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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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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

## TITLE III—STRENGTHENING SECURITY COOPERATION

- 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 larg-  
20      est trade partner in Latin America, with United  
21      States goods and services trade with Colombia total-  
22      ing an 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 advocaey 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;



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.