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To direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

(legislative day,),

Reported by Mr. CORKER, with an amendment

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A BILL

- To direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, 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.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Foreign Aid Trans-
- 5 parency and Accountability Act of 2015".

1	Z SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
2	In this Act:
3	(1) Appropriate congressional commit-
4	TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional com-
5	mittees" means—
6	(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
7	the Senate;
8	(B) the Committee on Appropriations of
9	the Senate;
10	(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
11	the House of Representatives; and
12	(D) the Committee on Appropriations of
13	the House of Representatives.
14	(2) EVALUATION.—The term "evaluation"
15	means, with respect to a United States foreign de-
16	velopment and economic assistance program, the
17	systematic collection and analysis of information
18	about the characteristics and outcomes of the pro-
19	gram, including projects conducted under such pro-
20	gram, as a basis for —
21	(A) making judgments and evaluations re-
22	garding the program;
23	(B) improving program effectiveness; and
24	(C) informing decisions about current and
25	future programming.

1	(3) United states foreign development
2	AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.—The term "United
3	States foreign development and economic assistance"
4	means assistance provided primarily for the purposes
5	of foreign development and economic support, in-
6	cluding assistance authorized under—
7	(A) part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of
8	1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), except for—
9	(i) title IV of chapter 2 of such part
10	(relating to the Overseas Private Invest-
11	ment Corporation);
12	(ii) chapter 3 of such part (relating to
13	International Organizations and Pro-
14	grams); and
15	(iii) chapter 8 of such part (relating
16	to International Narcotics Control);
17	(B) chapter 4 of part H of the Foreign As-
18	sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.;
19	relating to Economic Support Fund);
20	(C) the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003
21	(22 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.); and
22	(D) the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C.
23	$\frac{1721 \text{ et seq.}}{}.$

1	SEC. 3. GUIDELINES FOR UNITED STATES FOREIGN DEVEL-
2	OPMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PRO-
3	GRAMS.
4	(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—
5	(1) to evaluate the performance of United
6	States foreign development and economic assistance
7	and its contribution to the policies, strategies,
8	projects, program goals, and priorities undertaken
9	by the Federal Government;
10	(2) to foster and promote innovative programs
11	to improve effectiveness; and
12	(3) to coordinate the monitoring and evaluation
13	processes of Federal departments and agencies that
14	administer United States foreign development and
15	economic assistance.
16	(b) Establishment of Guidelines.—Not later
17	than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
18	Act, the President shall set forth guidelines, according to
19	best practices of monitoring and evaluation studies and
20	analyses, for the establishment of measurable goals, per-
21	formance metrics, and monitoring and evaluation plans
22	that can be applied with reasonable consistency to United
23	States foreign development and economic assistance.
24	(c) Objectives of Guidelines.—
25	(1) IN GENERAL.—The guidelines established
26	pursuant to subsection (b) shall provide direction to

1	Federal departments and agencies that administer
2	United States foreign development and economic as-
3	sistance on—
4	(A) monitoring the use of resources;
5	(B) evaluating the outcomes and impacts
6	of United States foreign development and eco-
7	nomic assistance projects and programs; and
8	(C) applying the findings and conclusions
9	of such evaluations to proposed project and pro-
10	gram design.
11	(2) Objectives.—The guidelines established
12	pursuant to subsection (b) shall require Federal de-
13	partments and agencies that administer United
14	States foreign development and economic assist-
15	ance—
16	(A) to establish annual monitoring and
17	evaluation agendas and objectives to plan and
18	manage the process of monitoring, evaluating,
19	analyzing progress, and applying learning to-
20	ward achieving results;
21	(B) to develop specific project monitoring
22	and evaluation plans, including measurable
23	goals and performance metrics, and to identify
24	the resources necessary to conduct such evalua-

