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

SEC. 12. YEMEN.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to protect United States citizens and strategic interests in the Middle East region;

(2) to support United Nations-led efforts to end violence in Yemen and secure a comprehensive political settlement to the conflict in Yemen that results in protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure and alleviates the humanitarian crisis including by facilitating unfettered access for all Yemenis to food, fuel, and medicine;

(3) to encourage all parties to the conflict in Yemen to participate in good faith in the United Nations-led process and to uphold interim agreements as part of that process to end the conflict, leading to reconstruction in Yemen;

(4) to support United States allies and partners in defending their borders and territories in order to
maintain stability and security in the Middle East region and encourage burden sharing among such allies and partners;

(5) to assist United States allies and partners in countering destabilization of the Middle East region;

(6) to oppose Iranian arms transfers in violation of UN Security Council resolutions, including transfers to the Houthis;

(7) to encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates to assist significantly in the economic stabilization and eventual reconstruction of Yemen; and

(8) to encourage all parties to the conflict to comply with the law of armed conflict, including to investigate credible allegations of war crimes and provide redress to civilian victims.

(b) REPORT ON CONFLICT IN YEMEN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on United States policy in Yemen.
(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required under subsection (b) shall include the following:

(A) A detailed description of diplomatic actions taken by the United States Government to help ease human suffering in Yemen, including—

(i) United States direct humanitarian assistance and United States donations to multilateral humanitarian assistance efforts, including to address the COVID-19 pandemic;

(ii) efforts to ensure that humanitarian assistance is delivered in line with internationally recognized humanitarian principles, and the results of such efforts;

(iii) efforts to facilitate humanitarian and commercial cargo shipments into Yemen and minimize delays associated with such shipments, including access to ports for humanitarian and commercial cargo, and the results of such efforts;

(iv) efforts to work with parties to the conflict in Yemen to ensure protection of
civilians and civilian infrastructure, and
the results of such efforts;

(iv) efforts to help the Government of
Yemen to create a mechanism to ensure
that salaries and pensions are paid to civil
servants as appropriate, and the results of
such efforts; and

(v) efforts to work with ROYG and
countries that are members of the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen to address the cur-
rency crisis in Yemen and the solvency of
the Central Bank of Yemen, and the re-
sults of such efforts.

(B) An assessment of plans, commitments,
and pledges for reconstruction of Yemen made
by countries that are members of the Saudi-led
colition in Yemen, including an assessment of
proposed coordination with the Government of
Yemen and international organizations.

(C) A description of civilian harm occur-
ing in the context of the conflict in Yemen
since Nov 2017, including—

(i) mass casualty incidents; and

(ii) damage to, and destruction of, ci-
vilian infrastructure and services.
(D) An estimated total number of civilian casualties in the context of the conflict in Yemen since September 2014, disaggregated by year.

(E) A detailed description of actions taken by the United States Government to support the efforts of the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen to reach a lasting political solution in Yemen.

(F) A detailed assessment of whether and to what extent members of the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen have used United States-origin defense articles and defense services in Yemen in contravention of the laws of armed conflict when engaging in any military operations against the Houthis in Yemen.

(G) A description of external and cross border attacks perpetrated by the Houthis.

(H) A detailed assessment of the Government of Yemen’s willingness and capacity to effectively—

(i) provide public services to the people of Yemen;

(ii) service the external debts of Yemen; and
(iii) facilitate or ensure access to humanitarian assistance and key commodities in Yemen.

(I) A description of support for the Houthis by Iran and Iran-backed groups, including provision of weapons and training.

(J) A description of recruitment and use of child soldiers by parties to the conflict in Yemen.

(3) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form (without the classification “For Official Use Only”) but may contain a classified annex.

(4) APPLICABLE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(C) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and
(D) the Select Committee on Intelligence
of the Senate.

(c) REPORT ON UNITED STATES MILITARY SUPPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-
mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
report on United States military support to coun-
tries that are members of the Saudi-led coalition in
Yemen since March 2015 that evaluates—

(A) the manner and extent to which the
United States military has provided and con-
tinues to provide support to such countries in
Yemen;

(B) the extent to which the Department of
Defense has determined that its advice or as-
sistance has—

(i) minimized violations of the laws of
armed conflict in Yemen, including any
credible allegations of torture, arbitrary det-
tention, and other gross violations of inter-
ationally recognized human rights by
ROYG and countries that are members of
the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen; and
(ii) reduced civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure;

(C) the responsiveness and completeness of any certifications submitted pursuant to section 1290 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 2081); and


(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form (without the classification “For Official Use Only”), but may contain a classified annex.

(3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and
(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations

and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.