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Subtitle H—Matters Relating to the Northern Triangle

SEC. 1281. ACTIONS TO ADVANCE PROSPERITY IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.

(a) Secretary of State Prioritization.—The Secretary of State shall prioritize prosperity in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the following initiatives:

(1) Supporting market-based solutions to eliminate constraints to inclusive economic growth, including through support for increased digital connectivity and the use of financial technology, and private sector and civil society-led efforts to create jobs and foster economic prosperity.

(2) Addressing underlying causes of poverty and inequality, including by improving nutrition and food security, providing health resources and access to clean water, sanitation, hygiene, and shelter, and improving livelihoods.
(3) Responding to immediate humanitarian needs by increasing humanitarian assistance, including through access to clean water, sanitation, hygiene, and shelter, improving livelihoods, and by providing health resources and improving nutrition and food security.

(4) Supporting conservation and community resilience and strengthening community preparedness for natural disasters and other external shocks.

(5) Identifying, as appropriate, a role for the United States International Development Finance Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the United States Agency for International Development, and the United States private sector in supporting efforts to increase private sector investment and strengthen economic prosperity.

(6) Expanding comprehensive reintegration mechanisms for repatriated individuals once returned to their countries of origin and supporting efforts by the private sector to hire and train eligible returnees.

(7) Establishing monitoring and verification services to determine the well-being of repatriated children in order to determine if United States pro-
tection and screening functioned effectively in identifying persecuted and trafficked children.

(8) Supporting efforts to increase domestic resource mobilization, including through strengthening of tax collection and enforcement and legal arbitration mechanisms.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-American Foundation, the Director of the United States Trade and Development Agency, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a 5-year strategy to prioritize prosperity in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the initiatives described in subsection (a).

(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the United States.

(3) **BENCHMARKS.**—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include annual benchmarks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing irregular migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.

(4) **PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.**—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include a public diplomacy strategy for educating citizens of the Northern Triangle countries about United States assistance and its benefits to them, and informing such citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the United States.

(5) **ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.**—Not later than 1 year after the submission of the strategy required under paragraph (1) and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Secretary of State shall provide the appropriate congressional committees with a written description of progress made in meeting the benchmarks established in the strategy.

(6) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly available on the website of the Department of State.
(c) Report on Establishing an Investment Fund for the Northern Triangle Countries and Southern Mexico.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed report assessing the feasibility, costs, and benefits of the Corporation establishing an investment fund to promote economic and social development in the Northern Triangle countries and southern Mexico.

SEC. 1282. ACTIONS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.

(a) Secretary of State Prioritization.—The Secretary of State shall prioritize efforts to combat corruption in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the following initiatives:

(1) Supporting anticorruption efforts, including by strengthening national justice systems and attorneys general, providing technical assistance to identify and prosecute money laundering and other financial crimes, breaking up financial holdings of organized criminal syndicates, including illegally acquired lands and proceeds from illegal activities, and
supporting independent media and investigative reporting.

(2) Supporting anticorruption efforts through bilateral assistance and complementary support through multilateral anticorruption mechanisms when necessary.

(3) Encouraging cooperation agreements between the Department of State and relevant United States Government agencies and attorneys general to fight corruption.

(4) Supporting efforts to strengthen special prosecutorial offices and financial institutions to combat corruption, money laundering, financial crimes, extortion, human rights crimes, asset forfeiture, and criminal analysis.

(5) Supporting initiatives to advance judicial integrity and improve security for members of the judicial sector.

(6) Supporting transparent, merit-based selection processes for prosecutors and judges and the development of professional and merit-based civil services.

(7) Supporting the establishment or strengthening of methods, procedures, and expectations for
internal and external control mechanisms for the security and police services and judiciary.

(8) Supporting the adoption of appropriate technologies to combat corruption in public finance.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a 5-year strategy to combat corruption in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the initiatives described in subsection (a).

(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall consult with nongovernmental organizations in the Northern Triangle countries and the United States.

(3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include annual benchmarks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing irregular migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.
(4) Public Diplomacy.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include a public diplomacy strategy for educating citizens of the Northern Triangle countries about United States assistance and its benefits to them, and informing such citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the United States.

(5) Annual Progress Updates.—Not later than 1 year after the submission of the strategy required under paragraph (1) and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Secretary of State shall provide the appropriate congressional committees with a written description of progress made in meeting the benchmarks established in the strategy.

(6) Public Availability.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly available on the website of the Department of State.

