

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3329
OFFERED BY MR. DUNCAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the end of title I, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 105. UNITED STATES STRATEGY TO PREVENT HOSTILE**
2 **ACTIVITIES BY IRAN AND DISRUPT AND DE-**
3 **GRADE HIZBALLAH'S ILLICIT NETWORKS IN**
4 **THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
7 shall submit to the relevant congressional committees a
8 strategy to prevent hostile activities by Iran and disrupt
9 and degrade Hizballah's illicit networks in the Western
10 Hemisphere that—

11 (1) identifies Department of State priorities, in
12 coordination with other executive branch agencies,
13 for defining United States policy to protect United
14 States interests from Iranian and Hizballah threats
15 in the Western Hemisphere;

16 (2) coordinates with other executive branch
17 agencies to ensure that information-sharing, inter-
18 dictions, arrests, investigations, indictments, sanc-
19 tions, and designations related to Hizballah individ-

1 uals or networks in the Western Hemisphere are in-
2 tegrated, coordinated, and publicly communicated by
3 the United States in a manner that supports United
4 States interests;

5 (3) describes Iranian and Hizballah activities in
6 the Western Hemisphere, their relationships with
7 transnational criminal organizations in the region,
8 their use of the region's commodities trade to engage
9 in illicit activities, and their use of Latin American
10 and Caribbean visas, including through Citizenship
11 by Investment Programs to seek admittance into the
12 United States, as well as a plan to address any secu-
13 rity vulnerabilities to the United States;

14 (4) includes a review of all relevant United
15 States sanctions that relate to Hizballah's activities
16 in Latin America and the Caribbean and an assess-
17 ment of their use, effectiveness, and any capability
18 gaps;

19 (5) includes a review of the use of the Depart-
20 ment of State's rewards program under section 36
21 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act (22
22 U.S.C. 2708) to obtain information related to Latin
23 America-based Hizballah operatives and illicit net-
24 works and an assessment of the effectiveness of this

1 program for targeting Hizballah in the Western
2 Hemisphere;

3 (6) includes a review of all relevant United
4 States sanctions on financial institutions in Latin
5 America and the Caribbean that engage in activities
6 outlined by section 102 of Hizballah International
7 Financing Prevention Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–
8 102; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) and an assessment of the
9 use of the authorities outlined, their effectiveness,
10 and recommendations for improvement;

11 (7) describes Hizballah criminal support net-
12 works, including country facilitation, in the Western
13 Hemisphere and outlines a United States approach
14 to partners in the region to address those illicit net-
15 works and build country capacity to combat the
16 transnational criminal activities of Hizballah; and

17 (8) includes a review of the actions of govern-
18 ments in the Western Hemisphere to identify, inves-
19 tigate, and prosecute Latin America-based Hizballah
20 operatives, and enforce sanctions either personally or
21 to their business interests of Latin America-based
22 Hizballah operatives as well as recommendations for
23 United States action towards governments who
24 refuse to impose sanctions or who willingly facilitate
25 Latin America-based Hizballah illicit activities.

1 (b) FORM.—The strategy required by subsection (a)
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form to the greatest ex-
3 tent possible but may include a classified annex.

4 (c) DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the Hizballah
6 International Financing Prevention Act of 2015
7 (Public Law 114–102; 129 Stat. 2206; 50 U.S.C.
8 1701 note), as amended by section 103 of this Act,
9 is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 **“SEC. 104. DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES.**

12 “Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this section, the President shall instruct—

14 “(1) the Secretary of State to increase coopera-
15 tion with countries in the Western Hemisphere to
16 assist in strengthening the capacity of governments
17 to prevent hostile activity by Iran and disrupt and
18 degrade Hizballah’s illicit networks operating in the
19 region, including diplomatic engagement that in-
20 volves—

21 “(A) efforts to target and expose illicit net-
22 works, arrest perpetrators, freeze assets, and
23 attack Iran and Hizballah’s use of illicit net-
24 works using international trade and banking
25 systems;

1 “(B) efforts to revoke or deny visas from
2 those implicated in Hizballah’s activity in the
3 region, including lawyers, accountants, business
4 partners, service providers, and politicians who
5 knowingly facilitate or fail to take measures to
6 counter Hizballah’s illicit finance in their own
7 jurisdictions;

8 “(C) efforts to assist willing nations with
9 the development of counter-organized crime leg-
10 islation, the strengthening of financial inves-
11 tigative capacity, and a fully-vetted counter-or-
12 ganized crime judicial model in places plagued
13 with corruption; and

14 “(D) efforts to persuade governments in
15 the region to list Hizballah as a terrorist orga-
16 nization;

17 “(2) the United States Permanent Representa-
18 tive to the Organization of American States to work
19 to secure support at the Organization of American
20 States for a resolution that would declare Hizballah
21 as a terrorist organization and address Hizballah’s
22 illicit networks operating in the region;

23 “(3) the United States Ambassador to the Or-
24 ganization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
25 (OSCE) to work to secure a report on compliance by

1 participating states with OSCE Decision Number
2 1063, the ‘Consolidated Framework for the Fight
3 Against Terrorism’, in regard to Hizballah, with
4 particular focus on the mandate to ‘suppress the fi-
5 nancing of terrorism, including its links with money-
6 laundering and illegal economic activities’, especially
7 as it relates transatlantic relations, including with
8 Latin America and the Caribbean; and

9 “(4) United States diplomats to work with
10 international forums, including the Financial Action
11 Task Force, to identify government entities within
12 Latin America and the Caribbean that provide sup-
13 port, facilitation, or assistance to individuals affili-
14 ated with Hizballah in the Western Hemisphere.”.

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
16 tents for the Hizballah International Financing Pre-
17 vention Act of 2015 is amended by inserting after
18 the item related to section 103 the following new
19 item:

“Sec. 104. Diplomatic initiatives.”.

Page 31, beginning on line 5, strike “as amended by
section 103 of this Act” and insert “as amended by sec-
tions 103 and 105 of this Act”.

Page 31, line 8, redesignate section 104 as section
105.

Page 33, beginning on line 11, strike “section 103, as added by section 103(b) of this Act” and insert “section 104, as added by section 105(c) of this Act”.

Page 33, after line 12, redesignate the item relating to section 104 of the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 as the item relating to section 105 of the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015.

