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At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 12. REPORT ON STRATEGY TO PRIORITIZE UNITED STATES DEFENSE INTERESTS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2018, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that contains a strategy to prioritize United States defense interests in the Western Hemisphere region. The strategy shall address each of the following:

(1) The security challenges, including threats, emanating from the Western Hemisphere region and any capability gaps in United States defense posture to the region.

(2) The security threats to the United States or to its interests in the Western Hemisphere region...
from the engagement of Iran, China, Russia, and
North Korea in the region.

(3) The counterintelligence threats to the
United States from Cuba, and the role of Cuba in
supporting the Venezuelan government.

(4) The threats to the United States from
transregional and transnational threat networks.

(5) The threats to the United States from the
support of the Venezuelan government for drug traf-
ficking and transnational criminal organizations.

(6) The primary objectives and priorities of the
Department of Defense in the Western Hemisphere
region, including—

(A) the military missions necessary to ad-
dress drug production, eradication, and inter-
diction challenges in the region;

(B) the role of the Department of Defense
in the Western Hemisphere region regarding se-
curity challenges posed by external foreign ac-
tors, including Iran, China, Russia, and North
Korea, to the region; and

(C) the role of the Department of Defense
in supporting the primary objectives and priori-
ties of the Department of Homeland Security
for efforts relating to migration and border se-
security, as requested, to prevent individuals from illegally crossing United States borders or caus-
ing instability in the region.

(7) Department of Defense plans, force posture, capabilities, and resources to address any gaps in in-
telligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, or counter-
intelligence capabilities in the region.

(8) The roles of allies, partners, and other countries in the region in achieving United States defense objectives and priorities.

(9) Actions the Department of Defense could take, in coordination with other Federal departments or agencies, to advance United States national secu-

(10) Any other matters the Secretary of De-
fense determines to be appropriate.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(c) ANNUAL BUDGET.—The President, acting through the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall ensure that the annual budget submitted to Congress under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, clearly highlights programs and projects that are being funded in the annual budget of the United States
Government that relate to the strategy referred to in subsection (a).