

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
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At the appropriate place, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE INDEX.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) strong security sector governance is the
5 transparent, accountable, and management and
6 oversight of security policy and practice by legiti-
7 mate civilian leadership;

8 (2) partners with well-governed security sectors
9 are more effective, make the most of United States
10 security cooperation and assistance, and are more
11 reliable partners who are better able to protect
12 United States-origin defense articles from misuse or
13 illicit transfer, absorb and properly employ United
14 States-provided training and equipment, and con-
15 duct military operations in a manner that encour-
16 ages stability at home and abroad;

17 (3) weak security sector oversight institutions
18 inhibit security sector professionalism, effectiveness,
19 and accountability;

1 (4) effective security sector governance requires
2 a system of checks and balances where vibrant legis-
3 latures, engaged civil society, and independent judi-
4 ciaries provide the necessary oversight to hold au-
5 thorities accountable to citizens; and

6 (5) improving security sector governance in
7 United States security partners requires predictable,
8 long-term investments.

9 (b) SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE INDEX.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
11 the date of the enactment of this section, the Sec-
12 retary, acting through the Defense Security Co-
13 operation University and the Office of Security As-
14 sistance, shall develop metrics and indicators to as-
15 sess the quality of governance of the security sectors
16 of significant security partner countries, to be known
17 as the “Security Sector Governance Index”.

18 (2) CRITERIA.—The Index required by para-
19 graph (1) shall include measurements of the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (A) The level of state corruption, as de-
22 fined under the Combating Global Corruption
23 Act (22 U.S.C. 10501), in the country’s secu-
24 rity sector.

1 (B) The level of civilian oversight of the
2 security forces.

3 (C) The level of the security force's—
4 (i) involvement in politics;
5 (ii) commercial holdings; and
6 (iii) merit-based promotions.

7 (D) The record of violations of inter-
8 national human rights law, international hu-
9 manitarian law, and civilian harm by security
10 force actors or their affiliates and subsequent
11 meaningful investigations and accountability
12 processes.

13 (E) Other factors relevant to assessing the
14 level of security sector governance.

15 (3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall de-
16 velop the Index required by paragraph (1) in con-
17 sultation with—

18 (A) the Secretary of Defense;

19 (B) the Bureau of Democracy, Human
20 Rights, and Labor of the Department; and

21 (C) relevant nongovernmental organiza-
22 tions, nongovernmental experts, and civil soci-
23 ety.

24 (4) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30 days
25 after the date on which the Index required by para-

- 1 graph (1) is developed, the Secretary shall publish a
- 2 summary of the Index in the Federal Register.

