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

1 **SEC. 17\_\_.** **UNITED STATES FOUNDATION FOR INTER-**  
2 **NATIONAL CONSERVATION ACT OF 2023.**

3 (a) **UNITED STATES FOUNDATION FOR INTER-**  
4 **NATIONAL CONSERVATION.—**

5 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.—**

6 (A) **IN GENERAL.—**There is established the  
7 United States Foundation for International  
8 Conservation (in this Act referred to as the  
9 “Foundation”). The Foundation is a charitable  
10 and nonprofit corporation.

11 (B) **TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS.—**The  
12 Foundation shall terminate operations on the  
13 date that is 7 years after the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this Act, in accordance with—

15 (i) a plan for winding down the activi-  
16 ties of the Foundation that the Board shall  
17 submit to the appropriate congressional  
18 committees not later than 180 days before  
19 such termination date; and

1 (ii) the bylaws established pursuant to  
2 subsection (b)(1)(I).

3 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Founda-  
4 tion are—

5 (A) to provide grants for the management  
6 of priority protected and conserved areas that  
7 have a high degree of biodiversity or species  
8 and ecosystems of significant importance;

9 (B) to promote effective, long-term man-  
10 agement of protected and conserved areas and  
11 their contiguous buffer zones in eligible coun-  
12 tries;

13 (C) to advocate for, incentivize, accept, and  
14 administer governmental and nongovernmental  
15 funds, including donations from the private sec-  
16 tor, to increase the availability and predict-  
17 ability of financing for long-term management  
18 of protected and conserved areas;

19 (D) to close critical gaps in public inter-  
20 national conservation efforts by—

21 (i) increasing private sector invest-  
22 ment, including investments from philan-  
23 thropic entities; and

1 (ii) collaborating with partners pro-  
2 viding bilateral and multilateral financing  
3 to support enhanced coordination;

4 (E) to identify and financially support im-  
5 plementation-ready projects—

6 (i) that promote long-term manage-  
7 ment of protected and conserved areas and  
8 their contiguous buffer zones in eligible  
9 countries, including supporting the man-  
10 agement of terrestrial, coastal, freshwater,  
11 and marine protected areas, parks, com-  
12 munity conservancies, Indigenous reserves,  
13 conservation easements, and biological re-  
14 serves; and

15 (ii) that provide effective area-based  
16 conservation measures, consistent with  
17 internationally recognized best practices  
18 and standards for environmental and social  
19 safeguards; and

20 (F) to coordinate with, and otherwise sup-  
21 port and assist, foreign governments, private  
22 sector entities, local communities, Indigenous  
23 Peoples, and other stakeholders in undertaking  
24 biodiversity conservation activities—

- 1 (i) to achieve sustainable biodiversity  
2 conservation outcomes; and  
3 (ii) to improve local security, govern-  
4 ance, food security, and economic opportu-  
5 nities.

6 (b) GOVERNANCE OF THE FOUNDATION.—

7 (1) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

8 (A) GOVERNANCE.—The Foundation shall  
9 be governed by a Board of Directors.

10 (B) COMPOSITION.—

11 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall be  
12 composed of—

13 (I) the Directors described in  
14 clause (ii); and

15 (II) appointed Directors de-  
16 scribed in clause (iii).

17 (ii) DIRECTORS.—The following indi-  
18 viduals, or designees of such individuals,  
19 shall serve as Directors:

20 (I) The Secretary of State.

21 (II) The Administrator of the  
22 United States Agency for Inter-  
23 national Development.

24 (III) The Secretary of the Inte-  
25 rior.

1 (IV) The Chief of the United  
2 States Forest Service.

3 (V) The Administrator of the  
4 National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
5 Administration.

