

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5246**OFFERED BY MS. SALAZAR OF FLORIDA**

Page 6, line 20, strike “There is authorized” and insert “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized” and conform the margins accordingly.

Page 6, after line 25, add the following:

- 1 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
2 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
3 retary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs shall maintain
4 continuous observation and coordination of all matters
5 pertaining to implementation of American foreign policy
6 in East Asia and the Pacific, including, as appropriate—
7 (1) managing bilateral and regional relations
8 with the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau
9 (collectively known as the “Freely Associated
10 States”);
11 (2) supporting the Secretary with respect to ne-
12 gotiations relating to Compacts of Free Association;
13 (3) coordinating, in consultation with the Sec-
14 retary of the Interior, the Secretary of Defense, and
15 other heads of Federal departments and agencies, as

1 appropriate, implementation of Compacts of Free
2 Association;

3 (4) leading, at the direction of the Secretary,
4 the development of Department policies with regard
5 to the People's Republic of China and coordinating
6 information sharing and programs with respect to
7 the People's Republic of China across the Depart-
8 ment; and

9 (5) performing such other duties as the Under
10 Secretary for Political Affairs may from time to time
11 designate.

Page 12, line 13, strike "There is authorized" and
insert "(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized" and
conform the margins accordingly.

Page 12, after line 18, add the following:

12 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
13 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
14 retary for South and Central Asian Affairs shall maintain
15 continuous observation and coordination of all matters
16 pertaining to implementation of American foreign policy
17 in South and Central Asia, including, as appropriate—

18 (1)) managing the general conduct of United
19 States foreign policy and diplomatic relations with
20 countries in the South Asian and Central Asian re-

1 regions, which shall be consistent with the countries
2 under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of South and
3 Central Asian Affairs;

4 (2) providing guidance to ambassadors and dip-
5 lomatic emissaries in the South Asian and Central
6 Asian regions and conducting regular oversight of
7 diplomatic activities in those regions;

8 (3) serving as the central liaison for the De-
9 partment of State's activities in the South Asian and
10 Central Asian regions; and

11 (4) performing such other duties as the Under
12 Secretary of State for Political Affairs may from
13 time to time designate.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

14 **SEC. 3_. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WESTERN HEMI-**
15 **SPHERE AFFAIRS.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
17 the Department an Assistant Secretary for Western Hemi-
18 sphere Affairs who shall be responsible to the Under Sec-
19 retary for Political Affairs for matters pertaining to the
20 Western Hemisphere, and such other related duties as the
21 Secretary may from time to time designate.

22 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
23 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
24 retary for Western Hemisphere Affairs shall maintain con-

1 tinuous observation and coordination of all matters per-
2 taining to implementation of American foreign policy in
3 the Western Hemisphere, including, as appropriate—

4 (1) providing support as necessary to the Chief
5 of Mission of the United States Permanent Mission
6 to the Organization of American States;

7 (2) coordinating with appropriate bureaus in
8 the Department on functional issues such as demo-
9 cratic governance, organized crime, counterter-
10 rorism, international organizations, political-military
11 affairs, and human rights as they pertain to policy
12 and programming in the Western Hemisphere; and

13 (3) performing such other duties as the Under
14 Secretary for Political Affairs may from time to time
15 designate.

16 **SEC. 3__ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR WEST-**
17 **ERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS.**

18 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
19 Under Secretary for Political Affairs under section 302,
20 the Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs
21 shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau func-
22 tions and the Assistant Secretary's responsibilities for fis-
23 cal years 2026 and 2027.

1 **SEC. 3__ . BUREAU OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
3 establish a Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, which
4 shall perform such functions related to implementation of
5 United States foreign policy and assistance to the Western
6 Hemisphere, as the Under Secretary for Political Affairs
7 may prescribe.

8 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
9 retary for Western Hemisphere Affairs shall be the head
10 of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

11 (c) WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEFINED.—In this Act,
12 the term “Western Hemisphere” means any country which
13 the Under Secretary designates as within the responsi-
14 bility of the Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere
15 Affairs.