(c) Designation of a Senior Rule of Law Advisor for the Northern Triangle in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.—The Secretary of State shall designate in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs of the Department of State a Senior Rule of Law Advisor for the Northern Triangle who shall lead diplomatic engagement with the Northern Triangle countries in support of democratic governance, anticorruption
efforts, and the rule of law in all aspects of United States policy towards the countries of the Northern Triangle, including carrying out the initiatives described in subsection (a) and developing the strategy required under subsection (b). The individual designated in accordance with this subsection shall be a Department of State employee in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

SEC. 1283. ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.

(a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary of State shall prioritize strengthening democratic institutions, good governance, human rights, and the rule of law in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the following initiatives:

(1) Providing support to strengthen government institutions and actors at the local and national levels to provide services and respond to citizen needs through transparent, inclusive, and democratic processes.

(2) Supporting efforts to strengthen access to information laws and reform laws that currently limit access to information.

(3) Financing efforts to build the capacity of independent media with a specific focus on professional investigative journalism.
(4) Ensuring that threats and attacks on journalists and human rights defenders are fully investigated and perpetrators are held accountable.

(5) Developing the capacity of civil society to conduct oversight and accountability mechanisms at the national and local levels.

(6) Training political actors committed to democratic principles.

(7) Strengthening electoral institutions and processes to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.

(8) Advancing conservation principles and the rule of law to address multiple factors, including the impacts of illegal cattle ranching and smuggling as drivers of deforestation.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a strategy to support democratic governance in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the initiatives described in subsection (a).
(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall consult with nongovernmental organizations in the Northern Triangle countries and the United States.

(3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include annual benchmarks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing irregular migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.

(4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include a public diplomacy strategy for educating citizens of the Northern Triangle countries about United States assistance and its benefits to them, and informing such citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the United States.

(5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later than 1 year after the submission of the strategy required under paragraph (1) and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Secretary of State shall provide the appropriate congressional committees with a written description of progress made in meeting the benchmarks established in the strategy.
(6) Public Availability.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly available on the website of the Department of State.

SEC. 1284. ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY CONDITIONS IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.

(a) Secretary of State Prioritization.—The Secretary of State shall prioritize security in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the following initiatives:

(1) Implementing the Central America Regional Security Initiative of the Department of State.

(2) Continuing the vetting and professionalization of security services, including the civilian police and military units.

(3) Supporting efforts to combat the illicit activities of criminal gangs and transnational criminal organizations, including MS-13 and the 18th Street Gang, through support to fully vetted elements of attorneys general offices, appropriate government institutions, and security services.

(4) Supporting training for fully vetted civilian police and appropriate security services in criminal investigations, best practices for citizen security, and human rights.

(5) Providing capacity-building to relevant security services and attorneys general to support coun-
ternarcotics efforts and combat human trafficking, forcible recruitment of children and youth by gangs, gender-based violence, and other illicit activities, including trafficking of wildlife, and natural resources.

(6) Encouraging collaboration with regional and international partners in implementing security assistance, including by supporting cross-border information sharing on gangs and transnational criminal organizations.

(7) Providing equipment, technology, tools, and training to security services to assist in border and port inspections.

(8) Providing equipment, technology, tools, and training to assist security services in counternarcotics and other efforts to combat illicit activities.

(9) Continuing information sharing regarding known or suspected terrorists and other individuals and entities that pose a potential threat to United States national security that are crossing through or residing in the Northern Triangle.

(10) Supporting information sharing on gangs and transnational criminal organizations between relevant Federal, State, and local law enforcement and the governments of the Northern Triangle countries.
(11) Considering the use of assets and resources of United States State and local government entities, as appropriate, to support the activities described in this subsection.

(12) Providing thorough end-use monitoring of equipment, technology, tools, and training provided pursuant to this subsection.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a 5-year strategy to prioritize the improvement of security in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the initiatives described in subsection (a).

(2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall consult with nongovernmental organizations in the Northern Triangle countries and the United States.

(3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-
marks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing irregular migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.

(4) Public Diplomacy.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall include a public diplomacy strategy for educating citizens of the Northern Triangle countries about United States assistance and its benefits to them, and informing such citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the United States.

(5) Annual Progress Updates.—Not later than 1 year after the submission of the strategy required under paragraph (1) and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Secretary of State shall provide the appropriate congressional committees with a written description of progress made in meeting the benchmarks established in the strategy.

