

SEC. XX. Strategy to encourage defections from the Government of Iran.

(a) In general.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall develop and submit to Congress a strategy aimed at encouraging defections by senior Iranian security officials and members of the armed forces.

(b) Strategy described.—The strategy required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) identification of mechanisms to securely communicate with potential defectors;

(2) measures providing assurances of safety and security to defectors and their families;

(3) establishment of a dedicated interagency working group tasked with managing defections, ensuring defector safety, verifying information provided by defectors, and mitigating potential intelligence risks;

(4) incentives for defectors who can provide actionable intelligence about regime operations, including potential financial assistance, employment support, and housing assistance in coordination with relevant domestic agencies;

(5) measures for publicizing successful defections, when appropriate and consistent with security protocols, to encourage additional defections within the regime; and

(6) coordination with international partners to share best practices, jointly facilitate defections, and ensure defectors receive international protection, as needed.

(c) Form.—The strategy required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex if necessary.