1	tions, which should be covered by program
2	costs, during project design;
3	(C) to apply rigorous monitoring and eval-
4	uation methodologies to such programs, includ-
5	ing through the use of impact evaluations, ex-
6	post evaluations, or other methods as appro-
7	priate, that clearly define program logic, inputs,
8	outputs, intermediate outcomes, and end out-
9	comes;
10	(D) to disseminate guidelines for the devel-
11	opment and implementation of monitoring and
12	evaluation programs to all personnel, especially
13	in the field, who are responsible for the design,
14	implementation, and management of United
15	States foreign development and economic assist-
16	ance programs;
17	(E) to establish methodologies for the col-
18	lection of data, including baseline data to serve
19	as a reference point against which progress can
20	be measured;
21	(F) to evaluate, at least once in their life-
22	time, all programs whose dollar value equals or
23	exceeds the median program size for the rel-
24	evant office or bureau or an equivalent calcula-

1	tion to ensure the majority of program re-
2	sources are evaluated;
3	(G) to conduct impact evaluations on all
4	pilot programs before replicating wherever pos-
5	sible, or provide a written justification for not
6	conducting an impact evaluation where such an
7	evaluation was deemed inappropriate or impos-
8	sible;
9	(H) to develop a clearinghouse capacity for
10	the collection and dissemination of knowledge
11	and lessons learned that serve as benchmarks to
12	guide future programs for United States devel-
13	opment professionals, implementing partners,
14	the donor community, and aid recipient govern-
15	ments, and as a repository of knowledge on les-
16	sons learned;
17	(I) to internally distribute evaluation re-
18	ports;
19	(J) to develop a summary of each evalua-
20	tion, including a description of the evaluation
21	methodology and key findings and recommenda-
22	tions made in the evaluation within 90 days
23	after the completion of the evaluation;
24	(K) to undertake collaborative partnerships
25	and coordinate efforts with the academic com-

1 munity, implementing partners, and national 2 and international institutions that have exper-3 tise in program monitoring, evaluation, and 4 analysis when such partnerships provide needed 5 expertise or significantly improve the evaluation 6 and analysis;

7 (L) to ensure verifiable, valid, eredible, 8 precise, reliable, and timely data are available 9 to monitoring and evaluation personnel to per-10 mit the objective evaluation of the effectiveness 11 of United States foreign development and eco-12 nomic assistance programs, including an assess-13 ment of assumptions and limitations in such 14 evaluations; and

15 (M) to ensure that standards of profes-16 sional evaluation organizations for monitoring 17 and evaluation efforts are employed, including 18 ensuring the integrity and independence of eval-19 uations, permitting and encouraging the exer-20 eise of professional judgment, and providing for 21 quality control and assurance in the monitoring 22 and evaluation process.

23 (d) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Not later than 18
24 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
25 President shall submit a report to the appropriate con-

1	gressional committees that contains a detailed description
2	of the guidelines established pursuant to subsection (b).
3	The report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
4	it may contain a classified annex.
5	(e) Comptroller General's Report.—Not later
6	than 1 year after the date on which the report required
7	under subsection (d) is submitted to Congress, the Comp-
8	troller General of the United States shall submit a report
9	to the appropriate congressional committees that—
10	(1) analyzes the guidelines established pursuant
11	to subsection (b); and
12	(2) provides a side-by-side comparison of—
13	(A) the President's budget request for that
14	fiscal year of every operational unit that carries
15	out United States foreign development and eco-
16	nomic assistance; and
17	(B) the performance of such units during
18	the most recently completed fiscal year.
19	SEC. 4. INFORMATION ON UNITED STATES FOREIGN DE-
20	VELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
21	PROGRAMS.
22	(a) Publication of Information.—
23	(1) UPDATE OF EXISTING WEBSITE.—Not later
24	than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
25	Act, the Secretary of State shall update the Depart-

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ment of State's website, "ForeignAssistance.gov", to
 make publicly available comprehensive, timely, and
 comparable information on United States foreign de velopment and economic assistance programs, in cluding all information required under subsection (b)
 that is available to the Secretary of State.

7 (2) INFORMATION SHARING.—Not later than 2 8 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, 9 and quarterly thereafter, the head of each Federal 10 department or agency that administers United 11 States foreign development and economic assistance 12 shall provide the Secretary of State with comprehen-13 sive information about the United States foreign de-14 velopment and economic assistance programs carried 15 out by such department or agency.

16 (3) UPDATES TO WEBSITE.—Not later than 2 17 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, 18 and quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of State shall 19 publish, on the "ForeignAssistance.gov" website or 20 through a successor online publication, the informa-21 tion provided under subsection (b).