6 (iii) APPOINTED DIRECTORS.—The  
7 Secretary, in consultation with the other  
8 Directors described in clause (ii), the  
9 Speaker and minority leader of the House  
10 of Representatives, and the majority and  
11 minority leader of the Senate, shall ap-  
12 point, as Directors of the Board—

13 (I) 4 private-sector committed  
14 donors; and

15 (II) 5 independent experts who  
16 represent diverse points of view, to the  
17 maximum extent practicable.

18 (iv) APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE.—  
19 There shall be an appointment structure  
20 that applies to directors in clause (iii) such  
21 that—

22 (I) the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives after consultation  
24 with the chair of the Committee on  
25 Foreign Affairs of the House and the

1 minority leader of the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives after consultation with  
3 the ranking member of the Committee  
4 on Foreign Affairs of the House shall  
5 each submit a list of five individuals  
6 to be considered by the Secretary for  
7 appointment to the Board of Direc-  
8 tors, of which the Secretary shall ap-  
9 point one individual from each list  
10 submitted; and

11 (II) the majority leader of the  
12 Senate after consultation with the  
13 chair of the Committee on Foreign  
14 Relations of the Senate and the mi-  
15 nority leader of the Senate after con-  
16 sultation with the ranking minority  
17 member of the Committee on Foreign  
18 Relations of the Senate shall each  
19 submit a list of individuals to be con-  
20 sidered by the Secretary for appoint-  
21 ment to the Board of Directors, of  
22 which the Secretary shall appoint one  
23 individual from each list submitted.

24 (v) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each inde-  
25 pendent expert appointed pursuant to

1 clause (iii) shall be knowledgeable and ex-  
2 perience in matters relating to—

3 (I) international development;

4 (II) protected area management  
5 and the conservation of global bio-  
6 diversity, fish and wildlife, ecosystem  
7 restoration, adaptation, and resilience;  
8 and

9 (III) grantmaking in support of  
10 international conservation.

11 (vi) CHAIRPERSON.—The Board shall  
12 elect, from among its Directors, a Chair-  
13 person, who shall serve for a 2-year term.

14 (C) TERMS; VACANCIES.—

15 (i) TERMS.—

16 (I) IN GENERAL.—The term of  
17 service of each Director appointed  
18 pursuant to subparagraph (B)(iii)  
19 shall be not more than 5 years.

20 (II) INITIAL APPOINTED DIREC-  
21 TORS.—Of the initial Directors ap-  
22 pointed pursuant to subparagraph  
23 (B)(iii)—

24 (aa) 5 Directors, including  
25 at least private-sector committed

1 donors, shall serve for 4 years;  
2 and

3 (bb) 4 Directors shall serve  
4 for 5 years, as determined by the  
5 Chairperson of the Board.

6 (ii) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the  
7 membership of the appointed Directors of  
8 the Board—

9 (I) shall be filled in accordance  
10 with the bylaws of the Foundation by  
11 a private sector committed donor or  
12 an independent expert who meets the  
13 qualifications described in subpara-  
14 graph (B)(v), as corresponding to the  
15 vacating Director;

16 (II) shall not affect the power of  
17 the remaining appointed Directors to  
18 execute the duties of the Board; and

19 (III) shall be filled by an indi-  
20 vidual selected by the Board.

21 (D) QUORUM.—A majority of the current  
22 membership of the Board shall constitute a  
23 quorum for the transaction of Foundation busi-  
24 ness.

25 (E) MEETINGS.—



1 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall  
2 meet at the call of the Chairperson not less  
3 frequently than annually.

4 (ii) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later  
5 than 60 days after the Board is established  
6 pursuant to subsection (a)(1), the Sec-  
7 retary shall convene a meeting of the ex-  
8 officio Directors and the appointed Direc-  
9 tors of the Board to incorporate the Foun-  
10 dation.

11 (iii) REMOVAL.—Any Director who  
12 misses 3 consecutive regularly scheduled  
13 meetings may be removed from the Board.

