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To provide for the International Security Affairs authorities of the
Department of State.

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Mr. SELF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the International Security Affairs authorities
of the Department of State.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **TITLE IV—INTERNATIONAL**
4 **SECURITY AFFAIRS**

5 **SEC. 401. UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SECU-**
6 **RITY AFFAIRS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be in the Depart-
8 ment an Under Secretary for International Security Af-
9 fairs who shall be responsible to the Secretary for matters
10 pertaining to international security policy and assistance,

1 arms control, nonproliferation, disarmament, nuclear
2 weapons policy, international counterterrorism,
3 transnational organized crime, international narcotics con-
4 trol, emerging threats, political-military affairs, and such
5 other related duties as the Secretary may from time to
6 time designate.

7 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
8 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Under Sec-
9 retary of State for International Security Affairs shall
10 maintain continuous observation and coordination of all
11 matters pertaining to international security in the conduct
12 of foreign policy, including, as appropriate, the following:

13 (1) Developing policies for consideration by the
14 Secretary and Deputy Secretary related to inter-
15 national security policy, including, as appropriate—

16 (A) in the areas of nonproliferation, arms
17 control, strategic export controls, regional secu-
18 rity and defense relations;

19 (B) United States military-related activi-
20 ties with foreign policy implications; and

21 (C) arms transfers, security assistance,
22 international counterterrorism, transnational
23 organized crime, international narcotics con-
24 trols, and other related matters.

1 (2) Leading engagements with other agencies of
2 the United States Government and in bilateral and
3 multilateral engagements related to such matters as
4 described in this section.

5 (3) Providing guidance to Department per-
6 sonnel in the United States and overseas who con-
7 duct or implement policies, programs, and activities
8 related to matters described in this section.

9 **SEC. 402. OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
12 tablish within the Department an Office to Monitor
13 and Combat Trafficking, which shall provide assist-
14 ance to the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and
15 Combat Trafficking and shall report directly to the
16 Under Secretary for International Security Affairs
17 for matters relating to day-to-day administration
18 and coordination of activities and programs. Any
19 such Office shall be headed by a Director, who shall
20 be appointed by the President, by and with the ad-
21 vice and consent of the Senate, with the rank of Am-
22 bassador-at-Large, and shall have two deputy direc-
23 tors. The Director shall report to the Secretary and
24 shall have the primary responsibility for assisting
25 the Secretary in carrying out the purposes of the

1 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
2 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) and may have additional re-
3 sponsibilities as determined by the Secretary. The
4 Director shall consult with nongovernmental organi-
5 zations and multilateral organizations, and with
6 trafficking victims or other affected persons. The Di-
7 rector shall have the authority to take evidence in
8 public hearings or by other means.

9 (2) STAFF.—The heads of each of the Federal
10 departments and agencies represented on the Inter-
11 agency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Traf-
12 ficking are authorized to provide staff to the Office
13 on a non-reimbursable basis.

14 (b) UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.—The Director
15 shall additionally be responsible for—

16 (1) all policy, funding, and programming deci-
17 sions regarding funds made available for trafficking
18 in persons programs that are centrally controlled by
19 the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking;

20 (2) coordinating any trafficking in persons pro-
21 grams of the Department or of other Federal Gov-
22 ernment agencies;

23 (3) compiling, drafting, and coordinating the
24 production and issuing of the annual report;

1 (4) ensuring, in coordination with other rel-
2 evant officials, that all Department staff have com-
3 pleted annual anti-trafficking training pursuant to
4 section 107(c)(4) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-
5 tion Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(c)(4)) and section
6 708(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
7 U.S.C. 4028(a));

8 (5) encouraging the inclusion in country and re-
9 gional planning of a counter-trafficking in persons
10 analytic component to guide foreign assistance pro-
11 gram design and implementation and to inform dip-
12 lomatic engagement pursuant to section 105(f) of
13 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
14 U.S.C. 7103(f)); and

15 (6) organizing and coordinating the Trafficking
16 in Persons Report Heroes Award.