22 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The information described in
24 subsection (a)—

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1	(A) shall be published on a detailed award-
2	by-award and country-by-country basis; or
3	(B) if assistance is provided on a regional
4	level, shall be published on an award-by-award
5	and region-by-region basis.
6	(2) Types of information.—
7	(A) IN GENERAL.—To ensure the trans-
8	parency, accountability, and effectiveness of
9	United States foreign development and eco-
10	nomic assistance programs, the information de-
11	seribed in subsection (a) shall include—
12	(i) all regional, country, and sector as-
13	sistance strategies, annual budget docu-
14	ments, congressional budget justifications,
15	obligations, expenditures, evaluations and
16	summaries of evaluations in accordance
17	with section $3(c)(2)(J)$; and
18	(ii) basic descriptive summaries for
19	United States foreign development and
20	economic assistance programs and awards
21	under such programs.
22	(B) PUBLICATION.—Each type of informa-
23	tion described in subparagraph (A) shall be
24	published or updated on the appropriate website

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not later than 90 days after the date on which the information is issued.

3 (C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in 4 this paragraph may be construed to require a 5 Federal department or agency that administers 6 United States foreign development and eco-7 nomic assistance to provide any information 8 that does not relate to, or is not otherwise re-9 quired by, the United States foreign develop-10 ment and economic assistance programs earried 11 out by such department or agency.

12 (3) Report in Lieu of inclusion.—

13 (A) HEALTH OR SECURITY OF IMPLE-14 MENTING PARTNERS.—If the head of a Federal 15 department or agency makes a determination 16 that the inclusion of a required item of informa-17 tion online would jeopardize the health or secu-18 rity of an implementing partner or program 19 beneficiary or would require the release of pro-20 prietary information of an implementing part-21 ner or program beneficiary, the head of the 22 Federal department or agency shall provide 23 such determination in writing to the appro-24 priate congressional committees, including the 25 basis for such determination and shall—

1	(i) provide a briefing to the appro-
2	priate congressional committees on such
3	information; or
4	(ii) submit such information to the
5	appropriate congressional committees in a
6	written report.
7	(B) NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED
8	STATES.—If the Secretary of State makes a de-
9	termination that the inclusion of a required
10	item of information online would be detrimental
11	to the national interests of the United States,
12	the Secretary of State shall—
13	(i) provide such determination, includ-
14	ing the basis for such determination, in
15	writing to the appropriate congressional
16	committees; and
17	(ii)(I) provide a briefing on such in-
18	formation to the appropriate congressional
19	committees; or
20	(II) submit the item of information in
21	a written report to the appropriate con-
22	gressional committees.
23	(C) FORM.—Any briefing or item of infor-
24	mation provided under this paragraph may be
25	provided in classified form, as appropriate.

1	(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If a Federal depart-
2	ment or agency fails to comply with the require-
3	ments under paragraph (1) or (2), subsection (a), or
4	subsection (c), with respect to providing information
5	described in subsection (a), and the information is
6	not subject to a determination under subparagraph
7	(A) or (B) of paragraph (3) not to make the infor-
8	mation publicly available, the Director of the Office
9	of Management and Budget, in consultation with the
10	head of such department or agency, not later than
11	September 1, 2016, shall submit a consolidated re-
12	port to the appropriate congressional committees
13	that includes, with respect to each required item of
14	information not made publicly available—
15	(Λ) a detailed explanation of the failure of
16	not making such information publicly available;
17	and
18	(B) a description of the department's or
19	agency's plan and timeline for—
20	(i) immediately making such informa-
21	tion publicly available; and
22	(ii) ensuring that such failures do not
23	take place in subsequent years.
24	(c) Scope of Information.—The online publication
25	required under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

1	(1) in each of the fiscal years 2016 through
2	2019, provide the information required under sub-
3	section (b) for fiscal years 2012 through the current
4	fiscal year; and
5	(2) for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year
6	thereafter, provide the information required under
7	subsection (b) for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal
8	years in a fully searchable form.
9	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
10	This Act may be cited as the "Foreign Aid Trans-
11	parency and Accountability Act of 2015".
12	SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
13	In this Act:
14	(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
15	TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional commit-
16	tees" means—
17	(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
18	the Senate;
19	(B) the Committee on Appropriations of the
20	Senate;
21	(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
22	House of Representatives; and
23	(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the
24	House of Representatives.