(6) Public Availability.—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly available on the website of the Department of State.

(c) Women and Children Protection Compacts.—

(1) In General.—The President, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Devel-
opment, and the heads of other relevant Federal de-
partments or agencies, is authorized to enter into bi-
lateral agreements with one or more of the Govern-
ments of El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras to
provide United States assistance for the purposes
of—

(A) strengthening the capacity of the jus-
tice systems in such countries to protect women
and children fleeing domestic, gang, or drug vi-
olence and to serve victims of domestic violence,
sexual assault, trafficking, or child abuse or ne-
glect, including by strengthening the capacity of
such systems to hold perpetrators accountable;
and

(B) creating, securing, and sustaining safe
communities and schools in such countries, by
building on current approaches to prevent and
deter violence against women and children in
such communities or schools.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—An agreement under the
authority provided by paragraph (1)—

(A) shall establish a 3- to 6-year plan to
achieve the objectives described in subpara-
graphs (A) and (B) of such paragraph;
(B) shall include measurable goals and indicators with respect to such objectives;

(C) may not provide for any United States assistance to be made available directly to any of the governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras; and

(D) may be suspended or terminated with respect to a country or an entity receiving assistance pursuant to the agreement, if the Secretary of State determines that such country or entity has failed to make sufficient progress towards the goals of the Compact.

SEC. 1285. TARGETED SANCTIONS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) corruption in the Northern Triangle countries by private citizens and select officials in local, regional, and Federal governments significantly damages the economies of such countries and deprives citizens of opportunities;

(2) corruption in the Northern Triangle is facilitated and carried out not only by private citizens and select officials from those countries but also in
many instances by individuals from third countries; and

(3) imposing targeted sanctions on individuals from throughout the world and particularly in the Western Hemisphere who are engaged in acts of significant corruption that impact the Northern Triangle countries or obstruction of investigations into such acts of corruption will benefit the citizens and governments of such countries.

(b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The President shall impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to a foreign person who the President determines on or after the date of the enactment of this Act to have knowingly engaged in significant corruption or obstruction of investigations into such acts of corruption in a Northern Triangle country, including the following:

(1) Corruption related to government contracts.

(2) Bribery and extortion.

(3) The facilitation or transfer of the proceeds of corruption, including through money laundering.

(4) Acts of violence, harassment, or intimidation directed at governmental and non-governmental corruption investigators.

(c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—
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(1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in this subsection are the following:

(A) ASSET BLOCKING.—The blocking, in accordance with the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), of all transactions in all property and interests in property of a foreign person if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.

(B) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS AND ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES.—In the case of a foreign person who is an individual, such foreign person is—

(i) inadmissible to the United States;

(ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States;

and

(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(C) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—
(i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing consular officer or the Secretary of State, (or a designee of the Secretary of State) shall, in accordance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry documentation issued to a foreign person regardless of when the visa or other entry documentation is issued.

(ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A revocation under clause (i) shall—

(I) take effect immediately; and

(II) automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the foreign person’s possession.

(2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of a measure imposed pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out such paragraph shall be subject to the penalties specified in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
tent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of such section.

(3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under subparagraph (B) and (C) of paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to a foreign person if admitting or paroling such person into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

(1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section.

(2) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President shall issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as are necessary to carry out this section.

(e) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The President may waive the application of the sanctions under subsection (e) if the President—
(1) determines that such a waiver is in the national interest of the United States; and

(2) submits to the appropriate congressional committees a notice of and justification for the waiver.

(f) TERMINATION.—The authority to impose sanctions under subsection (b), and any sanctions imposed pursuant to such authority, shall expire on the date that is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(g) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—The authorities and requirements to impose sanctions authorized under this Act shall not include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

(2) Good.—The term “good” means any article, natural or man-made substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

(3) Person from a Northern Triangle country.—The term “person from a Northern Triangle country” means—

(A) a citizen of a Northern Triangle country; or

(B) an entity organized under the laws of a Northern Triangle country or any jurisdiction within a Northern Triangle country.

SEC. 1286. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) Appropriate congressional committees.—Except as otherwise provided, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.
(2) NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—The term “Northern Triangle” means the region of Central America that encompasses the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

(3) NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES.—The term “Northern Triangle countries” means the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

(4) TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION.—The term “transnational criminal organization” has the meaning given the term “significant transnational criminal organization” in Executive Order No. 13581 (July 24, 2011).