17 **SEC. 403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
18 **INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.**

19 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
20 Secretary of State under section 141, the Under Secretary
21 for International Security Affairs shall receive the funds
22 necessary to fulfill the Under Secretary's responsibilities
23 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

1 **SEC. 404. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL-MILI-**
2 **TARY AFFAIRS.**

3 There is authorized to be in the Department an As-
4 sistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs who shall
5 be responsible to the Under Secretary for International
6 Security Affairs for matters pertaining to coordination
7 with the Department of Defense or foreign militaries, and
8 such other related duties as the Secretary may from time
9 to time designate.

10 **SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PO-**
11 **LITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS.**

12 (a) **ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNTS.**—The Assistant
13 Secretary for Political-Military Affairs shall direct, over-
14 see, and otherwise exercise responsibility of funds made
15 available for—

16 (1) international military education and train-
17 ing; and

18 (2) the national security engagement account.

19 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the
20 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Sec-
21 retary for International Security Affairs under section
22 403, the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs
23 shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau func-
24 tions and the Assistant Secretary's responsibilities for fis-
25 cal years 2026 and 2027.

1 SEC. 406. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
2 NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AF-
3 FAIRS.

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
5 the Department an Assistant Secretary for International
6 Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs who shall be re-
7 sponsible to the Under Secretary for International Secu-
8 rity Affairs for matters pertaining to international nar-
9 cotics, anti-crime, and law enforcement affairs, and such
10 other related duties as the Secretary may from time to
11 time designate.

12 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
13 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
14 retary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement
15 Affairs shall maintain continuous observation and coordi-
16 nation of all matters pertaining to narcotics, transnational
17 crime, and law enforcement affairs in the conduct of for-
18 eign policy by the Department, including, as appropriate,
19 the following:

20 (1) Leading the coordination of programs car-
21 ried out by United States Government agencies
22 abroad.

23 (2) Overall supervision of policy and resources
24 of international narcotics, anti-crime, and law en-
25 forcement activities.

1 (3) Combating international narcotics produc-
2 tion and trafficking, including by carrying out rel-
3 evant delegated responsibilities under chapter 8 of
4 part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

5 (4) Strengthening foreign justice systems, in-
6 cluding judicial and prosecutorial capacity, appeals
7 systems, law enforcement agencies, prison systems,
8 and the sharing of recovered assets, for the purposes
9 of investigating, prosecuting, and litigating criminal
10 cases related to illicit narcotics production and traf-
11 ficking and transnational organized crime.

12 (5) Training and equipping foreign police, bor-
13 der control, other government officials, and other ci-
14 vilian law enforcement authorities for anti-crime
15 purposes, including ensuring that no foreign security
16 unit or member of such unit shall receive such as-
17 sistance from the United States Government absent
18 appropriate vetting.

19 (6) Combatting all forms of transnational orga-
20 nized crime, including human trafficking, illicit traf-
21 ficking in arms and cultural property, migrant
22 smuggling and facilitating illegal immigration for
23 profit, corruption, money laundering, the illicit
24 smuggling of bulk cash, other forms of illicit finance,

1 the licit use of financial systems for malign pur-
2 poses, and other new and emerging forms of crime.

3 (7) Identifying and responding to global corrup-
4 tion in accordance with United States national secu-
5 rity interests and foreign policy objectives, including
6 strengthening the capacity of foreign government in-
7 stitutions responsible for addressing financial
8 crimes.

9 (8) Coordinating with the Office of National
10 Drug Control Policy to ensure lessons learned from
11 other Federal departments and agencies are avail-
12 able to the Bureau of International Narcotics and
13 Law Enforcement Affairs of the Department.

14 (9) Developing standard requirements for moni-
15 toring and evaluation of Bureau programs, including
16 metrics for success that do not rely solely on the
17 amounts of illegal drugs that are produced or seized.

18 (10) Carrying out timely and substantive con-
19 sultation with chiefs of mission and, as appropriate,
20 the heads of other United States Government agen-
21 cies to ensure effective coordination of all inter-
22 national narcotics and law enforcement programs
23 carried out overseas by the Department and such
24 other agencies.

1 (11) In coordination with the Under Secretary
2 for International Security Affairs, annually certi-
3 fying in writing to the Committee on Foreign Rela-
4 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
5 Affairs of the House of Representatives that United
6 States enforcement personnel posted abroad whose
7 activities are funded to any extent by the Bureau of
8 International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Af-
9 fairs are complying with section 207 of the Foreign
10 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927).

