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At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MIS-**
2 **SIONS, OPERATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES IN**
3 **NIGER AND THE BROADER REGION.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, in consultation as appropriate
8 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the con-
9 gressional defense committees, the Committee on
10 Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee
11 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
12 a report on the missions, operations, and activities
13 of the Department in Niger and the broader region
14 that includes the following:

15 (A) A description of the objectives and the
16 associated lines of efforts of the Department in
17 Niger and the broader region, and the bench-
18 marks for assessing progress toward such objec-
19 tives.

1 (B) A description of the timeline for
2 achieving such objectives in Niger and the
3 broader region.

4 (C) A justification of the relevance of such
5 objectives in Niger and the broader region to
6 the national security of the United States and
7 to the objectives in the National Defense Strat-
8 egy.

9 (D) A description of steps the Department
10 is taking to ensure that security cooperation in
11 Niger and the broader region is effectively co-
12 ordinated with the diplomatic and development
13 activities of the Department of State and the
14 United States Agency for International Devel-
15 opment.

16 (E) A description of the legal, operational,
17 and fiscal authorities relating to the lines of ef-
18 fort of the Department in Niger and the broad-
19 er region.

20 (F) An identification of measures to miti-
21 gate operational risk to and increase the pre-
22 paredness of members of the Armed Forces
23 conducting missions, operations, or activities in
24 Niger or the broader region.

1 (G) An assessment of the command and
2 support relationships of United States Africa
3 Command with subordinate component com-
4 mands, including Special Operations Command
5 Africa.

6 (H) An identification and description of
7 each implemented recommendation from the
8 Army Regulation 15-6 investigation report con-
9 ducted by United States Africa Command re-
10 garding the deaths of four soldiers in Niger on
11 October 4, 2017.

12 (I) Any other matter the Secretary deter-
13 mines to be appropriate.

14 (2) SCOPE OF REPORT.—For purposes of the
15 report required by paragraph (1), the term “broader
16 region” includes Algeria, Libya, Chad, Cameroon,
17 Nigeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, and Mali.

18 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)(1)
19 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
20 a classified annex.

