

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54**

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At the end of division E, add the following:

1 **TITLE LIX—MULTILATERAL AID**  
2 **REVIEW ACT OF 2022**

3 **SEC. 5901. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Multilateral Aid Re-  
5 view Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 5902. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this title is to establish a United  
8 States Multilateral Aid Review (in this title referred to as  
9 the “Review”) to publicly assess the value of United States  
10 Government investments in multilateral entities.

11 **SEC. 5903. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**  
12 **DEFINED.**

13 In this title, the term “appropriate congressional  
14 committees” means—

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

17 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
18 Committee on Financial Services, and the Com-  
19 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Represent-  
20 atives.

1 **SEC. 5904. OBJECTIVES.**

2 The objectives of the Review are as follows:

3 (1) Provide a tool to guide the United States  
4 Government's decisionmaking and prioritization with  
5 regard to funding multilateral entities and to provide  
6 a methodological basis for allocating scarce budg-  
7 etary resources to entities that advance relevant  
8 United States foreign policy objectives.

9 (2) Incentivize improvements in the perform-  
10 ance of multilateral entities to achieve better out-  
11 comes on the ground in developing, fragile, and cri-  
12 sis-afflicted regions.

13 (3) Protect United States taxpayer investments  
14 in foreign assistance by improving transparency with  
15 regard to the funding of multilateral entities.

16 **SEC. 5905. SCOPE.**

17 The Review shall include in its assessment multilat-  
18 eral entities to which the United States Government con-  
19 tributes voluntary or assessed funding, whether cash or  
20 in-kind.

21 **SEC. 5906. TRIENNIAL REPORT ON REVIEW.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than twenty-one months  
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every  
24 three years thereafter, the United States Multilateral Aid  
25 Review Task Force established under section 5907, in reg-  
26 ular consultation with the Peer Review Group established

1 under section 8, shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
2 sional committees a final report on the findings of the Re-  
3 view. The Secretary of State shall publish the report on  
4 the internet website of the Department of State within  
5 seven days of submitting the report to the appropriate  
6 congressional committees.

7 (b) METHODOLOGY.—

8 (1) USE OF CRITERIA.—The Task Force shall  
9 establish an analytical framework and assessment  
10 scorecard for the Review using the criteria set forth  
11 in subsection (c).

12 (2) CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS.—Not  
13 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment  
14 of this Act, the Task Force shall submit the method-  
15 ology for the initial Review to the appropriate con-  
16 gressional committees. The Task Force may not pro-  
17 ceed with the Review until 30 days after submission  
18 of the methodology to the appropriate congressional  
19 committees, taking into consideration the views of  
20 the Chairmen and Ranking Members of each of the  
21 appropriate congressional committees. For each sub-  
22 sequent Review, the Task Force shall consult with  
23 the Chairmen and Ranking Members of each of the  
24 appropriate congressional committees regarding any  
25 changes to the methodology.

1 (c) ASSESSMENT CRITERIA.—The assessment score-  
2 card shall include the following criteria:

3 (1) RELATIONSHIP OF STATED GOALS TO AC-  
4 TUAL RESULTS.—The extent to which the stated  
5 mission, goals, and objectives of the entity have been  
6 achieved during the review period, including—

7 (A) an identification of the stated mission,  
8 goals, and objectives of each entity;

9 (B) an evaluation of the major projects  
10 and programs selected for implementation by  
11 the entity in comparison with the stated mis-  
12 sion, goals, and objectives of the entity;

13 (C) an evaluation of whether the major  
14 projects and programs selected by the entity  
15 within the given review period were more likely  
16 than not to further the achievement of the stat-  
17 ed mission, goals, and objectives of the entity;

18 (D) an evaluation of the extent to which  
19 the major selected projects and programs met  
20 their own stated implementation timelines and  
21 achieved declared results; and

22 (E) an evaluation of whether the entity op-  
23 timizes resources to achieve the stated mission,  
24 goals, and objectives of the entity.

