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To direct the Secretary of State to develop and submit to Congress a strategy and implementation plan outlining United States efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and other regions as appropriate, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Countering Malign
3 Russian Activities Globally Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the United States—

6 (1) should regularly assess the scale and scope
7 of the Russian Federation’s influence and activities
8 that undermine United States objectives and inter-
9 ests in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East,
10 each of which is experiencing such influence and ac-
11 tivities to varying degrees, and other regions as ap-
12 propriate; and

13 (2) determine how—

14 (A) to address and counter such influence
15 and activities effectively, including through ap-
16 propriate United States foreign assistance pro-
17 grams; and

18 (B) to hold accountable the Russian Fed-
19 eration and other foreign governments and their
20 officials who are complicit in aiding such malign
21 influence and activities.

22 **SEC. 3. REGIONAL STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION**
23 **PLAN; ANNUAL REPORT.**

24 (a) STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not
25 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
26 this Act, the Secretary of State shall develop and submit

1 to the appropriate congressional committees a regional
2 strategy and implementation plan outlining United States
3 efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of
4 the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa, Latin
5 America, the Middle East, and other regions as appro-
6 priate, including programs and other initiatives designed
7 to—

8 (1) strengthen democratic institutions, improve
9 government transparency and accountability, im-
10 prove standards related to human rights, labor, anti-
11 corruption initiatives, fiscal transparency, monitor
12 the use and beneficiaries of natural resources and
13 extractive industries, and other tenets of good gov-
14 ernance; and

15 (2) monitor and report on Russian political in-
16 fluence and disinformation operations and the activi-
17 ties of Russian, Russia-connected, or Russian-funded
18 private military contractors.

19 (b) REPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
22 nually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State,
23 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
24 eral departments and agencies as appropriate, shall
25 submit to the appropriate congressional committees

1 a report on the regional strategy and implementa-
2 tion plan required by subsection (a) and related ef-
3 forts to counter the malign influence and activities
4 of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa,
5 Latin America, the Middle East, and other regions
6 as appropriate.

7 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
8 graph (1) shall include the following:

9 (A) An assessment of the scope and nature
10 of the Russian Federation’s malign influence
11 and activities and related diplomatic, economic,
12 and security priorities and strategic objectives
13 of such engagement in Africa, Latin America,
14 the Middle East, and other regions as appro-
15 priate, including influence and activities that in-
16 volve Russian proxies, such as Russian
17 oligarchs, Russian-funded private military con-
18 tractors, and other individuals and entities di-
19 rectly or indirectly employed by or financially or
20 politically associated with Russia and its offi-
21 cials, who are involved in or aid activities to,
22 among other things—

23 (i) manipulate foreign governments
24 and their policies, as well as the public
25 opinions and voting preferences of their re-

1 spective populations and diaspora groups,
2 including those in the United States; and

3 (ii) invest in, engage, or otherwise
4 control strategic sectors in identified re-
5 gions, including mining and other forms of
6 natural resource extraction and exploi-
7 tation, military basing and other security
8 cooperation agreements, and information
9 and communications technology.

10 (B) A detailed account of United States
11 foreign assistance and other initiatives devel-
12 oped and implemented during the preceding 3
13 fiscal years to address Russia's malign influence
14 and activities in Africa, Latin America, the
15 Middle East, and other regions as appropriate,
16 including the objectives and details of planned
17 programs and initiatives set out in the strategy
18 required by subsection (a).

19 (C) An analysis of policy and pro-
20 grammatic limitations, gaps, and resource re-
21 quirements to effectively counter Russia's ma-
22 lign influence and activities in Africa, Latin
23 America, the Middle East, and other regions as
24 appropriate.

1 (D) An overview of other initiatives and
2 assistance programs funded by other inter-
3 national donors and partner countries to
4 counter Russia's malign influence and activities
5 in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and
6 other regions as appropriate.

7 (E) An identification of governments and
8 government officials in Africa, Latin America,
9 the Middle East, and other regions as appro-
10 priate, Russian government officials, and other
11 individuals and entities that have facilitated
12 payments and other prohibited activities that
13 benefit United States-sanctioned individuals
14 and entities tied to Russia, including in viola-
15 tion of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights
16 Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of
17 Public Law 114-328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note),
18 the Countering America's Adversaries Through
19 Sanctions Act (Public Law 115-44; 22 U.S.C.
20 9401 et seq.), Executive Order 14024 (86 Fed.
21 Reg. 20249; relating to blocking property with
22 respect to specified harmful foreign activities of
23 the Government of the Russian Federation),
24 and Executive Order 13848 (83 Fed. Reg.
25 46843; relating to imposing certain sanctions in

1 the event of foreign interference in a United
2 States election), and a detailed overview of
3 United States efforts to hold such governments,
4 officials, and other individuals and entities
5 complicit in violating or facilitating the evasion
6 of United States sanctions against Russia and
7 its proxies accountable through sanctions or
8 other restrictions.

9 (F) An identification of foreign companies
10 and persons that have provided transportation,
11 logistical, administrative, border crossing, or
12 money transfer services to Russian mercenaries
13 or armed forces operating on behalf of the Rus-
14 sian Government in Libya, and an analysis of
15 whether such entities meet the criteria for im-
16 position of sanctions under section 1(a) of Ex-
17 ecutive Order 13726 (81 Fed. Reg. 23559; re-
18 lating to blocking property and suspending
19 entry into the United States of persons contrib-
20 uting to the situation in Libya).

21 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
22 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
23 include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
2 **FINED.**

3 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
4 mittees” means—

5 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
6 House of Representatives; and

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
8 Senate.