11 (12) Performing such other duties as the Under
12 Secretary for International Security Affairs may
13 from time to time designate.

14 **SEC. 407. BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND**
15 **LAW ENFORCEMENT AFFAIRS.**

16 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall establish
17 a Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforce-
18 ment Affairs, which shall perform such functions related
19 to international narcotics, anti-crime, law enforcement,
20 and transnational crime as the Under Secretary for Inter-
21 national Security Affairs may prescribe.

22 (b) **ASSISTANT SECRETARY.**—The Assistant Sec-
23 retary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement
24 Affairs shall be the head of the Bureau of International
25 Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

1 **SEC. 408. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
2 **INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW EN-**
3 **FORCEMENT AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNTS.**—The Assistant
5 Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforce-
6 ment Affairs shall direct, oversee, and otherwise exercise
7 responsibility of funds made available for international
8 narcotics control and law enforcement.

9 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the
10 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Sec-
11 retary for International Security Affairs under section
12 403, the Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics
13 and Law Enforcement Affairs shall receive the funds nec-
14 essary to fulfill Bureau functions and the Assistant Sec-
15 retary’s responsibilities for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

16 **SEC. 409. BUREAU OF ARMS CONTROL AND NON-**
17 **PROLIFERATION.**

18 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall establish
19 a Bureau of Arms Control and Nonproliferation, which
20 shall perform such functions related to verification and
21 compliance with international arms control, nonprolifera-
22 tion, disarmament agreements or commitments, and other
23 related international security policy issues, as the Under
24 Secretary for International Security Affairs may prescribe.

1 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
2 retary for Arms Control and Nonproliferation shall be the
3 head of the Bureau of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

4 SEC. 410. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COUNTERTER-
5 RORISM.

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
7 the Department an Assistant Secretary for Counterter-
8 rorism who shall be responsible to the Under Secretary
9 for International Security Affairs for matters pertaining
10 to international counterterrorism activities and programs
11 and such other related duties as the Secretary may from
12 time to time designate.

13 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
14 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
15 retary for Counterterrorism shall maintain continuous ob-
16 servation and coordination of all matters pertaining to
17 international counterterrorism matters in the conduct of
18 foreign policy, including, as appropriate, the following:

19 (1) Overall supervision, including policy over-
20 sight of resources, of international counterterrorism
21 activities.

22 (2) Serving as the principal policy advisor to
23 the Secretary regarding international counterter-
24 rorism matters.

1 (3) Representing the Secretary on international
2 counterterrorism issues in international and inter-
3 agency meetings, as appropriate.

4 (4) Countering, in conjunction with other rel-
5 evant bureaus of the Department and other Federal
6 departments and agencies, all forms of international
7 terrorism.

8 (5) Leading United States foreign policy for
9 counterterrorism efforts, including cooperation, co-
10 ordination, and assistance that advances the inter-
11 est, safety, and economic prosperity of the American
12 people.

13 (6) Performing such other duties as the Under
14 Secretary for International Security Affairs may
15 from time to time designate.

16 **SEC. 411. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
17 **COUNTERTERRORISM.**

18 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
19 Under Secretary for International Security Affairs under
20 section 403, the Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism
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. 412. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EMERGING
2 THREATS.

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
4 the Department an Assistant Secretary for Emerging
5 Threats who shall be responsible to the Under Secretary
6 for International Security Affairs for matters pertaining
7 to emerging security threats and such other related duties
8 as the Secretary may from time to time designate.

9 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
10 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
11 retary for Emerging Threats shall maintain continuous
12 observation and coordination of all matters pertaining to
13 emerging security threats in the conduct of foreign policy,
14 including, as appropriate, the following:

15 (1) Serving as the principal emerging security
16 threats official within the senior management of the
17 Department and as the advisor to the Secretary for
18 emerging security threats, including with respect to
19 lethal autonomous systems, engineered bioweapons,
20 and emerging uses of artificial intelligence, bio-
21 technology, quantum information science, and
22 emerging foundational technologies.

23 (2) Mitigating threats resulting from military
24 applications of emerging technologies, including in
25 the fields of artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and

1 quantum information science, in support of United
2 States foreign policy and national security.

3 (3) Leading engagement, in coordination with
4 relevant executive branch agencies, on development
5 of diplomatic policy for national security related ac-
6 tivities and emerging threats in the polar regions,
7 outer space, and undersea domains.