1	(2) EVALUATION.—The term "evaluation"
2	means, with respect to a United States foreign devel-
3	opment and economic assistance program, the system-
4	atic collection and analysis of information about the
5	characteristics and outcomes of the program, includ-
6	ing projects conducted under such program, as a basis
7	for-
8	(A) making judgments and evaluations re-
9	garding the program;
10	(B) improving program effectiveness; and
11	(C) informing decisions about current and
12	future programming.
13	(3) United states foreign development and
14	ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.—The term "United States
15	foreign development and economic assistance" means
16	assistance provided primarily for the purposes of for-
17	eign development and economic support, including as-
18	sistance authorized under—
19	(A) part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of
20	1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), except for—
21	(i) title IV of chapter 2 of such part
22	(relating to the Overseas Private Investment
23	Corporation);

1	(ii) chapter 3 of such part (relating to
2	International Organizations and Pro-
3	grams); and
4	(iii) chapter 8 of such part (relating to
5	International Narcotics Control);
6	(B) chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign As-
7	sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.; re-
8	lating to Economic Support Fund);
9	(C) the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003
10	(22 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.); and
11	(D) the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721
12	et seq.).
13	SEC. 3. GUIDELINES FOR UNITED STATES FOREIGN DEVEL-
14	OPMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PRO-
15	GRAMS.
16	(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—
17	(1) to evaluate the performance of United States
18	foreign development and economic assistance and its
19	contribution to the policies, strategies, projects, pro-
20	gram goals, and priorities undertaken by the Federal
21	Government;
22	(2) to foster and promote innovative programs to
23	improve effectiveness; and
24	(3) to coordinate the monitoring and evaluation
	(b) to coordinate the monitoring and couldation

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administer United States foreign development and
 economic assistance.
 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF GUIDELINES.—Not later than

4 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
5 President shall set forth guidelines, according to best prac6 tices of monitoring and evaluation studies and analyses, for
7 the establishment of measurable goals, performance metrics,
8 and monitoring and evaluation plans that can be applied
9 with reasonable consistency to United States foreign devel10 opment and economic assistance.

11 (c) Objectives of Guidelines.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The guidelines established
13 pursuant to subsection (b) shall provide direction to
14 Federal departments and agencies that administer
15 United States foreign development and economic as16 sistance on—

17 (A) monitoring the use of resources;
18 (B) evaluating the outcomes and impacts of

United States foreign development and economic
 assistance projects and programs; and

21 (C) applying the findings and conclusions
22 of such evaluations to proposed project and pro23 gram design.

24 (2) OBJECTIVES.—The guidelines established
25 pursuant to subsection (b) shall provide direction to

1 Federal departments and agencies that administer 2 United States foreign development and economic assistance on how— 3 4 (A) to establish annual monitoring and 5 evaluation agendas and objectives to plan and 6 manage the process of monitoring, evaluating, 7 analyzing progress, and applying learning to-8 ward achieving results; 9 (B) to develop specific project monitoring 10 and evaluation plans, including measurable 11 goals and performance metrics, and to identify 12 the resources necessary to conduct such evalua-13 tions, which should be covered by program costs, 14 during project design; 15 (C) to apply rigorous monitoring and eval-16 uation methodologies to such programs, includ-17 ing through the use of impact evaluations, ex-18 post evaluations, or other methods as appro-19 priate, that clearly define program logic, inputs, 20 outputs, intermediate outcomes, and end out-21 comes: 22 (D) to disseminate quidelines for the devel-23 opment and implementation of monitoring and 24 evaluation programs to all personnel, especially 25 in the field, who are responsible for the design,