14 (F) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—Di-  
15 rectors of the Board shall serve without pay,  
16 but may be reimbursed for the actual and nec-  
17 essary traveling and subsistence expenses in-  
18 curred in the performance of the duties of the  
19 Foundation. Such reimbursement may only be  
20 made available for expenses incurred outside  
21 the United States if at least two Directors con-  
22 currently incurred such expenses.

23 (G) NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Appoint-  
24 ment as a Director of the Board shall not con-  
25 stitute employment by, or the holding of an of-

1            fice of, the United States for purposes of any  
2            Federal law.

3            (H) DUTIES.—The Board shall—

4                    (i) establish bylaws for the Founda-  
5                    tion in accordance with subparagraph (I);

6                    (ii) provide overall direction for the  
7                    activities of the Foundation and establish  
8                    priority activities;

9                    (iii) carry out any other necessary ac-  
10                    tivities of the Foundation;

11                    (iv) evaluate the performance of the  
12                    Executive Director;

13                    (v) take steps to limit the Founda-  
14                    tions administrative expenses to the extent  
15                    practicable; and

16                    (vi) not less frequently than annually,  
17                    consult and coordinate with stakeholders  
18                    qualified to provide advice, assistance, and  
19                    information regarding effective protected  
20                    and conserved area management.

21            (I) BYLAWS.—

22                    (i) IN GENERAL.—The bylaws estab-  
23                    lished pursuant to subparagraph (H)(i)  
24                    shall include—

1 (I) policies for the selection of  
2 Directors of the Board and officers,  
3 employees, agents, and contractors of  
4 the Foundation;

5 (II) policies, including ethical  
6 standards, for—

7 (aa) the acceptance, solicita-  
8 tion, and disposition of donations  
9 and grants to the Foundation;  
10 and

11 (bb) the disposition of assets  
12 of the Foundation;

13 (III) policies that subject all em-  
14 ployees, fellows, trainees, and other  
15 agents of the Foundation (including  
16 ex-officio Directors and appointed Di-  
17 rectors of the Board) to conflict of in-  
18 terest standards;

19 (IV) the specific duties of the Ex-  
20 ecutive Director;

21 (V) policies for winding down the  
22 activities of the Foundation upon its  
23 termination, including a plan—

1 (aa) to return unspent ap-  
2 propriations to the Department  
3 of the Treasury; and

4 (bb) to donate unspent pri-  
5 vate and philanthropic contribu-  
6 tions to projects that align with  
7 the goals and requirements de-  
8 scribed in subsection (e); and

9 (VI) policies for vetting grantees  
10 to ensure the Foundation does not  
11 provide grants to for-profit entities  
12 whose primary objective is activity  
13 other than conservation.

14 (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board  
15 shall ensure that the bylaws of the Foun-  
16 dation and the activities carried out under  
17 such bylaws do not—

18 (I) reflect unfavorably on the  
19 ability of the Foundation to carry out  
20 activities in a fair and objective man-  
21 ner; or

22 (II) compromise, or appear to  
23 compromise, the integrity of any gov-  
24 ernmental agency or program, or any  
25 officer or employee employed by, or

1                   involved in, a governmental agency or  
2                   program.

3           (2) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Board shall  
4           hire an Executive Director of the Foundation, who  
5           shall serve, at the pleasure of the Board, as the  
6           Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation.

7           (3) FOUNDATION STAFF.—Officers and employ-  
8           ees of the Foundation—

9                   (A) may not be employees of, or hold any  
10                  office in, the United States Government;

11                  (B) shall be appointed without regard to  
12                  the provisions of—

13                          (i) title 5, United States Code, gov-  
14                          erning appointments in the competitive  
15                          service; and

16                          (ii) chapter 51 and subchapter III of  
17                          chapter 53 of such title, relating to classi-  
18                          fication and General Schedule pay rates;  
19                          and

20                          (C) may not receive a salary at a rate in  
21                          excess of 150 percent of the maximum rate of  
22                          basic pay authorized for positions at level I of  
23                          the Executive Schedule under section 5312 of  
24                          title 5, United States Code, for that fiscal year.

