

Manager's Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3176

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. COONS,
Mr. RISCH, and Mr. MENENDEZ)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

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

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “United States-Israel Security Assistance Authorization
6 Act of 2020”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Definition.

TITLE I—SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL

- Sec. 101. Findings.
- Sec. 102. Statement of policy.
- Sec. 103. Security assistance for Israel.
- Sec. 104. Extension of war reserves stockpile authority.
- Sec. 105. Extension of loan guarantees to Israel.
- Sec. 106. Transfer of precision guided munitions to Israel.
- Sec. 107. Sense of Congress on rapid acquisition and deployment procedures.
- Sec. 108. Eligibility of Israel for the strategic trade authorization exception to certain export control licensing requirements.

TITLE II—ENHANCED UNITED STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION

- Sec. 201. United States Agency for International Development memoranda of understanding to enhance cooperation with Israel.
- Sec. 202. Cooperative projects among the United States, Israel, and developing countries.
- Sec. 203. Joint cooperative program related to innovation and high-tech for the Middle East region.
- Sec. 204. Sense of Congress on United States-Israel economic cooperation.
- Sec. 205. Cooperation on directed energy capabilities.
- Sec. 206. Contingency plans to provide Israel with necessary defense articles and services.
- Sec. 207. Other matters of cooperation.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITION.

2 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
5 Senate;

6 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
7 Senate;

8 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives; and

10 (4) the Committee on Armed Services of the
11 House of Representatives.

1 **TITLE I—SECURITY ASSISTANCE**
2 **FOR ISRAEL**

3 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) On September 14, 2016, the United States
6 and Israel signed a 10-year Memorandum of Under-
7 standing to reaffirm the importance of continuing
8 annual United States military assistance to Israel
9 and cooperative missile defense programs in a way
10 that enhances Israel’s security and strengthens the
11 bilateral relationship between the 2 countries.

12 (2) The 2016 Memorandum of Understanding
13 reflects United States support of Foreign Military
14 Financing grant assistance to Israel over a 10-year
15 period beginning in fiscal year 2019 and ending in
16 fiscal year 2028.

17 (3) The 2016 Memorandum of Understanding
18 also reflects United States support for funding for
19 cooperative programs to develop, produce, and pro-
20 cure missile, rocket, and projectile defense capabili-
21 ties during such 10-year period at an average fund-
22 ing level of \$500,000,000 per year, totaling
23 \$5,000,000,000 for such period.

1 **SEC. 102. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of the United States to provide assist-
3 ance to the Government of Israel for the development and
4 acquisition of advanced capabilities that Israel requires to
5 meet its security needs and to enhance United States ca-
6 pabilities.

7 **SEC. 103. SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.**

8 Section 513(c) of the Security Assistance Act of 2000
9 (Public Law 106–280; 114 Stat. 856) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2002 and
11 2003” and inserting “2021, 2022, 2023, 2024,
12 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028”;

13 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “equal to—”
14 and all that follows and inserting “not less than
15 \$3,300,000,000.”; and

16 (3) by amending paragraph (3) to read as fol-
17 lows:

18 “(3) DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—Amounts au-
19 thorized to be available for Israel under paragraph
20 (1) and subsection (b)(1) for fiscal years 2021,
21 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028
22 shall be disbursed not later than 30 days after the
23 date of the enactment of an Act making appropria-
24 tions for the Department of State, foreign oper-
25 ations, and related programs for the respective fiscal

1 year, or October 31 of the respective fiscal year,
2 whichever is later.”.

3 **SEC. 104. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVES STOCKPILE AU-**
4 **THORITY.**

5 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS
6 ACT, 2005.—Section 12001(d) of the Department of De-
7 fense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287;
8 118 Stat. 1011) is amended by striking “September 30,
9 2020” and inserting “after September 30, 2025”.

10 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section
11 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
12 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “2013,
13 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020” and in-
14 serting “2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025”.

15 **SEC. 105. EXTENSION OF LOAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL.**

16 Chapter 5 of title I of the Emergency Wartime Sup-
17 plemental Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 108–11;
18 117 Stat. 576) is amended under the heading “LOAN
19 GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL”—

20 (1) in the matter preceding the first proviso, by
21 striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “Sep-
22 tember 30, 2025”; and

23 (2) in the second proviso, by striking “Sep-
24 tember 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30,
25 2025”.

