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At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. ___. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO UGANDA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense are authorized to be made available to provide assistance for the Uganda Police Force or Uganda People’s Defense Force, including assistance in the form of equipment or training or to coordinate joint exercises with such groups, until the Secretary of State certifies to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate that the Government of Uganda has—

(1) investigated and successfully prosecuted members of the Uganda People’s Defense Force who have violated human rights, including the killing and torture of opposition groups, ensured that army per-
sonnel cooperated with judicial authorities in such cases, and affirmed that such violations have ceased;

(2) Established that neither the Uganda Police Force nor the Uganda People’s Defense Force are engaged in the persecution of LGBTQIA+ persons or the enforcement of the Anti-Homosexuality act;

(3) established that the Uganda Police Force and Uganda People’s Defense Force effectively protect the rights of trade unionists, journalists, human rights defenders, critics of the government, faith and religious leaders, and other civil society activists to operate without interference; and

(4) taken effective steps to guarantee a judicial system that is capable of investigating, prosecuting, and bringing to justice members of the police and military who have committed human rights abuses.

(b) WAIVER.—The President may, on a case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 180 days each, waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the President certifies to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, not later than 15 days before such waiver is to take effect, that such waiver is vital to the
national security interests of the United States or its partners and allies.