

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of State to communicate with the governments of countries that are on the Tier 2 Watch List of the Trafficking in Persons report.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. _____

To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. FLAKE

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place add the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF**
 3 **COUNTRIES DESIGNATED AS TIER 2 WATCH**
 4 **LIST COUNTRIES ON THE TRAFFICKING IN**
 5 **PERSONS REPORT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not less than annually, the Sec-
 7 retary of State shall provide, to the foreign minister of
 8 each country that has been downgraded to a “Tier 2
 9 Watch List” country pursuant to the Trafficking in Per-
 10 sons report submitted under section 110(b) of the Traf-

1 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
2 7107(b))—

3 (1) a copy of the annual Trafficking in Persons
4 report; and

5 (2) information pertinent to that country's
6 downgrade, including—

7 (A) confirmation of the country's designa-
8 tion to the Tier 2 Watch List;

9 (B) the implications associated with such
10 designation and the consequences for the coun-
11 try of a downgrade to Tier 3;

12 (C) the factors that contributed to the
13 downgrade; and

14 (D) the steps that the country must take
15 to be considered for an upgrade in status of
16 designation.

17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COMMUNICA-
18 TIONS.—It is the sense of Congress that, given the gravity
19 of a Tier 2 Watch List designation, the Secretary of State
20 should communicate the information described in sub-
21 section (a) to the foreign minister of any country down-
22 graded to the Tier 2 Watch List.