

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
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At the end of title IV, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON TERRORISM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for
3 Counterterrorism of the Department shall submit to the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, by April 30
6 of each year, a full and complete report providing—

7 (1)(A) detailed assessments with respect to
8 each foreign country—

9 (i) in which acts of international terrorism
10 occurred which were, in the opinion of the As-
11 sistant Secretary, of major significance;

12 (ii) about which the Congress was notified
13 during the preceding five years pursuant to sec-
14 tion 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Control Re-
15 form Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A));
16 and

17 (iii) which the Assistant Secretary deter-
18 mines should be the subject of such report; and

1 (B) detailed assessments with respect to each
2 foreign country whose territory is being used as a
3 sanctuary for terrorists or terrorist organizations;

4 (2) all relevant information about the activities
5 during the preceding year of any terrorist group,
6 and any umbrella group under which such terrorist
7 group falls, known to be responsible for the kidnapp-
8 ing or death of a United States citizen during the
9 preceding five years, any terrorist group known to
10 have obtained or developed, or to have attempted to
11 obtain or develop, weapons of mass destruction, any
12 terrorist group known to be financed by countries
13 about which Congress was notified during the pre-
14 ceding year pursuant to section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the
15 Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
16 4813(c)(1)(A)), any group designated by the Sec-
17 retary as a foreign terrorist organization under sec-
18 tion 219 of the Immigration and Nationality act (8
19 U.S.C. 1189), and any other known international
20 terrorist group which the Assistant Secretary deter-
21 mines should be the subject of such report;

22 (3) with respect to each foreign country from
23 which the United States Government has sought co-
24 operation during the previous five years in the inves-
25 tigation or prosecution of an act of international ter-

1 rorism against United States citizens or interests,
2 information on—

3 (A) the extent to which the government of
4 the foreign country is cooperating with the
5 United States Government in apprehending,
6 convicting, and punishing the individual or indi-
7 viduals responsible for the act; and

8 (B) the extent to which the government of
9 the foreign country is cooperating in preventing
10 further acts of terrorism against United States
11 citizens in the foreign country; and

12 (4) with respect to each foreign country from
13 which the United States Government has sought co-
14 operation during the previous five years in the pre-
15 vention of an act of international terrorism against
16 such citizens or interests, the information described
17 in paragraph (3)(B).

18 (b) PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT.—The
19 report required under subsection (a) should to the extent
20 feasible include (but not be limited to)—

21 (1) with respect to subsection (a)(1)(A)—

22 (A) a review of major counterterrorism ef-
23 forts undertaken by countries which are the
24 subject of such report, including, as appro-
25 priate, steps taken in international fora;

1 (B) the response of the judicial system of
2 each country which is the subject of such report
3 with respect to matters relating to terrorism af-
4 fecting United States citizens or facilities, or
5 which have, in the opinion of the Assistant Sec-
6 retary of State for Counterterrorism of the De-
7 partment, a significant impact on United States
8 counterterrorism efforts, including responses to
9 extradition requests; and

10 (C) significant support, if any, for inter-
11 national terrorism by each country which is the
12 subject of such report, including (but not lim-
13 ited to)—

14 (i) political and financial support;

15 (ii) diplomatic support through diplo-
16 matic recognition and use of the diplomatic
17 pouch;

18 (iii) providing sanctuary to terrorists
19 or terrorist groups;

20 (iv) providing weapons of mass de-
21 struction, or assistance in obtaining or de-
22 veloping such weapons, to terrorists or ter-
23 rorist groups; and

24 (v) the positions (including voting
25 records) on matters relating to terrorism

1 in the United Nations and other inter-
2 national fora;

3 (2) with respect to subsection (a)(1)(B)—

4 (A) the extent of knowledge by the govern-
5 ment of the country with respect to terrorist ac-
6 tivities in the territory of the country; and

7 (B) the actions by the country—

8 (i) to eliminate each terrorist sanc-
9 tuary in the territory of the country;

10 (ii) to cooperate with United States
11 antiterrorism efforts; and

12 (iii) to prevent the proliferation of and
13 trafficking in weapons of mass destruction
14 in and through the territory of the coun-
15 try;

