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At the end of subtitle G of title VIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 898. REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACTORS TO REPORT GROSS VIOLATIONS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A contractor performing a Department of Defense contract in a foreign country shall report possible cases of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights to the Secretary of Defense.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that describes—

(1) the policies and procedures in place to obtain information about possible cases of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights from contractors described in subsection (a); and

(2) the resources needed to investigate reports made pursuant to subsection (a).
(c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees;

and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(2) GROSS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS.—The term “gross violations of internationally recognized human rights” means torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, prolonged detention without charges and trial, causing the disappearance of persons by the abduction and clandestine detention of those persons, child sexual assault, and other flagrant denial of the right to life, liberty, or the security of person.