1           (2) RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT.—The extent  
2           to which management of the entity follows best man-  
3           agement practices, including—

4                   (A) an evaluation of the ratio of manage-  
5                   ment and administrative expenses to program  
6                   expenses, including an evaluation of entity re-  
7                   sources spent on nonprogrammatic expenses;

8                   (B) an evaluation of program expense  
9                   growth, including a comparison of the annual  
10                  growth of program expenses to the annual  
11                  growth of management and administrative ex-  
12                  penses; and

13                  (C) an evaluation of whether the entity has  
14                  established appropriate levels of senior manage-  
15                  ment compensation.

16           (3) ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.—  
17           The extent to which the policies and procedures of  
18           the entity follow best practices of accountability and  
19           transparency, taking into consideration credible re-  
20           porting regarding unauthorized conversion or diver-  
21           sion of entity resources, and including—

22                   (A) an evaluation of whether the entity has  
23                   established and enforced appropriate auditing  
24                   procedures;

1 (B) an evaluation of whether the entity has  
2 established and enforced appropriate rules to  
3 reduce the risk of conflicts of interest among  
4 the senior leadership of the entity;

5 (C) an evaluation of whether the entity has  
6 established and enforced appropriate whistle-  
7 blower policies;

8 (D) an evaluation of whether the entity  
9 has established and maintained appropriate  
10 records retention policies and guidelines;

11 (E) an evaluation of whether the entity has  
12 established and maintained best practices with  
13 respect to transparency and public disclosure;  
14 and

15 (F) an evaluation of whether the entity has  
16 established and maintained best practices with  
17 respect to disclosure of the compensation of  
18 senior leadership officials.

19 (4) ALIGNMENT WITH UNITED STATES FOREIGN  
20 POLICY OBJECTIVES.—The extent to which the poli-  
21 cies and practices of the entity align with relevant  
22 United States foreign policy objectives, including—

23 (A) an evaluation of the entity's stated  
24 mission, goals, and objectives in comparison to  
25 relevant United States foreign policy objectives;

1 (B) an evaluation of whether continued  
2 participation by the United States in the entity  
3 contributes a net benefit towards achieving rel-  
4 evant United States foreign policy objectives,  
5 including the reasons for the conclusion; and

6 (C) an evaluation of any divergence be-  
7 tween the actions of the entity and relevant  
8 United States foreign policy objectives.

9 (5) MULTILATERAL APPROACH COMPARED TO  
10 BILATERAL APPROACH.—The extent to which pur-  
11 suing relevant United States foreign policy objectives  
12 through a multilateral approach is effective and cost-  
13 efficient compared to a bilateral approach, includ-  
14 ing—

15 (A) an evaluation of whether relevant  
16 United States foreign policy objectives are effec-  
17 tively pursued through the entity, compared to  
18 existing or potential bilateral approaches; and

19 (B) an evaluation of whether relevant  
20 United States foreign policy objectives are pur-  
21 sued on a cost-effective basis through the enti-  
22 ty, compared to existing or potential bilateral  
23 approaches.

24 (6) REDUNDANCIES AND OVERLAP.—The extent  
25 to which the mission, goals, and objectives of the en-

1       tity overlap with the mission, goals, and objectives of  
2       other multilateral institutions to which United  
3       States Government entities contribute voluntary or  
4       assessed funding, whether cash or in-kind, includ-  
5       ing—

6               (A) an identification of significant  
7               redundancies or overlap with the mission, goals,  
8               and objectives of other multilateral entities to  
9               which United States Government entities con-  
10              tribute voluntary or assessed funding, whether  
11              cash or in-kind; and

12              (B) a comparison of the extent to which  
13              relevant United States foreign policy objectives  
14              are effectively pursued on a cost-effective basis  
15              through each of the overlapping entities.

16 **SEC. 5907. UNITED STATES MULTILATERAL REVIEW TASK**  
17 **FORCE.**

18       (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The President shall establish  
19 an interagency Multilateral Review Task Force (referred  
20 to in this Act as the “Task Force”) to review and assess  
21 United States participation in multilateral entities identi-  
22 fied in section 5905 and to develop and transmit to the  
23 appropriate congressional committees the reports required  
24 under section 5906.