1           (4) LIMITATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTER-  
2           ESTS.—

3           (A) POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.—The  
4           Foundation may not participate or intervene in  
5           any political campaign on behalf of any can-  
6           didate for public office in any country.

7           (B) FINANCIAL INTERESTS.—Any Director  
8           of the Board or officer or employee of the  
9           Foundation is prohibited from participating, di-  
10          rectly or indirectly, in the consideration or de-  
11          termination of any question before the Founda-  
12          tion affecting—

13                   (i) the financial interests of such Di-  
14                   rector, officer, or employee; and

15                   (ii) the interests of any corporation,  
16                   partnership, entity, or organization in  
17                   which such Director, officer, or employee  
18                   has any fiduciary obligation or direct or in-  
19                   direct financial interest.

20          (c) CORPORATE POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE  
21          FOUNDATION.—

22           (1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—

23           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation—

1 (i) may conduct business throughout  
2 the States, territories, and possessions of  
3 the United States and in foreign countries;

4 (ii) shall have its principal offices in  
5 the Washington, DC, metropolitan area;  
6 and

7 (iii) shall continuously maintain a des-  
8 ignated agent in Washington, DC, who is  
9 authorized to accept notice or service of  
10 process on behalf of the Foundation.

11 (B) NOTICE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS.—

12 The serving of notice to, or service of process  
13 upon, the agent referred to in subparagraph  
14 (A)(iii), or mailed to the business address of  
15 such agent, shall be deemed as service upon, or  
16 notice to, the Foundation.

17 (C) SEAL.—The Foundation shall have an  
18 official seal, which shall be selected by the  
19 Board and judicially noticed.

20 (2) AUTHORITIES.—In addition to powers ex-  
21 plicitly authorized under this Act, the Foundation,  
22 in order to carry out the purposes described in sub-  
23 section (a)(2), shall have the usual powers of a cor-  
24 poration headquartered in Washington, DC, includ-  
25 ing the authority—

1 (A) to accept, receive, solicit, hold, admin-  
2 ister, and use any gift, devise, or bequest, either  
3 absolutely or in trust, or real or personal prop-  
4 erty or any income derived from such gift or  
5 property, or other interest in such gift or prop-  
6 erty located in the United States;

7 (B) to acquire by donation, gift, devise,  
8 purchase, or exchange any real or personal  
9 property or interest in such property located in  
10 the United States;

11 (C) unless otherwise required by the in-  
12 strument of transfer, to sell, donate, lease, in-  
13 vest, reinvest, retain, or otherwise dispose of  
14 any property or income derived from such prop-  
15 erty located in the United States;

16 (D) to complain and defend itself in any  
17 court of competent jurisdiction (except that the  
18 Directors of the Board shall not be personally  
19 liable, except for gross negligence);

20 (E) to enter into contracts or other ar-  
21 rangements with public agencies, private orga-  
22 nizations, and persons and to make such pay-  
23 ments as may be necessary to carry out the  
24 purposes of such contracts or arrangements;  
25 and



1 (F) to award grants for eligible projects, in  
2 accordance with subsection (e).

3 (3) LIMITATION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY.—The  
4 United States shall not be liable for any debts, de-  
5 faults, acts, or omissions of the Foundation.

6 (d) SAFEGUARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—

7 (1) SAFEGUARDS.—The Foundation shall de-  
8 velop, and incorporate into any agreement for sup-  
9 port provided by the Foundation, appropriate safe-  
10 guards, policies, and guidelines, consistent with  
11 internationally recognized best practices and stand-  
12 ards for environmental and social safeguards.