1 **SEC. 106. TRANSFER OF PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS TO**
2 **ISRAEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of
4 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h),
5 the President is authorized to transfer to Israel precision
6 guided munitions from reserve stocks for Israel in such
7 quantities as may be necessary for legitimate self-defense
8 of Israel and is otherwise consistent with the purposes and
9 conditions for such transfers under the Arms Export Con-
10 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

11 (b) CERTIFICATIONS.—Except in case of emergency,
12 as determined by the President, not later than 5 days be-
13 fore making a transfer under subsection (a), the President
14 shall certify to the appropriate congressional committees
15 that the transfer of the precision guided munitions—

16 (1) does not affect the ability of the United
17 States to maintain a sufficient supply of precision
18 guided munitions;

19 (2) does not harm the combat readiness of the
20 United States or the ability of the United States to
21 meet its commitment to allies for the transfer of
22 such munitions;

23 (3) is necessary for Israel to counter the threat
24 of rockets in a timely fashion; and

25 (4) is in the national security interest of the
26 United States.

1 **SEC. 107. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RAPID ACQUISITION**
2 **AND DEPLOYMENT PROCEDURES.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that the President
4 should—

5 (1) prescribe procedures for the rapid acquisi-
6 tion and deployment of precision guided munitions
7 for United States counterterrorism missions; or

8 (2) assist Israel, which is an ally of the United
9 States, to protect itself against direct missile
10 threats.

11 **SEC. 108. ELIGIBILITY OF ISRAEL FOR THE STRATEGIC**
12 **TRADE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION TO CER-**
13 **TAIN EXPORT CONTROL LICENSING RE-**
14 **QUIREMENTS.**

15 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

16 (1) Israel has adopted high standards in the
17 field of weapons export controls.

18 (2) Israel has declared its unilateral adherence
19 to the Missile Technology Control Regime, the Aus-
20 tralia Group, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

21 (3) Israel is a party to—

22 (A) the Protocol for the Prohibition of the
23 Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or
24 Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of
25 Warfare, signed at Geneva June 17, 1925
26 (commonly known as the “Geneva Protocol”);

1 (B) the Convention on the Physical Protec-
2 tion of Nuclear Material, signed at Vienna and
3 New York March 3, 1980; and

4 (C) the Convention on Prohibitions or Re-
5 strictions on the Use of Certain Conventional
6 Weapons Which may be Deemed to be Exces-
7 sively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Ef-
8 fects, signed at Geneva October 10, 1980.

9 (4) Section 6(b) of the United States-Israel
10 Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8603
11 note) directs the President, consistent with the com-
12 mitments of the United States under international
13 agreements, to take steps so that Israel may be in-
14 cluded in the list of countries eligible for the stra-
15 tegic trade authorization exception under section
16 740.20(c)(1) of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-
17 tions, to the requirement for a license for the export,
18 re-export, or in-country transfer of an item subject
19 to controls under the Export Administration Regula-
20 tions.

21 (b) BRIEFING ON ELIGIBILITY FOR STRATEGIC
22 TRADE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION.—Not later than
23 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
24 President shall brief the appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees by describing the steps taken to include Israel in

1 the list of countries eligible for the strategic trade author-
2 ization exception under section 740.20(e)(1) of title 15,
3 Code of Federal Regulations, as required under section
4 6(b) of the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act
5 of 2014 (Public Law 113–296).

6 **TITLE II—ENHANCED UNITED**
7 **STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION**

8 **SEC. 201. UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL**
9 **DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDA OF UNDER-**
10 **STANDING TO ENHANCE COOPERATION WITH**
11 **ISRAEL.**

12 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the United
13 States Agency for International Development and Israel’s
14 Agency for International Development Cooperation signed
15 memoranda of understanding in 2012, 2017, and 2019 to
16 coordinate the agencies’ respective efforts to promote com-
17 mon development goals in third countries.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USAID POL-
19 ICY.—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of
20 State and the United States Agency for International De-
21 velopment should continue to cooperate with Israel to ad-
22 vance common development goals in third countries across
23 a wide variety of sectors, including energy, agriculture,
24 food security, democracy, human rights, governance, eco-

1 nomic growth, trade, education, environment, global
2 health, water, and sanitation.

