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1 **TITLE VII—UNITED STATES COM-**
2 **MITMENT TO PEACEKEEPING**

3 **SEC. 30701. STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING UNITED**
4 **STATES ENGAGEMENT REGARDING UNITED**
5 **NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
7 States that the Permanent Representative of the United
8 States to the United Nations—

9 (1) support the development and implementa-
10 tion of standard performance assessment systems
11 and investigative measures to identify exemplary
12 performance and address mission-specific and sys-
13 tem-wide weaknesses;

14 (2) support the full implementation of a man-
15 agement reform agenda that decentralizes decision-
16 making authority, simplifies and streamlines policy
17 and processes, and strengthens accountability and
18 transparency for managing United Nations offices
19 and functions;

1 (3) advocate for the development of a common
2 political strategy in-country among relevant actors,
3 including regional organizations, Member States,
4 international financial institutions, and United Na-
5 tions agencies, funds, and programs;

6 (4) advocate for robust engagement with host
7 countries and local communities, including pushing
8 for resources to be directed to community-led peace
9 initiatives;

10 (5) support efforts to deploy more mobile,
11 adaptable, and agile forces for more effective peace-
12 keeping operations;

13 (6) support the development of a system-wide
14 strategy on sustainable peacekeeping transitions that
15 ensure planning and decision-making is based on
16 measurable benchmarks, including ensuring the pro-
17 tection of civilians;

18 (7) lead and advocate for efforts to promote
19 and protect internationally recognized human rights
20 standards regarding United Nations peacekeeping
21 operations, including the robust funding and support
22 of human rights positions;

23 (8) advocate for efforts to develop a more com-
24 prehensive plan for accountability and justice, par-
25 ticularly relating to tracking misconduct and inclu-

1 sion of survivors in decision-making, for peace-
2 keepers and other United Nations staff involved in
3 sexual exploitation, abuse, or other violations of
4 human rights that contravene United Nations and
5 United States rules, regulations, or values; and

6 (9) engage in dialogue with Member States to
7 secure a more favorable modification of United Na-
8 tions scales of assessments of the peacekeeping
9 budget that works to diversify the funding base and
10 create a sustainable funding plan.

11 (b) **ADVOCACY OF PEACEKEEPING REFORMS AT THE**
12 **UNITED NATIONS.**—The Secretary of State shall instruct
13 the Permanent Representative of the United States to the
14 United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the
15 United States at the United Nations to accomplish the
16 policy specified in subsection (a), consistent with the na-
17 tional security interests of the United States.

18 **SEC. 30702. REPEAL OF THE 25 PERCENT CAP ON UNITED**
19 **STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED NA-**
20 **TIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.**

21 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (b) of section 404 of
22 the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
23 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103–236; 22 U.S.C. 287e
24 note; relating to a limitation on United States contribu-

1 tions to United Nations peacekeeping operations) is re-
2 pealed.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
4 Section 404 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act,
5 Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 is amended by striking “(a)
6 REASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS PERCENTAGES.—”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section and the amend-
9 ments made by this section shall take effect and
10 apply on the date the Secretary of State, pursuant
11 to section 30704, transmits to the Committee on
12 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representative and
13 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
14 written commitment from the Under-Secretary-Gen-
15 eral for Peace Operations to engage regularly with
16 the United States regarding making significant
17 progress toward implementing peacekeeping reforms
18 described in section 4(c)(4) of the United Nations
19 Participation Act of 1945, as amended by section
20 30703.

21 (2) SNAP-BACK.—If by the date that is five
22 years after the date of the enactment of this Act the
23 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Com-
24 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-

1 tions of the Senate, determines significant progress
2 has not been made toward implementing the peace-
3 keeping reforms described in section 4(c)(4) of the
4 United Nations Participation Act of 1945, as
5 amended by section 30703, the repeal under sub-
6 section (a) of this section of the limitation described
7 in subsection (b) of section 404 of the Foreign Rela-
8 tions Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and
9 1995 (Public Law 103–236; 22 U.S.C. 287e note;
10 relating to a limitation on United States contribu-
11 tions to United Nations peacekeeping operations)
12 shall be null and void and without force or effect at
13 law, and such subsection (b), as in effect on the day
14 before such date of enactment, shall be carried out
15 as if subsection (a) of this section had not been so
16 enacted.

