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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___. UYGHUR POLICY ACT OF 2023.**

2 (a) UNITED STATES SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR
3 UYGHUR ISSUES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
5 within the Department of State a United States
6 Special Coordinator for Uyghur Issues (in this section referred to as the “Special Coordinator”), to be
7 designated by the Secretary of State in accordance
8 with subsection (b).
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10 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of State
11 shall consult with the Chairs and Ranking Members
12 of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
13 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
14 of Representatives prior to the designation of the
15 Special Coordinator.

16 (3) CENTRAL OBJECTIVE.—The Special Coordinator should seek to promote the protection and
17 preservation of the distinct ethnic, cultural, religious, and linguistic identities of the Uyghurs and
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1 other ethnic and religious minority groups in the
2 Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (in this Act
3 referred to as the “XUAR”).

4 (4) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Spe-
5 cial Coordinator should, as appropriate—

6 (A) coordinate United State Government
7 policies, programs, and projects concerning the
8 Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and reli-
9 gious minority groups in the XUAR;

10 (B) vigorously promote the policy of seek-
11 ing to protect the distinct ethnic, religious, cul-
12 tural, and linguistic identity of the Uyghurs
13 and other minority groups and seek improved
14 protection of human rights in the XUAR;

15 (C) maintain close contact with Uyghur re-
16 ligious, cultural, and political leaders, including
17 seeking regular travel to the XUAR and to
18 Uyghur populations in Central Asia, Turkey,
19 Albania, Germany, and other parts of Europe;

20 (D) lead coordination efforts for the re-
21 lease of political prisoners in the XUAR who
22 are being detained for exercising their human
23 rights;

1 (E) consult with the United States Con-
2 gress on policies relevant to the XUAR and the
3 Uyghurs;

4 (F) coordinate with relevant Federal agen-
5 cies to administer aid to Uyghur rights advo-
6 cates; and

7 (G) make efforts to establish contacts with
8 foreign ministries of other countries, especially
9 in Europe, Central Asia, and members of the
10 Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, to pursue
11 a policy of promoting greater respect for human
12 rights and religious freedom for Uyghurs and
13 other ethnic and religious minority groups from
14 the XUAR.

15 (5) SUPPORT.—The Secretary of State shall en-
16 sure the Special Coordinator has adequate resources,
17 staff, and administrative support to carry out this
18 section.

19 (6) DEADLINE.—If the Secretary of State has
20 not designated the Special Coordinator by the date
21 that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of
22 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
23 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-

1 tions of the Senate a report detailing the reasons for
2 the delay.

3 (7) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall ter-
4minate on the date that is 5 years after the date of
5 the designation of the Special Coordinator.

6 (b) FUNDING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES TO
7 CONDUCT PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD
8 ON THE UYGHUR SITUATION.—Of the amounts author-
9 ized to be appropriated for the U.S. Speaker program of
10 the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the De-
11 partment of State, \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 2024,
12 2025, and 2026 is authorized to be made available to sup-
13 port human rights advocates working on behalf of the
14 Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minor-
15 ity groups from the XUAR that are persecuted in the
16 PRC, whose names may be provided by the Department
17 of State and the United States Special Coordinator for
18 Uyghur Issues in consultation with representatives of the
19 global Uyghur community, to speak at global public diplo-
20 macy forums, particularly those in which Organisation of
21 Islamic Cooperation countries and other Muslim-majority
22 countries are present, on issues regarding the human
23 rights and religious freedom of Uyghurs and members of
24 other ethnic and religious minority groups persecuted in
25 the PRC.

1 (c) ACCESS TO DETENTION FACILITIES AND PRIS-
2 ONS AND THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS.—

3 (1) STRATEGY ON POLITICAL REEDUCATION
4 AND DETENTION FACILITIES.—Not later than 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Secretary of State should, in consultation with the
7 heads of other relevant Federal departments and
8 agencies, develop a strategy to cooperate with like-
9 minded partners to pressure the People’s Republic of
10 China to—

11 (A) close all detention facilities and “polit-
12 ical reeducation” camps housing Uyghurs and
13 members of other ethnic minority groups in the
14 XUAR;

15 (B) allow unhindered access to detention
16 facilities and “political reeducation” camps in
17 the XUAR by independent media, researchers,
18 international organizations and the Office of
19 the United Nations High Commissioner for
20 Human Rights for a comprehensive assessment
21 of the human rights situation; and

22 (C) protect human rights and preserve the
23 distinct religious and cultural identity of the
24 Uyghurs and the other religious and ethnic mi-
25 nority communities in the XUAR.

1 (2) REPORT ON STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTA-
2 TION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
4 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Foreign Relations of the Senate a report that in-
7 cludes—

8 (A) the strategy developed pursuant to
9 paragraph (1); and

10 (B) all the steps taken pursuant to the ob-
11 jectives described in subparagraphs (A) through
12 (C) of such paragraph.

13 (d) REQUIREMENT FOR UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAIN-
14 ING.—

15 (1) UYGHUR LANGUAGE TRAINING AND STAFF-
16 ING.—The Secretary of State shall take such steps
17 as may be necessary to ensure that—

18 (A) Uyghur language training is available
19 to Foreign Service officers as appropriate; and

20 (B) every effort is made to ensure that at
21 least one Uyghur-speaking member of the For-
22 eign Service (as such term is defined by section
23 103 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
24 U.S.C. 3903)) is assigned to each United States
25 diplomatic or consular post in China.

1 (2) REPORT.—No later than 1 year after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter for 2 years, the Foreign Service Institute
4 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
5 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Foreign Relations of the Senate a report that out-
7 lines all the steps taken to implement paragraph (1).

8 (e) UYGHUR CONSIDERATIONS AT THE UNITED NA-
9 TIONS.—The President should direct the United States
10 Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use
11 the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to—

12 (1) oppose any efforts to prevent consideration
13 of the gross violation of internationally recognized
14 human rights in the XUAR in any body of the
15 United Nations;

16 (2) oppose any efforts to prevent the participa-
17 tion of any Uyghur human rights advocates in non-
18 governmental fora hosted by or otherwise organized
19 under the auspices of any body of the United Na-
20 tions; and

21 (3) support the appointment of a special
22 rapporteur or working group for the XUAR for the
23 purposes of monitoring human rights violations and
24 abuses in the XUAR, and for making reports avail-
25 able to the High Commissioner for Refugees, the

1 High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Human
2 Rights Commission, the General Assembly, and
3 other United Nations bodies.

4 (f) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No addi-
5 tional funds are authorized to carry out the requirements
6 of this section. Such requirements shall be carried out
7 using amounts otherwise authorized.