1 (b) LEADERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be chaired  
2 by the Secretary of State. The Secretary may delegate his  
3 or her responsibilities under this Act to an appropriate  
4 senior Senate-confirmed official.

5 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The President may appoint to  
6 the interagency Task Force senior Senate-confirmed offi-  
7 cials from the Department of State, the Department of  
8 the Treasury, the United States Agency for International  
9 Development, the Office of Management and Budget, and  
10 any other relevant executive branch department or agency.

11 (d) CONSULTATION.—In the preparation of each re-  
12 port under section 5906, including the initial review of  
13 methodology, the Task Force shall consult regularly with  
14 the Peer Review Group established under section 5908.

15 **SEC. 5908. UNITED STATES MULTILATERAL AID REVIEW**  
16 **PEER REVIEW GROUP.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the  
18 United States Multilateral Aid Review Peer Review Group  
19 (referred to in this Act as the “Peer Review Group”).

20 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

21 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Peer Review Group  
22 shall be composed of 8 nongovernmental volunteer  
23 members, of whom—

24 (A) two shall be appointed by the majority  
25 leader of the Senate;

1 (B) two shall be appointed by the minority  
2 leader of the Senate;

3 (C) two shall be appointed by the Speaker  
4 of the House of Representatives; and

5 (D) two shall be appointed by the minority  
6 leader of the House of Representatives.

7 (2) APPOINTMENT CRITERIA.—The members of  
8 the Peer Review Group shall have appropriate exper-  
9 tise and knowledge of the multilateral entities sub-  
10 ject to the Review established by this title. In mak-  
11 ing appointments to the Peer Review Group, poten-  
12 tial conflicts of interest should be taken into ac-  
13 count.

14 (3) DATE.—The initial appointments of the  
15 members of the Peer Review Group shall be made  
16 not later than 100 days after the date of the enact-  
17 ment of this Act, and the terms of such appoint-  
18 ments shall begin on that date.

19 (4) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The Peer  
20 Review Group shall select a Chairman and Vice  
21 Chairman from among the members of the Peer Re-  
22 view Group.

23 (e) EXPERT ANALYSIS.—The Peer Review Group  
24 shall meet regularly with the Task Force, including re-  
25 garding the initial review of methodology, to offer their

1 expertise of the funding and performance of multilateral  
2 entities.

3 (d) REVIEW OF REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days be-  
5 fore submitting each report required under section  
6 5906(a), the Task Force shall transmit a draft of  
7 the report to the Peer Review Group and the appro-  
8 priate congressional committees.

9 (2) REVIEW.—The Peer Review Group shall re-  
10 view the draft report submitted under paragraph (1)  
11 and provide to the Task Force and the appropriate  
12 congressional committees not later than 90 days be-  
13 fore the submission of each report required under  
14 section 5906(a) the following:

15 (A) An analysis of the conclusions of the  
16 report.

17 (B) An analysis of the established meth-  
18 odologies used to reach conclusions in the re-  
19 port.

20 (C) An analysis of the evidence used to  
21 reach conclusions in the report.

22 (D) Any additional comments to improve  
23 the evaluations and analysis of the report.

24 (e) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Peer  
2           Review Group shall be appointed for a 6-year term  
3           and may be reappointed under subsection (b)(1) for  
4           one additional term.

5           (2) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Peer Re-  
6           view Group—

7                   (A) shall not affect the powers of the Peer  
8           Review Group; and

9                   (B) shall be filled in the same manner as  
10          the original appointment.

11          (f) MEETINGS.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Peer Review Group  
13          shall meet at the call of the Chairman.

14           (2) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 120  
15          days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
16          Peer Review Group shall hold its first meeting.

17           (3) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of  
18          the Peer Group shall constitute a quorum, but a  
19          lesser number of members may hold meetings.

20          **SEC. 5909. TERMINATION.**

21          The authorities and requirements provided under this  
22          title shall terminate 11 years after the date of the enact-  
23          ment of this Act.

