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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Countering Malign
5 Russian Activities in Africa Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

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

3 (1) should regularly assess the scale and scope
4 of the Russian Federation's influence and activities
5 in Africa that undermine United States objectives
6 and interests; and

7 (2) determine how—

8 (A) to address and counter such influence
9 and activities effectively, including through ap-
10 propriate United States foreign assistance pro-
11 grams; and

12 (B) to hold accountable the Russian Fed-
13 eration and African governments and their offi-
14 cials who are complicit in aiding such malign
15 influence and activities.

16 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; REPORT.**

17 (a) STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not
18 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act, the Secretary of State shall develop and submit to
20 the appropriate congressional committees a strategy and
21 implementation plan outlining United States efforts to
22 counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian
23 Federation and its proxies in Africa, including programs
24 and other initiatives designed to—

25 (1) strengthen democratic institutions, improve
26 government transparency and accountability, im-

1 prove standards related to human rights, labor, anti-
2 corruption initiatives, fiscal transparency, monitor
3 natural resources and extractive industries, and
4 other tenets of good governance; and

5 (2) monitor and report on Russian political in-
6 fluence and disinformation operations and the activi-
7 ties of Russian, Russia-connected, or Russian-funded
8 private military contractors in Africa.

9 (b) REPORT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
12 nually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State,
13 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Fed-
14 eral departments and agencies as appropriate, shall
15 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
16 a report on the strategy and implementation plan re-
17 quired by subsection (a) and related efforts to
18 counter the malign influence and activities of the
19 Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa.

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

22 (A) An assessment of the scope and nature
23 of the Russian Federation’s malign influence
24 and activities and related diplomatic, economic,
25 and security priorities and strategic objectives

1 of such engagement in Africa, including influ-
2 ence and activities that involve Russian proxies,
3 such as Russian oligarchs, Russian-funded pri-
4 vate military contractors, and other individuals
5 and entities directly or indirectly employed by
6 or financially or politically associated with Rus-
7 sia and its officials, who are involved in or aid
8 activities to, among other things—

9 (i) manipulate African governments
10 and their policies, as well as the public
11 opinions and voting preferences of African
12 populations and diaspora groups, including
13 those in the United States; and

14 (ii) invest in, engage, or otherwise
15 control strategic sectors in Africa, such as
16 mining and other forms of natural resource
17 extraction and exploitation, military basing
18 and other security cooperation agreements,
19 and information and communications tech-
20 nology.

21 (B) A detailed account of United States
22 foreign assistance and other initiatives devel-
23 oped and implemented during the preceding 3
24 fiscal years to address Russia's malign influence
25 and activities in Africa, including the objectives

1 and details of planned programs and initiatives
2 set out in the strategy required by subsection
3 (a).

4 (C) An analysis of policy and pro-
5 grammatic limitations, gaps, and resource re-
6 quirements to effectively counter Russia's ma-
7 lign influence and activities in Africa.

8 (D) An overview of other initiatives and
9 assistance programs funded by other inter-
10 national donors and partner countries to
11 counter Russia's malign influence and activities
12 in Africa.

13 (E) An identification of African govern-
14 ments and government officials, Russian gov-
15 ernment officials, and other individuals and en-
16 tities that have facilitated payments and other
17 prohibited activities that benefit United States-
18 sanctioned individuals and entities tied to Rus-
19 sia, including in violation of the Global
20 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act
21 (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328;
22 22 U.S.C. 2656 note), the Countering Amer-
23 ica's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Pub-
24 lic Law 115-44; 22 U.S.C. 9401 et seq.), Exec-
25 utive Order 14024 (86 Fed. Reg. 20249; relat-

1 ing to blocking property with respect to speci-
2 fied harmful foreign activities of the Govern-
3 ment of the Russian Federation), and Executive
4 Order 13848 (83 Fed. Reg. 46843; relating to
5 imposing certain sanctions in the event of for-
6 eign interference in a United States election),
7 and a detailed overview of United States efforts
8 to hold such governments, officials, and other
9 individuals and entities complicit in violating or
10 facilitating the evasion of United States sanc-
11 tions against Russia and its proxies accountable
12 through sanctions or other restrictions.

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

16 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
17 **FINED.**

18 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees” means—

20 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
21 House of Representatives; and

22 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
23 Senate.