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Add at the end of division D the following:

TITLE VII—UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO PEACEKEEPING

SEC. 30701. STATEMENT OF POLICY CONCERNING UNITED STATES ENGAGEMENT REGARDING UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

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

(1) support the development and implementation of standard performance assessment systems and investigative measures to identify exemplary performance and address mission-specific and system-wide weaknesses;

(2) support the full implementation of a management reform agenda that decentralizes decision-making authority, simplifies and streamlines policy and processes, and strengthens accountability and transparency for managing United Nations offices and functions;
(3) advocate for the development of a common political strategy in-country among relevant actors, including regional organizations, Member States, international financial institutions, and United Nations agencies, funds, and programs;

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

(5) support efforts to deploy more mobile, adaptable, and agile forces for more effective peacekeeping operations;

(6) support the development of a system-wide strategy on sustainable peacekeeping transitions that ensure planning and decision-making is based on measurable benchmarks, including ensuring the protection of civilians;

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

(8) advocate for efforts to develop a more comprehensive plan for accountability and justice, particularly relating to tracking misconduct and inclu-
sion of survivors in decision-making, for peace-
keepers and other United Nations staff involved in
sexual exploitation, abuse, or other violations of
human rights that contravene United Nations and
United States rules, regulations, or values; and

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

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

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

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 404 of
the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years
note; relating to a limitation on United States contribu-
tions to United Nations peacekeeping operations) is re-
pealed.

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

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

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

(2) SNAP-BACK.—If by the date that is five
years after the date of the enactment of this Act the
Secretary of State, in consultation with the Com-
mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
tions of the Senate, determines significant progress has not been made toward implementing the peace-
keeping reforms described in section 4(c)(4) of the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, as amended by section 30703, the repeal under subsection (a) of this section of the limitation described in subsection (b) of section 404 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103–236; 22 U.S.C. 287e note; relating to a limitation on United States contributions to United Nations peacekeeping operations) shall be null and void and without force or effect at law, and such subsection (b), as in effect on the day before such date of enactment, shall be carried out as if subsection (a) of this section had not been so enacted.

SEC. 30703. REPORTS ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING REFORM.

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

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (B); and
(ii) redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B);

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

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

“(4) UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING REFORM.—A description of the status of United States efforts in the United Nations to ensure the United Nations—

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

“(B) fully implements a management reform agenda that decentralizes decision-making authority, simplifies and streamlines policy and processes, and strengthens accountability and transparency for managing United Nations offices and functions;

“(C) develops for each peacekeeping operation a common political strategy in-country among relevant actors, including regional organizations, Member States, international finan-
cial institutions, and United Nations agencies, funds, and programs;

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

“(E) deploys more mobile, adaptable, and agile forces for more effective peacekeeping operations;

“(F) develops a system-wide strategy on sustainable peacekeeping transitions that ensure planning and decision-making is based on measurable benchmarks, including ensuring the protection of civilians;

“(G) implements a system-wide strategy to protect internationally recognized human rights standards within United Nations peacekeeping operations, including robust funding and support of human rights positions within each peacekeeping operation;

“(H) develops a more comprehensive plan for accountability and justice, particularly relating to tracking misconduct and inclusion of survivors in decision-making, for peacekeepers and other United Nations staff involved in sexual exploitation, abuse, or other violations of
human rights that contravene United Nations
and United States rules, regulations, or values;
and
“(I) modifies the United Nations scales of
assessments of the peacekeeping budget to di-
versify the funding base and create a sustain-
able funding plan.”; and
(2) in subsection (d)(5), by striking subpara-
graph (B).

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

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

(1)(A) seek to obtain written commitment from
the Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations
to engage regularly with the United States regarding
making significant progress toward implementing
such reforms by not later than the date that is five
years after the date of the enactment of this Act, in accordance with section 30702; and

(B) transmit such commitment to such committees;

(2) consult with such committees to establish parameters and benchmarks regarding such implementation; and

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

(A) such establishment; and

(B) implementation of such reforms.

SEC. 30705. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Strengthening Conflict Prevention in United Nations Missions.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report analyzing the ways in which conflict prevention aspects of United Nations missions may be strengthened. Such report shall include—

(1) an analysis of the performance of existing early warning and rapid response systems and recommendations for the improvement of such systems; 

(2) an analysis on the performance of the civilian components of United Nations special political
missions and peacekeeping operations and recom-
mendations for strengthening such components;

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

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

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

(1) case studies of communities that maintained
peace and stabilization gains compared with commu-
nities that experienced a resurgence in instability, vi-

olence, or conflict at least five years after such a

transition;

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

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

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

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

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
presentatives.