16 **SEC. 3__ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEAR**
17 **EASTERN AFFAIRS.**

18 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
19 Under Secretary for Political Affairs under section 302,
20 the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs shall re-
21 ceive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau functions and
22 the Assistant Secretary’s responsibilities for fiscal years
23 2026 and 2027.

24 **SEC. 3__ . BUREAU OF NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.**

25 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
26 establish a Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, which shall

1 perform such functions related to implementation of
2 United States foreign policy and assistance to Middle East
3 and North Africa, as the Under Secretary for Political Af-
4 fairs may prescribe.

5 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
6 retary for Near Eastern Affairs shall be the head of the
7 Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

8 (c) MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA DEFINED.—
9 In this Act, the term “Middle East and North Africa”
10 means any country which the Under Secretary designates
11 as within the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary for
12 Near Eastern Affairs.

13 **SEC. 3_. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
14 **SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS.**

15 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
16 Under Secretary for Political Affairs under section 302,
17 the Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Af-
18 fairs shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau
19 functions and the Assistant Secretary’s responsibilities for
20 fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

21 **SEC. 3_. BUREAU OF SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AF-**
22 **FAIRS.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
24 establish a Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs,
25 which shall perform such functions related to implementa-

tion of United States foreign policy and assistance to South and Central Asia as the Under Secretary for Political Affairs may prescribe.

(b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs shall be the head of the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.

(c) SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “South and Central Asia” means any country which the Under Secretary designates as within the responsibility of the Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs.

SEC. 3__ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs under section 302, the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau functions and the Assistant Secretary’s responsibilities for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

SEC. 3__ . BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall establish a Bureau of African Affairs, which shall perform such functions related to implementation of United States foreign policy and assistance to Africa as the Under Secretary for Political Affairs may prescribe.

1 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
2 retary for African Affairs shall be the head of the Bureau
3 of African Affairs.

4 (c) AFRICA DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “Afri-
5 ca” means any country which the Under Secretary des-
6 ignates as within the responsibility of the Assistant Sec-
7 retary for African Affairs.

8 **SEC. 3__ . ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AND EUR-**
9 **ASIAN AFFAIRS.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
11 the Department an Assistant Secretary for European and
12 Eurasian Affairs who shall be responsible to the Under
13 Secretary for Political Affairs for matters pertaining to
14 Europe and Eurasia, and such other related duties as the
15 Secretary may from time to time designate.

16 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
17 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
18 retary for European and Eurasian Affairs shall maintain
19 continuous observation and coordination of all matters
20 pertaining to implementation of American foreign policy
21 in Europe and Eurasia, including, as appropriate—

22 (1) managing bilateral and multilateral rela-
23 tions with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization,
24 the European Union, the Council of Europe, the Or-
25 ganization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,

1 and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and
2 Development;

3 (2) leading, at the direction of the Secretary of
4 State, the development of the policies of the Depart-
5 ment with respect to Russia;

6 (3) coordinating information sharing and pro-
7 grams across the Department with respect to Euro-
8 pean and Eurasian affairs; and

9 (4) performing such other duties as the Under
10 Secretary for Political Affairs may from time to time
11 designate.

12 **SEC. 3__ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR EURO-**
13 **PEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS.**

14 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
15 Under Secretary for Political Affairs under section 302,
16 the Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Af-
17 fairs shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau
18 functions and the Assistant Secretary's responsibilities for
19 fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

20 **SEC. 3__ . BUREAU OF EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN AFFAIRS.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
22 establish a Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs,
23 which shall perform such functions related to implementa-
24 tion of United States foreign policy and assistance to Eu-

1 rope and Eurasia, as the Under Secretary for Political Af-
2 fairs may prescribe.

3 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
4 retary for European and Eurasian Affairs shall be the
5 head of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

6 (c) EUROPE AND EURASIA DEFINED.—In this Act,
7 the term “Europe and Eurasia” means any country which
8 the Under Secretary designates as within the responsi-
9 bility of the Assistant Secretary for European and Eur-
10 asian Affairs.