3 (c) MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-
4 retary of State, acting through the Administrator of the
5 United States Agency for International Development, may
6 enter into memoranda of understanding with Israel to ad-
7 vance common goals on energy, agriculture, food security,
8 democracy, human rights, governance, economic growth,
9 trade, education, environment, global health, water, and
10 sanitation, with a focus on strengthening mutual ties and
11 cooperation with nations throughout the world.

12 **SEC. 202. COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AMONG THE UNITED**
13 **STATES, ISRAEL, AND DEVELOPING COUN-**
14 **TRIES.**

15 Section 106 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
16 (22 U.S.C. 2151d) is amended by striking subsections (e)
17 and (f) and inserting the following:

18 “(e) There are authorized to be appropriated
19 \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021 through 2025
20 to finance cooperative projects among the United States,
21 Israel, and developing countries that identify and support
22 local solutions to address sustainability challenges relating
23 to water resources, agriculture, and energy storage, in-
24 cluding—

25 “(1) establishing public-private partnerships;

1 “(2) supporting the identification, research, de-
2 velopment testing, and scaling of innovations that
3 focus on populations that are vulnerable to environ-
4 mental and resource-scarcity crises, such as subsist-
5 ence farming communities;

6 “(3) seed or transition-to-scale funding;

7 “(4) clear and appropriate branding and mark-
8 ing of United States funded assistance, in accord-
9 ance with section 641; and

10 “(5) accelerating demonstrations or applications
11 of local solutions to sustainability challenges, or the
12 further refinement, testing, or implementation of in-
13 novations that have previously effectively addressed
14 sustainability challenges.

15 “(f) Amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (e)
16 shall be obligated in accordance with the memoranda of
17 understanding referred to in subsections (a) and (c) of sec-
18 tion 201 of the United States-Israel Security Assistance
19 Authorization Act of 2020”.

20 **SEC. 203. JOINT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RELATED TO IN-**
21 **NOVATION AND HIGH-TECH FOR THE MIDDLE**
22 **EAST REGION.**

23 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that—

1 (1) the United States should help foster co-
2 operation in the Middle East region by financing
3 and, as appropriate, cooperating in projects related
4 to innovation and advanced technologies; and

5 (2) projects referred to in paragraph (1)
6 should—

7 (A) contribute to development and the
8 quality of life in the Middle East region
9 through the application of research and ad-
10 vanced technology; and

11 (B) contribute to Arab-Israeli cooperation
12 by establishing strong working relationships
13 that last beyond the life of such projects.

14 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State, act-
15 ing through the Administrator of the United States Agen-
16 cy for International Development, is authorized to seek to
17 establish a program between the United States and appro-
18 priate regional partners to provide for cooperation in the
19 Middle East region by supporting projects related to inno-
20 vation and advanced technologies.

21 (c) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—Each project carried
22 out under the program established pursuant to subsection
23 (b)—

1 (1) shall include the participation of at least 1
2 entity from Israel and 1 entity from another regional
3 partner; and

4 (2) shall be conducted in a manner that appro-
5 priately protects sensitive information, intellectual
6 property, the national security interests of the
7 United States, and the national security interests of
8 Israel.

9 **SEC. 204. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES-ISRAEL**
10 **ECONOMIC COOPERATION.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that—

12 (1) the United States-Israel economic partner-
13 ship—

14 (A) has achieved great tangible and intan-
15 gible benefits to both countries; and

16 (B) is a foundational component of the
17 strong alliance;

18 (2) science and technology innovations present
19 promising new frontiers for United States-Israel eco-
20 nomic cooperation, particularly in light of wide-
21 spread drought, cybersecurity attacks, and other
22 major challenges impacting the United States; and

23 (3) the President should regularize and expand
24 existing forums of economic dialogue with Israel and
25 foster both public and private sector participation.

1 **SEC. 205. COOPERATION ON DIRECTED ENERGY CAPABILI-**
2 **TIES.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of State is
5 authorized to carry out research, development, test,
6 and evaluation activities, on a joint basis with Israel,
7 to establish directed energy capabilities that address
8 threats to the United States, deployed forces of the
9 United States, or Israel. Any activities carried out
10 under this paragraph shall be conducted in a man-
11 ner that appropriately protects sensitive information,
12 intellectual property, the national security interests
13 of the United States, and the national security inter-
14 ests of Israel.