17 **SEC. 30703. REPORTS ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO**
18 **ACHIEVE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING**
19 **REFORM.**

20 Section 4 of the United Nations Participation Act of
21 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287b) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) in paragraph (3)—

24 (i) by striking subparagraph (B); and

1 (ii) redesignating subparagraph (C) as
2 subparagraph (B);

3 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and
4 (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(4) UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING RE-
8 FORM.—A description of the status of United States
9 efforts in the United Nations to ensure the United
10 Nations—

11 “(A) develops and implements standard
12 peacekeeping operation performance assessment
13 systems and investigative measures to identify
14 exemplary performance and address operation-
15 specific and system-wide weaknesses;

16 “(B) fully implements a management re-
17 form agenda that decentralizes decision-making
18 authority, simplifies and streamlines policy and
19 processes, and strengthens accountability and
20 transparency for managing United Nations of-
21 fices and functions;

22 “(C) develops for each peacekeeping oper-
23 ation a common political strategy in-country
24 among relevant actors, including regional orga-
25 nizations, Member States, international finan-

1 cial institutions, and United Nations agencies,
2 funds, and programs;

3 “(D) fully engages with host countries and
4 local communities, including directing resources
5 to community-led peace initiatives;

6 “(E) deploys more mobile, adaptable, and
7 agile forces for more effective peacekeeping op-
8 erations;

9 “(F) develops a system-wide strategy on
10 sustainable peacekeeping transitions that en-
11 sure planning and decision-making is based on
12 measurable benchmarks, including ensuring the
13 protection of civilians;

14 “(G) implements a system-wide strategy to
15 protect internationally recognized human rights
16 standards within United Nations peacekeeping
17 operations, including robust funding and sup-
18 port of human rights positions within each
19 peacekeeping operation;

20 “(H) develops a more comprehensive plan
21 for accountability and justice, particularly relat-
22 ing to tracking misconduct and inclusion of sur-
23 vivors in decision-making, for peacekeepers and
24 other United Nations staff involved in sexual
25 exploitation, abuse, or other violations of

1 human rights that contravene United Nations
2 and United States rules, regulations, or values;
3 and

4 “(I) modifies the United Nations scales of
5 assessments of the peacekeeping budget to di-
6 versify the funding base and create a sustain-
7 able funding plan.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (d)(5), by striking subpara-
9 graph (B).

10 **SEC. 30704. STRATEGY TO ADVOCATE FOR PEACEKEEPING**
11 **REFORMS AT THE UNITED NATIONS.**

12 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
14 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
16 the Senate a strategy for working with the United Nations
17 to implement the peacekeeping reforms described in sec-
18 tion 4(c)(4) of the United Nations Participation Act of
19 1945, as amended by section 30703. The Secretary of
20 State shall—

21 (1)(A) seek to obtain written commitment from
22 the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations
23 to engage regularly with the United States regarding
24 making significant progress toward implementing
25 such reforms by not later than the date that is five

1 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, in
2 accordance with section 30702; and

3 (B) transmit such commitment to such commit-
4 tees;

5 (2) consult with such committees to establish
6 parameters and benchmarks regarding such imple-
7 mentation; and

8 (3) submit to such committees periodic progress
9 reports regarding—

10 (A) such establishment; and

11 (B) implementation of such reforms.

12 **SEC. 30705. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

13 (a) **STRENGTHENING CONFLICT PREVENTION IN**
14 **UNITED NATIONS MISSIONS.**—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
16 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional
17 committees a report analyzing the ways in which conflict
18 prevention aspects of United Nations missions may be
19 strengthened. Such report shall include—

20 (1) an analysis of the performance of existing
21 early warning and rapid response systems and rec-
22 ommendations for the improvement of such systems;

23 (2) an analysis on the performance of the civil-
24 ian components of United Nations special political

1 missions and peacekeeping operations and rec-
2 ommendations for strengthening such components;

3 (3) recommendations on how other United Na-
4 tions entities, including the United Nations
5 Peacebuilding Fund, special political missions, and
6 other agencies, funds, and programs could be better
7 coordinated in a joint strategy; and

8 (4) an assessment of the costs and benefits of
9 the Department of State and the United States
10 Agency for International Development sharing risk
11 analysis data with select multilateral organizations,
12 under specific circumstances, to better promote con-
13 flict prevention before peacekeeping engagement is
14 needed.

15 (b) ENSURING CONSIDERATIONS FOR MISSION
16 TRANSITIONS ARE BASED ON COMPREHENSIVE ASSESS-
17 MENTS OF CONFLICT DYNAMICS AND RISKS TO CIVIL-
18 IANS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
19 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit
20 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that
21 analyzes the observed challenges, costs, and benefits of
22 transitioning United Nations peacekeeping operations to
23 host-country security forces, including—

24 (1) case studies of communities that maintained
25 peace and stabilization gains compared with commu-

1 nities that experienced a resurgence in instability, vi-
2 olence, or conflict at least five years after such a
3 transition;

4 (2) an analysis of the transition process and the
5 effectiveness of measures to maintain long-term
6 peace; and

7 (3) an assessment of any additional resources
8 needed to maintain peace and stabilization gains
9 achieved after such a transition.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
12 sional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
14 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

15 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
16 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives.

