

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4368
OFFERED BY MS. SALAZAR OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Caribbean Basin Secu-
3 rity Initiative Authorization Act”.

4 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.

5 The Secretary of State, acting through the Assistant
6 Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs and
7 other bureaus as appropriate, is authorized to carry out
8 an initiative in beneficiary countries in the Caribbean, to
9 be known as the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative” (in
10 this Act referred to as the “Initiative”), that promotes cit-
11 izen safety, security, and the rule of law through increased
12 strategic engagement with both governments and local
13 civil society, and achieves the purposes described in section
14 3.

15 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

16 The purposes described in this section are the fol-
17 lowing:

1 (1) To counter transnational criminal organiza-
2 tions and local gangs in beneficiary countries, in-
3 cluding through—

4 (A) maritime and aerial security coopera-
5 tion;

6 (B) border and port security cooperation,
7 including support to strengthen capacity for
8 screening and intercepting illegal narcotics,
9 weapons, illicit bulk cash, and other contra-
10 band; and

11 (C) operations targeting the finances and
12 illegal activities of such organizations and
13 gangs, and the recruitment by such organiza-
14 tions and gangs of at-risk youth.

15 (2) To advance the rule of law and strengthen
16 law enforcement and the justice sector, including
17 by—

18 (A) assisting special prosecutorial offices in
19 conducting asset forfeitures and criminal anal-
20 ysis and combatting—

21 (i) money laundering;

22 (ii) trafficking in persons;

23 (iii) firearms and wildlife trafficking;

24 (iv) human smuggling;

25 (v) financial crimes; and

1 (vi) extortion;

2 (B) training civilian police, law enforce-
3 ment, and other security services in criminal in-
4 vestigations, professionalization, and the protec-
5 tion of internationally recognized human rights;

6 (C) building capacity for prosecutors,
7 judges, and other justice officials to increase
8 the efficacy of criminal courts; and

9 (D) strengthening cybersecurity and
10 cybercrime cooperation.

11 (3) To prevent crime, particularly among at-
12 risk-youth and other vulnerable populations, includ-
13 ing by improving community and law enforcement
14 cooperation to improve the effectiveness and profes-
15 sionalism of police and increase mutual trust.

16 (4) To strengthen the security sector's natural
17 disaster response and resilience.

18 (5) To combat corruption, including by encour-
19 aging cooperative agreements among the Depart-
20 ment of State, other relevant Federal departments
21 and agencies, and the attorneys general of relevant
22 countries.

23 (6) To counter malign influence from the Peo-
24 ple's Republic of China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela,

1 Nicaragua, and Cuba, and other authoritarian re-
2 gimes.

3 (7) To support the effective branding and mes-
4 saging of United States security assistance and co-
5 operation in beneficiary countries, including by de-
6 veloping and implementing a public diplomacy strat-
7 egy for informing citizens of beneficiary countries
8 about the benefits to their respective countries of
9 United States security assistance and cooperation
10 programs.

11 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
14 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
15 an implementation plan that includes a timeline and stat-
16 ed objectives for actions to be taken in beneficiary coun-
17 tries with respect to the Initiative.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan required
19 by subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

20 (1) A description of strategic goals, objectives,
21 and performance goals for each activity and Initia-
22 tive-wide. The plan should illustrate the alignment of
23 goals across beneficiary countries and the Initiative
24 as a whole.

1 (2) Specific, measurable benchmarks to track
2 the progress of the Initiative toward accomplishing
3 the outcomes included under this section.

4 (3) An assessment of the internal and external
5 factors and risks that could affect goal achievement
6 and strategies to address or mitigate them.

7 (4) An assessment of steps taken, as of the
8 date on which the strategy is submitted, to increase
9 regional coordination and collaboration between the
10 law enforcement agencies of countries included in
11 the Initiative and the Haitian National Police, and
12 a framework with benchmarks for increasing such
13 coordination and collaboration, in order to address
14 the urgent security crisis in Haiti.

15 (5) A plan for the delineation of the roles and
16 responsibilities to be carried out by the Department
17 of State, the Department of Justice, the Department
18 of Defense, and any other Federal department or
19 agency in carrying out the Initiative, as well as
20 mechanisms for coordination between these depart-
21 ments and agencies to prevent overlap and unin-
22 tended competition between activities and resources.

23 (6) A plan to coordinate on the monitoring of
24 outcomes of all activities carried out under the Ini-
25 tiative as well as the evaluation of the Initiative-wide

1 impact among all relevant Federal departments and
2 agencies, to be published on the Department of
3 State website, “ForeignAssistance.gov”, in accord-
4 ance with the requirements described in section 4 of
5 the Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability
6 Act of 2016 (22 U.S.C. 2394c).

7 (7) A plan for ensuring that evidence, such as
8 from monitoring and evaluation reports, will meet
9 quality standards.

10 (8) A plan for the use of site visits and other
11 means of verification in the assessment of progress
12 to meet the goals and objectives of the Initiative.

13 (9) A plan to use performance and evaluation
14 information to inform management decisions and de-
15 termine if any additional evidence is needed to fur-
16 ther inform decisions.

17 (10) An assessment of the sufficiency of exist-
18 ing monitoring and evaluation capacity and identi-
19 fication of actions to maintain or enhance capacity.

20 (c) REVIEW.—The Secretary of State may—

21 (1) review the implementation plan required by
22 subsection (a); and

23 (2) submit to the appropriate congressional
24 committees any changes to the implementation plan
25 following the review under paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

2 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter for one more
4 year, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appro-
5 priate congressional committees a written description of
6 results achieved through the Initiative, including with re-
7 spect to—

8 (1) compliance with and progress related to the
9 implementation plan required by subsection (4)(a);
10 and

11 (2) funding amounts for the Caribbean Basin
12 Security Initiative for the preceding year,
13 disaggregated by country and funding account.

14 **SEC. 6. SUNSET.**

15 The authority to carry out this Act shall terminate
16 on the date that is two years after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

19 In this Act:

20 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
21 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
24 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
25 Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
3 of Representatives.

4 (2) BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “beneficiary
6 countries” means—

- 7 (i) Antigua and Barbuda;
8 (ii) the Bahamas;
9 (iii) Barbados;
10 (iv) Dominica;
11 (v) the Dominican Republic;
12 (vi) Grenada;
13 (vii) Guyana;
14 (viii) Jamaica;
15 (ix) Saint Lucia;
16 (x) Saint Kitts and Nevis;
17 (xi) Saint Vincent and the Grena-
18 dines;
19 (xii) Suriname; and
20 (xiii) Trinidad and Tobago.

21 (B) UPDATES.—The Secretary of State
22 may add or remove one or more countries from
23 the list under subparagraph (A) upon written
24 notification to the appropriate congressional

1 committees with a justification for the addition
2 or removal.