1	implementation, and management of United
2	States foreign development and economic assist-
3	ance programs;
4	(E) to establish methodologies for the collec-
5	tion of data, including baseline data to serve as
6	a reference point against which progress can be
7	measured;
8	(F) to evaluate, at least once in their life-
9	time, all programs whose dollar value equals or
10	exceeds the median program size for the relevant
11	office or bureau or an equivalent calculation to
12	ensure the majority of program resources are
13	evaluated;
14	(G) to conduct impact evaluations on all
15	pilot programs before replicating wherever pos-
16	sible, or provide a written justification for not
17	conducting an impact evaluation where such an
18	evaluation was deemed inappropriate or impos-
19	sible;
20	(H) to develop a clearinghouse capacity for
21	the collection and dissemination of knowledge
22	and lessons learned that serve as benchmarks to
23	guide future programs for United States develop-
24	ment professionals, implementing partners, the
25	donor community, and aid recipient govern-

1	ments, and as a repository of knowledge on les-
2	sons learned;
3	(I) to internally distribute evaluation re-
4	ports;
5	(J) to publicly report each evaluation, in-
6	cluding an executive summary, a description of
7	the evaluation methodology, key findings, appro-
8	priate context, including quantitative and quali-
9	tative data when available, and recommenda-
10	tions made in the evaluation within 90 days
11	after the completion of the evaluation;
12	(K) to undertake collaborative partnerships
13	and coordinate efforts with the academic commu-
14	nity, implementing partners, and national and
15	international institutions that have expertise in
16	program monitoring, evaluation, and analysis
17	when such partnerships provide needed expertise
18	or significantly improve the evaluation and
19	analysis;
20	(L) to ensure verifiable, valid, credible, pre-
21	cise, reliable, and timely data are available to
22	monitoring and evaluation personnel to permit
23	the objective evaluation of the effectiveness of
24	United States foreign development and economic
25	assistance programs, including an assessment of

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assumptions and limitations in such evaluations;
 and

3 (M) to ensure that standards of professional 4 evaluation organizations for monitoring and 5 evaluation efforts are employed, including ensur-6 ing the integrity and independence of evalua-7 tions, permitting and encouraging the exercise of 8 professional judgment, and providing for quality 9 control and assurance in the monitoring and 10 evaluation process.

(d) PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Not later than 18 months
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that contains a detailed description of the guidelines
established pursuant to subsection (b). The report shall be
submitted in unclassified form, but it may contain a classified annex.

(e) COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S REPORT.—Not later
than 1 year after the date on which the report required
under subsection (d) is submitted to Congress, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report
to the appropriate congressional committees that—

23 (1) analyzes the guidelines established pursuant
24 to subsection (b); and

25 (2) provides a side-by-side comparison of—

1	(A) the President's budget request for that
2	fiscal year of every operational unit that carries
3	out United States foreign development and eco-
4	nomic assistance; and
5	(B) the performance of such units during
6	the most recently completed fiscal year.
7	SEC. 4. INFORMATION ON UNITED STATES FOREIGN DEVEL-
8	OPMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PRO-
9	GRAMS.
10	(a) Publication of Information.—
11	(1) UPDATE OF EXISTING WEBSITE.—Not later
12	than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
13	Act, the Secretary of State shall update the Depart-
14	ment of State's website, "ForeignAssistance.gov", to
15	make publicly available comprehensive, timely, and
16	comparable information on United States foreign de-
17	velopment and economic assistance programs, includ-
18	ing all information required under subsection (b) that
19	is available to the Secretary of State.
20	(2) INFORMATION SHARING.—Not later than 2
21	years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
22	quarterly thereafter, the head of each Federal depart-
23	ment or agency that administers United States for-
24	eign development and economic assistance shall pro-
25	vide the Secretary of State with comprehensive infor-

1	mation about the United States foreign development
2	and economic assistance programs carried out by
3	such department or agency.
4	(3) UPDATES TO WEBSITE.—Not later than 2
5	years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
6	quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of State shall pub-
7	lish, on the "ForeignAssistance.gov" website or
8	through a successor online publication, the informa-
9	tion provided under subsection (b).
10	(b) Matters To Be Included.—
11	(1) IN GENERAL.—The information described in
12	subsection (a)—
13	(A) shall be published on a detailed award-
14	by-award and country-by-country basis; or
15	(B) if assistance is provided on a regional
16	level, shall be published on an award-by-award
17	and region-by-region basis.
18	(2) Types of information.—
19	(A) IN GENERAL.—To ensure the trans-
20	parency, accountability, and effectiveness of
21	United States foreign development and economic
22	assistance programs, the information described
23	in subsection (a) shall include—
24	(i) links to all regional, country, and
25	sector assistance strategies, annual budget