8 (4) Leading engagement, in coordination with
9 relevant executive branch agencies, on the develop-
10 ment of diplomatic policy for quantum information
11 science, including in the field of quantum cryptog-
12 raphy, navigation and timing, spectrum, imaging,
13 and detection; sensors and computing.

14 (5) Performing such other duties as the Under
15 Secretary for International Security Affairs may
16 from time to time designate.

17 **SEC. 413. BUREAU OF EMERGING THREATS.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
19 a Bureau of Emerging Threats, which shall perform such
20 functions related to emerging security threats, including
21 with respect to lethal autonomous systems, engineered bio-
22 weapons, military application of cyberspace operations,
23 undersea and outer space domains, emerging and
24 foundational technologies, associated security issues in
25 polar regions, and emerging uses of artificial intelligence,

1 biotechnology, quantum information science, as the Under
2 Secretary for International Security Affairs may prescribe.

3 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
4 retary for Emerging Threats shall be the head of the Bu-
5 reau of Emerging Threats.

6 **SEC. 414. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
7 **EMERGING THREATS.**

8 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
9 Under Secretary for International Security Affairs under
10 section 403, the Assistant Secretary for Emerging Threats
11 shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill Bureau func-
12 tions and the Assistant Secretary's responsibilities for fis-
13 cal years 2026 and 2027.

14 **SEC. 415. REFERENCES.**

15 Any reference in any statute, reorganization plan,
16 Executive order, regulation, agreement, determination, or
17 other official document or proceeding to—

18 (1) the Under Secretary for Arms Control and
19 International Security Affairs shall be deemed to
20 refer to the Under Secretary for International Secu-
21 rity Affairs;

22 (2) the Under Secretary for Security Assist-
23 ance, Science, and Technology shall be deemed to
24 refer to the Under Secretary for International Secu-
25 rity Affairs;

1 (3) the Under Secretary for Security Assistance
2 shall be deemed to refer to the Under Secretary for
3 International Security;

4 (4) the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control,
5 Deterrence, and Stability shall be deemed to refer to
6 the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control and Non-
7 proliferation;

8 (5) the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control,
9 Verification, and Stability shall be deemed to refer
10 to the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control and
11 Nonproliferation;

12 (6) the Assistant Secretary for Verification,
13 Compliance, and Implementation shall be deemed to
14 refer to the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control
15 and Nonproliferation;

16 (7) the Assistant Secretary for Verification and
17 Compliance shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant
18 Secretary for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

19 (8) the Assistant Secretary for International
20 Security and Nonproliferation shall be deemed to
21 refer to the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control
22 and Nonproliferation;

23 (9) the Assistant Secretary for Nonproliferation
24 shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant Secretary
25 for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

1 (10) the Assistant Secretary for Nonprolifera-
2 tion shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant Sec-
3 retary for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

4 (11) the Assistant Secretary for Arms Control
5 shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant Secretary
6 for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

7 (12) the Bureau for Arms Control, Deterrence,
8 and Stability shall be deemed to refer to the Bureau
9 for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

10 (13) the Bureau for Arms Control, Verification,
11 and Stability shall be deemed to refer to the Bureau
12 for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

13 (14) the Bureau for Verification, Compliance,
14 and Implementation shall be deemed to refer to the
15 Bureau for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

16 (15) the Bureau for Verification and Compli-
17 ance shall be deemed to refer to the Bureau for
18 Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

19 (16) the Bureau for International Security and
20 Nonproliferation shall be deemed to refer to the Bu-
21 reau for Arms Control and Nonproliferation;

22 (17) the Bureau for Nonproliferation shall be
23 deemed to refer to the Bureau for Arms Control and
24 Nonproliferation; and

1 (18) the Bureau for Arms Control shall be
2 deemed to refer to the Bureau for Arms Control and
3 Nonproliferation.

4 **SEC. 416. CLASSIFICATION TO UNITED STATES CODE.**

5 The Office of Law Revision Counsel is directed to—

6 (1) utilize sections 98–128 of title 22, United
7 States Code, to classify the sections of this title; and

8 (2) maintain the legislative history, under edi-
9 torial notes, of repealed law which previously occu-
10 pied the corresponding sections of United States
11 Code.

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