16 (3) with respect to subsection (a)(2), any—

17 (A) significant financial support provided
18 by foreign governments to those groups directly,
19 or provided in support of their activities;

20 (B) provisions of significant military or
21 paramilitary training or transfer of weapons by
22 foreign governments to those groups;

23 (C) efforts by those groups to obtain or de-
24 velop weapons of mass destruction;

1 (D) provision of diplomatic recognition or
2 privileges by foreign governments to those
3 groups;

4 (E) provision by foreign governments of
5 sanctuary from prosecution to these groups or
6 their members responsible for the commission,
7 attempt, or planning of an act of international
8 terrorism; and

9 (F) efforts by the United States to elimi-
10 nate international financial support provided to
11 those groups directly or provided in support of
12 their activities;

13 (4) a strategy for addressing, and where pos-
14 sible eliminating, terrorist sanctuaries that shall in-
15 clude—

16 (A) a description of terrorist sanctuaries,
17 together with an assessment of the priorities of
18 addressing and eliminating such sanctuaries;

19 (B) an outline of strategies for disrupting
20 or eliminating the security provided to terrorists
21 by such sanctuaries;

22 (C) a description of efforts by the United
23 States to work with other countries in bilateral
24 and multilateral fora to address or eliminate
25 terrorist sanctuaries and disrupt or eliminate

1 the security provided to terrorists by such sanc-
2 tuaries; and

3 (D) a description of long-term goals and
4 actions designed to reduce the conditions that
5 allow the formation of terrorist sanctuaries; and

6 (5) an update of the information contained in
7 the report required to be transmitted to Congress
8 under section 7120(b) of the 9/11 Commission Im-
9 plementation Act of 2004;

10 (6) to the extent practicable, complete statis-
11 tical information on the number of individuals, in-
12 cluding United States citizens and dual nationals,
13 killed, injured, or kidnapped by each terrorist group
14 during the preceding calendar year; and

15 (7) an analysis, as appropriate, of trends in
16 international terrorism, including changes in tech-
17 nology used, methods and targets of attack, demo-
18 graphic information on terrorists, and other appro-
19 priate information.

20 (c) CLASSIFICATION OF REPORT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), the report required under subsection (a)
23 shall, to the extent practicable, be submitted in an
24 unclassified form and may be accompanied by a clas-
25 sified appendix.

1 (2) CLASSIFIED FORM.—If the Assistant Sec-
2 retary determines that the transmittal of the infor-
3 mation with respect to a foreign country under para-
4 graph (3) or (4) of subsection (a) in classified form
5 would make more likely the cooperation of the gov-
6 ernment of the foreign country as specified in such
7 paragraph, the Assistant Secretary may transmit the
8 information under such paragraph in classified form.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 (1) the term “international terrorism” means
11 terrorism involving citizens or the territory of more
12 than one country;

13 (2) the term “terrorism” means premeditated,
14 politically motivated violence perpetrated against
15 noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clan-
16 destine agents;

17 (3) the term “terrorist group” means any group
18 practicing, or which has significant subgroups which
19 practice, international terrorism;

20 (4) the terms “territory” and “territory of the
21 country” mean the land, waters, and airspace of the
22 country; and

23 (5) the terms “terrorist sanctuary” and “sanc-
24 tuary” mean an area in the territory of the coun-
25 try—

1 (A) that is used by a terrorist or terrorist
2 organization—

3 (i) to carry out terrorist activities, in-
4 cluding training, fundraising, financing,
5 and recruitment; or

6 (ii) as a transit point; and

7 (B) the government of which expressly con-
8 sents to, or with knowledge, allows, tolerates, or
9 disregards such use of its territory and is not
10 subject to a determination under—

11 (i) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Ex-
12 port Control Reform Act of 2018 (50
13 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A));

14 (ii) section 620A(a) of the Foreign
15 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
16 2371(a)); or

17 (iii) section 40(d) of the Arms Export
18 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)).

19 (e) REPORTING PERIOD.—The report required under
20 subsection (a) shall cover the events of the calendar year
21 preceding the year in which the report is submitted.

22 (f) SUNSET.—The authorities and requirements of
23 this section shall terminate on the date that is 3 years
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