1	documents, congressional budget justifica-
2	tions, and evaluations in accordance with
3	section $3(c)(2)(J);$
4	(ii) basic descriptive summaries for
5	United States foreign development and eco-
6	nomic assistance programs and awards
7	under such programs; and
8	(iii) obligations and expenditures.
9	(B) PUBLICATION.—Each type of informa-
10	tion described in subparagraph (A) shall be pub-
11	lished or updated on the appropriate website not
12	later than 90 days after the date on which the
13	information is issued.
14	(C) Rule of construction.—Nothing in
15	this paragraph may be construed to require a
16	Federal department or agency that administers
17	United States foreign development and economic
18	assistance to provide any information that does
19	not relate to, or is not otherwise required by, the
20	United States foreign development and economic
21	assistance programs carried out by such depart-
22	ment or agency.
23	(3) Report in Lieu of Inclusion.—
24	(A) Health or security of imple-
25	MENTING PARTNERS.—If the head of a Federal

1	department or agency, in consultation with the
2	Secretary of State, makes a determination that
3	the inclusion of a required item of information
4	online would jeopardize the health or security of
5	an implementing partner or program beneficiary
6	or would require the release of proprietary infor-
7	mation of an implementing partner or program
8	beneficiary, the head of the Federal department
9	or agency shall provide such determination in
10	writing to the appropriate congressional commit-
11	tees, including the basis for such determination
12	and shall—
13	(i) provide a briefing to the appro-
14	priate congressional committees on such in-
15	formation; or
16	(ii) submit such information to the ap-
17	propriate congressional committees in a
18	written report.
19	(B) NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED
20	STATES.—If the Secretary of State makes a de-
21	termination that the inclusion of a required item
22	of information online would be detrimental to
23	the national interests of the United States, the
24	Secretary of State shall—

1	(i) provide such determination, includ-
2	ing the basis for such determination, in
3	writing to the appropriate congressional
4	committees; and
5	(ii)(I) provide a briefing on such infor-
6	mation to the appropriate congressional
7	committees; or
8	(II) submit the item of information in
9	a written report to the appropriate congres-
10	sional committees.
11	(C) FORM.—Any briefing or item of infor-
12	mation provided under this paragraph may be
13	provided in classified form, as appropriate.
14	(4) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If a Federal depart-
15	ment or agency fails to comply with the requirements
16	under paragraph (1) or (2), subsection (a), or sub-
17	section (c), with respect to providing information de-
18	scribed in subsection (a), and the information is not
19	subject to a determination under subparagraph (A) or
20	(B) of paragraph (3) not to make the information
21	publicly available, the Director of the Office of Man-
22	agement and Budget, in consultation with the head of
23	such department or agency, not later than September
24	1, 2016, shall submit a consolidated report to the ap-
25	propriate congressional committees that includes,

1	with respect to each required item of information not
2	made publicly available—
3	(A) a detailed explanation of the reason for
4	not making such information publicly available;
5	and
6	(B) a description of the department's or
7	agency's plan and timeline for—
8	(i) immediately making such informa-
9	tion publicly available; and
10	(ii) ensuring that such information is
11	made publicly available in subsequent
12	years.
13	(c) Scope of Information.—The online publication
14	required under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—
15	(1) in each of the fiscal years 2016 through 2019,
16	provide the information required under subsection (b)
17	for fiscal years 2012 through the current fiscal year;
18	and
19	(2) for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year
20	thereafter, provide the information required under
21	subsection (b) for the immediately preceding 5 fiscal
22	years in a fully searchable form.
23	(d) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress
24	that the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the
25	United States Agency for International Development should

coordinate the consolidation of processes and data collection
 and presentation for the Department of State's website,
 "ForeignAssistance.gov", and the United States Agency for
 International Development's website, "Ex plorer.USAID.gov", to the extent that is possible to maxi-

6 mize efficiencies, no later than the end of fiscal year 2018.