

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4350
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12__ . DEFENSE AND DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY FOR**
2 **SYRIA.**

3 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President,
5 acting through the Secretary of State and in coordination
6 with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appro-
7 priate congressional committees a report that contains a
8 description of the United States defense and diplomatic
9 strategy for Syria.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
11 (a) shall include the following elements:

12 (1) A United States diplomatic strategy for
13 Syria, including a description of the desired diplo-
14 matic objectives for advancing United States na-
15 tional interests in Syria, desired end-goals, and a de-
16 scription of the intended diplomatic and related for-
17 eign policy means to achieve such objectives.

18 (2) A United States defense strategy for Syria,
19 including a description of the security objectives the

1 United States aims to achieve, including the objec-
2 tives and desired end-state for the United States
3 military presence in northeast Syria, envisioned
4 transition timeline for security responsibilities to the
5 Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), and status of re-
6 maining ISIS elements.

7 (3) A description of United States strategy and
8 objectives for United States military support to and
9 coordination with the Jaysh Maghawir al-Thawra
10 (“MaT”) including transition plan and operational
11 needs in and around Al-Tanf.

12 (4) A plan for enduring security of ISIS detain-
13 ees currently held in SDF secured facilities (includ-
14 ing so-called “third country fighters” as well as
15 Iraqi and Syrian national ISIS detainees) account-
16 ing for security of personnel and facilities involved.

17 (5) A diplomatic strategy for securing the repa-
18 triation of remaining ISIS “third country fighters”
19 to countries of origin, including a comprehensive
20 breakdown of each country of origin and number of
21 detainees yet to be repatriated.

22 (6) A plan for the resettlement and disposition
23 of ISIS connected women and children in remaining
24 detention facilities, including roles and responsibil-
25 ities of counter-ISIS coalition partners.

1 (7) A detailed assessment of the security and
2 humanitarian situation at the internally displaced
3 persons camp at Rukban.

4 (8) A plan for diplomatic and humanitarian en-
5 gagement with regional partners and multilateral in-
6 stitutions to ensure successful and safe delivery of
7 continued humanitarian assistance to non-regime
8 held areas of Syria.

9 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
10 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
11 a classified annex.

12 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
13 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
14 gressional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
17 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

18 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
19 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
20 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

