
5 coordination with the Government of Colombia, shall con-
6 sult with the Government of Switzerland regarding best
7 practices developed through their public-private partner-
8 ship, the Swiss Better Gold Initiative, which aims to im-
9 prove transparency and traceability in the international
10 gold trade.

11 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United
12 States Agency for International Development shall coordi-
13 nate with the Government of Colombia to establish a pub-
14 lic-private partnership to advance the best practices de-
15 scribed in subsection (a), including supporting program-
16 ming in Colombia that will—

17 (1) support formalization and compliance with
18 appropriate environmental and labor standards in
19 artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM);

20 (2) increase access to financing for ASGM min-
21 ers committed to taking significant steps to for-
22 malize their operations and comply with labor and
23 environmental standards;

24 (3) enhance the traceability and support the es-
25 tablishment of a certification process for ASGM
26 gold;

1 (4) support a public relations campaign to pro-
2 mote responsibly sourced gold;

3 (5) facilitate contact between Colombian ven-
4 dors of responsibly sourced gold and United States
5 companies; and

6 (6) promote policies and practices in Colombia
7 that are conducive to the formalization of ASGM
8 and improvement of environmental and labor stand-
9 ards in ASGM.

10 (c) MEETING.—The Secretary of State, the Adminis-
11 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
12 velopment, or the President’s Special Envoy for Climate
13 Change should, without delegation and in coordination
14 with the Government of Colombia, host a meeting with
15 senior representatives of the private sector and inter-
16 national governmental and nongovernmental partners and
17 make commitments to improve due diligence and increase
18 the responsible sourcing of gold.

19 **TITLE IV—ADDRESSING** 20 **HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

21 **SEC. 401. COLOMBIA RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT COHER-** 22 **ENCE STRATEGY.**

23 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of State,
24 in coordination with the Administrator of the United
25 States Agency for International Development, shall de-

1 develop and implement a strategy, to be known as the “Co-
2 lombia Relief and Development Coherence Strategy”, to
3 support Colombia’s responses to the separate but related
4 challenges of assisting internally displaced persons, refu-
5 gees, vulnerable migrants, and people affected by natural
6 disasters. The strategy shall—

7 (1) be publicly available in English and Span-
8 ish;

9 (2) describe concurrent efforts and clarify
10 United States agency responsibilities in Colombia for
11 assisting—

12 (A) asylum seekers;

13 (B) refugees;

14 (C) internally displaced persons; and

15 (D) vulnerable migrants;

16 (3) include a description of the assistance that
17 shall be provided for the populations described in
18 paragraph (2), including—

19 (A) emergency assistance, protection,
20 water, sanitation, hygiene, food, shelter, emer-
21 gency education, and psychosocial assistance;
22 and

23 (B) integration programs in the education,
24 health, livelihoods, shelter, and social protection
25 sectors;

(6) describe how the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development will mobilize additional donor contributions towards humanitarian appeals.

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1 Department of State, shall conduct an assessment with
2 the Government of Colombia to identify initiatives to
3 strengthen public health infrastructure and increase ac-
4 cess to health services in conflict-affected communities in
5 Colombia. The assessment shall include specific rec-
6 ommendations on ways to increase access to healthcare
7 services for survivors of gender-based violence and Afro-
8 Colombian and Indigenous populations.

9 (b) SUBMISSION.—The Director of the Centers for
10 Disease Control and Prevention shall submit the assess-
11 ment conducted under subsection (a) to the Committee on
12 Foreign Relations and the Committee on Health, Edu-
13 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
14 mittee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Energy
15 and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

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