15 (2) **REPORT.—**The activities described in para-
16 graph (1) may be carried out after the Secretary of
17 State submits a report to the appropriate congress-
18 sional committees that includes—

19 (A) a memorandum of agreement between
20 the United States and Israel regarding sharing
21 of research and development costs for the capa-
22 bilities described in paragraph (1), and any
23 supporting documents; and

24 (B) a certification that the memorandum
25 of agreement referred to in subparagraph (A)—

1 (i) requires sharing of costs of
2 projects, including in-kind support, be-
3 tween the United States and Israel;

4 (ii) establishes a framework to nego-
5 tiate the rights to any intellectual property
6 developed under the memorandum of
7 agreement; and

8 (iii) requires the United States Gov-
9 ernment to receive semiannual reports on
10 expenditure of funds, if any, by the Gov-
11 ernment of Israel, including—

12 (I) a description of what the
13 funds have been used for and when
14 funds were expended; and

15 (II) the identification of entities
16 that expended such funds.

17 (b) SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
19 authorized to provide maintenance and sustainment
20 support to Israel for the directed energy capabilities
21 research, development, test, and evaluation activities
22 authorized under subsection (a)(1), including the in-
23 stallation of equipment that is necessary to carry out
24 such research, development, test, and evaluation.

1 (2) REPORT.—The support described in para-
2 graph (1) may not be provided until 15 days after
3 the date on which the Secretary of State submits a
4 report to the appropriate congressional committees
5 that describes in detail the support to be provided.

6 (3) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—The support
7 described in paragraph (1) may not be provided un-
8 less the Secretary of State certifies to the appro-
9 priate congressional committees that the Govern-
10 ment of Israel will contribute to such support—

11 (A) an amount not less than the amount of
12 support to be so provided; or

13 (B) an amount that otherwise meets the
14 best efforts of Israel, as mutually agreed to by
15 the United States and Israel.

16 (c) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of State shall
17 designate an appropriate research and development entity
18 as the lead agency of the Department of State in carrying
19 out this section.

20 (d) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of State
21 shall submit a semiannual report to the appropriate con-
22 gressional committees that includes the most recent semi-
23 annual report provided by the Government of Israel to the
24 Department of State.

1 **SEC. 206. PLANS TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH NECESSARY DE-**
2 **FENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES IN A CON-**
3 **TINGENCY.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall establish and
5 update, as appropriate, plans to provide Israel with de-
6 fense articles and services that are determined by the Sec-
7 retary of Defense to be necessary for the defense of Israel
8 in a contingency.

9 (b) **CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING.**—Not later than 1
10 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
11 ally thereafter, the President shall brief the appropriate
12 congressional committees regarding the status of the plans
13 required under subsection (a).

14 **SEC. 207. OTHER MATTERS OF COOPERATION.**

15 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Activities authorized under this
16 section shall be carried out with the concurrence of the
17 Secretary of State and aligned with the National Security
18 Strategy of the United States, the United States Govern-
19 ment Global Health Security Strategy, the Department of
20 State Integrated Country Strategies, the USAID Country
21 Development Cooperation Strategies, and any equivalent
22 or successor plans or strategies, as necessary and appro-
23 priate

24 (b) **DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.**—

25 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be
26 appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
2 2021 through 2023 for a bilateral cooperative pro-
3 gram with the Government of Israel that awards
4 grants for the development of health technologies,
5 including health technologies listed in paragraph (2),
6 subject to paragraph (3), with an emphasis on col-
7 laboratively advancing the use of technology and
8 personalized medicine in relation to COVID-19.

9 (2) TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—The
10 health technologies described in this paragraph may
11 include technologies such as sensors, drugs and vac-
12 cinations, respiratory assist devices, diagnostic tests,
13 and telemedicine.

14 (3) RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING.—Amounts ap-
15 propriated pursuant to paragraph (1) are subject to
16 a matching contribution from the Government of
17 Israel.

