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Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. U.S.-BELARUS STRATEGIC DIALOGUE.**

2 The Secretary of State is authorized to facilitate an
3 annual strategic dialogue with the Belarusian democratic
4 movement that seeks to—

5 (1) consider the efforts needed to return to
6 democratic rule in Belarus, including the efforts
7 needed to support free and fair elections in Belarus;

8 (2) support the day-to-day functions of the
9 Belarus democratic movement, which represents the
10 legitimate aspirations of the Belarusian people;

11 (3) ensure that Belarusians living outside the
12 territory of Belarus have adequate access to essen-
13 tial services;

14 (4) respond to the political, economic, and secu-
15 rity impacts of events in Belarus and Russia on
16 neighboring countries in the wider region;

17 (5) ensure accountability, including through
18 sanctions, for the regime of Alyaksandr Lukashenka

1 for its human rights abuses and support for Russia's
2 war of aggression in Ukraine;

3 (6) facilitate the release of political prisoners
4 and other wrongfully detained individuals in Belarus
5 including journalists; and

6 (7) support Belarusian language and cultural
7 programs, including by supporting Belarusian lan-
8 guage independent media programs, and Belarusian
9 civil society, including through efforts to restore de-
10 mocracy and the regular function of democratic in-
11 stitutions in Belarus.