13 (2) INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY MECHA-  
14 NISM.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation shall  
16 establish a transparent and independent ac-  
17 countability mechanism, which shall provide—

18 (i) a compliance review function that  
19 assesses whether Foundation-supported  
20 projects adhere to the requirements devel-  
21 oped pursuant to paragraph (1);

22 (ii) a dispute resolution function for  
23 resolving concerns between complainants  
24 and project implementers regarding the  
25 impacts of specific Foundation-supported

1 projects with respect to such standards;

2 and

3 (iii) an advisory function that reports

4 to the Foundation on projects, policies,

5 and practices.

6 (B) DUTIES.—The accountability mecha-

7 nism shall—

8 (i) report annually to the Board and

9 to the appropriate congressional commit-

10 tees regarding the Foundation's compli-

11 ance with internationally recognized best

12 practices and standards in accordance with

13 subparagraph (A)(i);

14 (ii)(I) have permanent staff to con-

15 duct compliance reviews and dispute reso-

16 lutions; or

17 (II) maintain a roster of experts

18 to serve such roles, to the extent need-

19 ed; and

20 (iii) hold a public comment period

21 lasting not fewer than 60 days regarding

22 the initial design of the accountability

23 mechanism.

24 (3) INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—The Founda-

25 tion shall establish an ombudsman position at a sen-

1       ior level of executive staff as a confidential, neutral  
2       source of information and assistance to anyone af-  
3       fected by the activities of the Foundation.

4       (e) PROJECTS AND GRANTS.—

5           (1) PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.—

6               (A) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation  
7               shall—

8                   (i) provide grants to fund eligible  
9                   projects described in subparagraph (B)  
10                  that support its mission to provide long-  
11                  term funding for the effective management  
12                  of protected and conserved areas and their  
13                  contiguous buffer zones in eligible coun-  
14                  tries; and

15                  (ii) recognize the importance of a  
16                  landscape or seascape approach to con-  
17                  servation that includes buffer zones, wild-  
18                  life dispersal and corridor areas, and other  
19                  effective area-based conservation measures.

20               (B) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—Eligible  
21               projects shall include projects that—

22                   (i) focus on supporting—

23                       (I) long-term management of  
24                       protected or conserved areas and their  
25                       contiguous buffer zones in countries

1 described in paragraph (2), including  
2 terrestrial, coastal, and marine pro-  
3 tected or conserved areas, parks, com-  
4 munity conservancies, Indigenous re-  
5 serves, conservation easements, and  
6 biological reserves; and

7 (II) other effective area-based  
8 conservation measures;

9 (ii) are cost-matched at a ratio of 2  
10 from other sources to 1 from the United  
11 States Government;

12 (iii) have host country and local popu-  
13 lation support, as evidenced by a long-term  
14 binding memorandum of understanding  
15 signed by the host government that re-  
16 spects free, prior, and informed consent of  
17 affected communities;

18 (iv) incorporate a set of key perform-  
19 ance indicators;

20 (v) demonstrate robust local commu-  
21 nity engagement, with the completion of  
22 appropriate environmental and social due  
23 diligence, including—

24 (I) free, prior, and informed con-  
25 sent of Indigenous Peoples and prior

1 consultation with relevant local com-  
2 munities;

3 (II) equitable governance struc-  
4 tures; and

5 (III) effective grievance mecha-  
6 nisms;

7 (vi) create economic opportunities for  
8 local communities, through activities such  
9 as—

10 (I) equity and profit-sharing;

11 (II) employment activities; and

12 (III) other economic growth ac-  
13 tivities;

14 (vii) provide stable baseline funding  
15 for the effective management of the pro-  
16 tected or conserved area project;

17 (viii) are implementation-ready; and

18 (ix) where possible, demonstrate a  
19 plan to strengthen the capacity of, and  
20 transfer skills to, local institutions to man-  
21 age the protected or conserved area before  
22 or after grant funding is exhausted.