18 (4) OPTION FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PRO-
19 GRAM.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to para-
20 graph (1) may be expended for a bilateral program
21 with the Government of Israel that—

22 (A) is in existence on the day before the
23 date of the enactment of this Act for the pur-
24 poses described in paragraph (1); or

1 (B) is established after the date of the en-
2 actment of this Act by the Secretary of Health
3 and Human Services, in consultation with the
4 Secretary of State, in accordance with the
5 Agreement between the Government of the
6 United States of America and the Government
7 of the State of Israel on Cooperation in Science
8 and Technology for Homeland Security Mat-
9 ters, done at Jerusalem May 29, 2008 (or a
10 successor agreement), for the purposes de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1).

12 (c) COORDINATOR OF UNITED STATES–ISRAEL RE-
13 SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may des-
15 ignate the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bu-
16 reau of Oceans and International Environmental and
17 Scientific Affairs, or another appropriate Depart-
18 ment of State official, to act as Coordinator of
19 United States-Israel Research and Development (re-
20 ferred to in this subsection as the “Coordinator”).

21 (2) AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES.—The Coordi-
22 nator, in conjunction with the heads of relevant Fed-
23 eral Government departments and agencies and in
24 coordination with the Israel Innovation Authority,

1 may oversee civilian science and technology pro-
2 grams on a joint basis with Israel.

3 (d) OFFICE OF GLOBAL POLICY AND STRATEGY OF
4 THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress
6 that the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Ad-
7 ministration should seek to explore collaboration
8 with Israel through the Office of Global Policy and
9 Strategy.

10 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner,
12 acting through the head of the Office of Global Pol-
13 icy and Strategy, shall submit a report describing
14 the benefits to the United States and to Israel of
15 opening an office in Israel for the Office of Global
16 Policy and Strategy to—

17 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
20 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate;

21 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
22 the House of Representatives; and

23 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
24 merce of the House of Representatives.

1 (e) UNITED STATES–ISRAEL ENERGY CENTER.—
2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
3 of Energy \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021
4 through 2023 to carry out the activities of the United
5 States-Israel Energy Center established pursuant to sec-
6 tion 917(d) of the Energy Independence and Security Act
7 of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17337(d)).

8 (f) UNITED STATES–ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUS-
9 TRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.—It
10 is the sense of Congress that grants to promote covered
11 energy projects conducted by, or in conjunction with, the
12 United States-Israel Binational Industrial Research and
13 Development Foundation should be funded at not less
14 than \$2,000,000 annually under section 917(b) of the En-
15 ergy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
16 17337(b)).

17 (g) UNITED STATES–ISRAEL COOPERATION ON EN-
18 ERGY, WATER, HOMELAND SECURITY, AGRICULTURE,
19 AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL TECHNOLOGIES.—Section 7 of
20 the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of
21 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8606) is amended by adding at the end
22 the following:

23 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021 through
2 2023.”.

3 (h) ANNUAL POLICY DIALOGUE.—It is the sense of
4 Congress that the Department of Transportation and
5 Israel’s Ministry of Transportation should engage in an
6 annual policy dialogue to implement the 2016 Memo-
7 randum of Cooperation signed by the Secretary of Trans-
8 portation and the Israeli Minister of Transportation.

9 (i) COOPERATION ON SPACE EXPLORATION AND
10 SCIENCE INITIATIVES.—The Administrator of the Na-
11 tional Aeronautics and Space Administration shall con-
12 tinue to work with the Israel Space Agency to identify and
13 cooperatively pursue peaceful space exploration and
14 science initiatives in areas of mutual interest, taking all
15 appropriate measures to protect sensitive information, in-
16 tellectual property, trade secrets, and economic interests
17 of the United States.

18 (j) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
19 RELATING TO DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY.—Not later
20 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
21 the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Pol-
22 icy shall submit a report that describes research and devel-
23 opment cooperation with international partners, such as
24 the State of Israel, in the area of desalination technology

1 in accordance with section 9(b)(3) of the Water Desalina-
2 tion Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301 note) to—

3 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
4 Senate;

5 (2) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
6 sources of the Senate;

7 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives; and

9 (4) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
10 House of Representatives.

11 (k) RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF
12 POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.—It is the sense of
13 Congress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should
14 seek to explore collaboration between the Mental Illness
15 Research, Education and Clinical Centers of Excellence
16 and Israeli institutions with expertise in researching and
17 treating posttraumatic stress disorder.