23 (2) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Before awarding any  
25 grants or entering into any project agreements

1 for a given fiscal year, the Board shall conduct  
2 a review to determine candidate countries in  
3 which the Foundation shall be eligible to fund  
4 projects to determine which countries—

5 (i) are low-income, lower middle-in-  
6 come, or upper-middle-income economies  
7 (as defined by the International Bank for  
8 Reconstruction and Development and the  
9 International Development Association);

10 (ii) have—

11 (I) a high degree of threatened or  
12 at risk biological diversity; or

13 (II) species or ecosystems of sig-  
14 nificant importance, including  
15 threatened or endangered species or eco-  
16 systems at risk of degradation or de-  
17 struction; and

18 (iii) have demonstrated a commitment  
19 to conservation through actions, such as  
20 protecting lands and waters through the  
21 gazettelement of national parks, community  
22 conservancies, marine reserves and pro-  
23 tected areas, forest reserves, or other le-  
24 gally recognized forms of place-based con-  
25 servation.

1 (B) IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE COUN-  
2 TRIES.—Not later than 5 days after the date on  
3 which the Board determines which countries are  
4 eligible countries for a given fiscal year, the Ex-  
5 ecutive Director shall—

6 (i) submit a report to the appropriate  
7 congressional committees that includes—

8 (I) a list of all such eligible coun-  
9 tries as determined through the review  
10 process described in subparagraph  
11 (A); and

12 (II) a justification for such eligi-  
13 bility ; and

14 (ii) publish the information contained  
15 in the report described in clause (i) in the  
16 Federal Register.

17 (3) GRANTMAKING.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—In order to maximize  
19 its program effects, the Foundation shall—

20 (i) coordinate with other international  
21 public and private donors to the extent  
22 possible;

23 (ii) seek additional financial and non-  
24 financial contributions and commitments  
25 for its projects from host governments;

1 (iii) strive to generate a partnership  
2 mentality among all participants, including  
3 public and private funders, host govern-  
4 ments, local protected areas authorities,  
5 and private and nongovernmental organiza-  
6 tion partners; and

7 (iv) prioritize investments in commu-  
8 nities with low levels of economic develop-  
9 ment to the extent practicable.

10 (B) GRANT CRITERIA.—Foundation  
11 grants—

12 (i) shall fund the management of well-  
13 defined protected or conserved areas and  
14 the systems of such conservation areas in  
15 eligible countries;

16 (ii) should provide adequate baseline  
17 funding for at least 7 years, indexed for in-  
18 flation, without replacing or duplicating ex-  
19 isting baseline funding, for each protected  
20 and conserved area and the system that  
21 supports that area in an amount sufficient  
22 to maintain the effective management of  
23 the area over the long term;

24 (iii) should, during the grant period,  
25 demonstrate progress in achieving clearly



1 identified key performance indicators (as  
2 defined in the grant agreement), which  
3 may include—

4 (I) the protection of biological di-  
5 versity;

6 (II) the protection of native flora  
7 and habitats, such as trees, forests,  
8 wetlands, grasslands, mangroves, coral  
9 reefs, and sea grass;

10 (III) community-based economic  
11 growth indicators, such as improved  
12 land tenure, increases in beneficiaries  
13 participating in economic growth ac-  
14 tivities, and sufficient income from  
15 conservation activities being directed  
16 to communities in project areas;

17 (IV) improved management of  
18 the protected or conserved area cov-  
19 ered by the project, as documented  
20 through the submission of strategic  
21 plans or annual reports to the Foun-  
22 dation; and

23 (V) the identification of addi-  
24 tional revenue sources or sustainable  
25 financing mechanisms to meet the re-

1 ccurring costs of management of the  
2 protected or conserved areas; and  
3 (iv) may be terminated if the Board  
4 determines that the project is not meeting  
5 applicable requirements under this Act or  
6 making progress in achieving the key per-  
7 formance indicators defined in the grant  
8 agreement.

9 (f) PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT IN COUNTRIES THAT  
10 SUPPORT TERRORISM OR VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
11 OF SUPPORT FOR SANCTIONED PERSONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation may not  
13 provide support for any government, or any entity  
14 owned or controlled by a government, if the Sec-  
15 retary has determined that such government—

16 (A) has repeatedly provided support for  
17 acts of international terrorism, as determined  
18 under—

19 (i) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Ex-  
20 port Control Reform Act of 2018 (22  
21 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A)(i));

22 (ii) section 620A(a) of the Foreign  
23 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.  
24 2371(a));

1 (iii) section 40(d) of the Arms Export  
2 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

3 (iv) any other relevant provision of  
4 law; or

5 (B) has engaged in a consistent pattern of  
6 gross violations of internationally recognized  
7 human rights, as determined under section  
8 116(a) or 502B(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance  
9 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(a) and  
10 2304(a)(2)) or any other relevant provision of  
11 law.

12 (2) PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT FOR SANC-  
13 TIONED PERSONS.—The Foundation may not engage  
14 in any dealing prohibited under United States sanc-  
15 tions laws or regulations, including dealings with  
16 persons on the list of specially designated persons  
17 and blocked persons maintained by the Office of  
18 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the  
19 Treasury, except to the extent otherwise authorized  
20 by the Secretary or by the Secretary of the Treas-  
21 ury.

22 (3) PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES  
23 SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS.—The Foundation shall re-  
24 quire any person receiving support to certify that  
25 such person, and any entity owned or controlled by

1 such person, is in compliance with all United States  
2 sanctions laws and regulations.

3 (g) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 360 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-  
5 after while the Foundation continues to operate, the Exec-  
6 utive Director of the Foundation shall submit a report to  
7 the appropriate congressional committees that describes—

8 (1) the goals of the Foundation;

9 (2) the programs, projects, and activities sup-  
10 ported by the Foundation;

11 (3) private and governmental contributions to  
12 the Foundation; and

13 (4) the standardized criteria utilized to deter-  
14 mine the programs and activities supported by the  
15 Foundation, including baselines, targets, desired out-  
16 comes, measurable goals, and extent to which those  
17 goals are being achieved for each project.

18 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
20 appropriated to the Foundation \$1,000,000 for fis-  
21 cal year 2025 and \$100,000,000 for each of the fis-  
22 cal years 2026 through 2032 to carry out the pur-  
23 poses of this section.

24 (2) COST MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Amounts  
25 appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) may only be

1       made available to grantees to the extent the Founda-  
2       tion or such grantees secure funding for an eligible  
3       project from sources other than the United States  
4       Government in an amount that is not less than twice  
5       the amount received in grants for such project pur-  
6       suant to subsection (e).

7               (3) PROHIBITION ON USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS  
8       FOR LOBBYING EXPENSES.—Amounts provided as a  
9       grant by the Foundation shall not be used for any  
10      activity the purpose of which is to influence legisla-  
11      tion pending before the United States Congress.

12      (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13              (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
14      mittees” means—

15                  (A) the Committee on Appropriations and  
16                  the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
17                  ate; and

18                  (B) the Committee on Appropriations and  
19                  the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
20                  of Representatives.

21              (2) The term “Board” means the Board of Di-  
22      rectors established pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

23              (3) The term “Director” means—

24                  (A) an initial member of the Board ap-  
25                  pointed pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(B)(iii); or

1 (B) a member of the Board selected to fill  
2 a vacancy pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(C)(ii).

3 (4) The term “eligible country” means any of  
4 the countries described in subsection (e)(2).

5 (5) The term “eligible project” means any of  
6 the projects described in subsection (e)(1)(B).

7 (6) The term “Executive Director” means the  
8 Executive Director of the Foundation hired pursuant  
9 to subsection (b)(2).

10 (7) The term “Foundation” means the United  
11 States Foundation for International Conservation es-  
12 tablished pursuant to subsection (a)(1).

13 (8) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
14 of State.

