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To support the people of Central America and strengthen United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. SIRES, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To support the people of Central America and strengthen United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement
6 Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Report on drivers of migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.
- Sec. 3. Actions to promote inclusive economic growth and development in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 4. Actions to combat corruption in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 5. Actions to strengthen democratic institutions in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 6. Actions to improve security conditions in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 7. Authorization of appropriations for assistance to Central America.
- Sec. 8. Conditions on assistance to the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 9. Enhancing engagement with the Government of Mexico on the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 10. Targeting assistance to address migration from communities in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 11. Targeted sanctions to fight corruption in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 12. Requirement to provide advance notification to Congress of security assistance to Northern Triangle countries.
- Sec. 13. Definitions.

3 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DRIVERS OF MIGRATION FROM THE**
 4 **NORTHERN TRIANGLE TO THE UNITED**
 5 **STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
 7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
 8 in coordination with the Administrator of the United
 9 States Agency for International Development and the
 10 heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to
 11 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the
 12 drivers of migration from each of the Northern Triangle
 13 countries and the progress United States foreign assist-
 14 ance is making in addressing such drivers.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
 16 section (a) shall include the following elements for each
 17 of the Northern Triangle countries, with data

1 disaggregated by municipality, age, and gender, as nec-
2 essary:

3 (1) Information and data on all criminal activi-
4 ties, including drug trafficking, extortion, trafficking
5 in persons, and gender-based violence, with par-
6 ticular emphasis on such activities carried out by
7 criminal gangs and transnational criminal organiza-
8 tions such as MS-13 and the 18th Street Gang.

9 (2) Data on the extent to which criminal activi-
10 ties referred to in paragraph (1) are reported to gov-
11 ernment authorities and the number of perpetrators
12 investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or convicted,
13 versus the number of known perpetrators who are
14 not so investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or con-
15 victed.

16 (3) Data on children and young adults forcibly
17 recruited for criminal activities referred to in para-
18 graph (1), including the extent to which government
19 authorities received reports of forced recruitment.

20 (4) Data on internal displacement due to crimi-
21 nal activities referred to in paragraph (1), and serv-
22 ices, including temporary shelters, provided to those
23 displaced by violence.

24 (5) Data on gender-based violence by region
25 and municipality and descriptions of gender-based

1 violence and domestic violence trends, including gen-
2 der-based violence against indigenous women, and
3 correlation to outward migration.

4 (6) Descriptions of the obstacles (including ca-
5 pacity gaps within the criminal justice systems) to
6 resolving gender-based violence cases and deterring
7 violence against women and children.

8 (7) Information on the availability of trauma-
9 informed legal and social services, including in shel-
10 ters, for victims of gender-based violence.

11 (8) Data on the number of police officers, pros-
12 ecutors, court personnel, and specialized units
13 trained in violence against women and children, in-
14 cluding data on the number of female police officers
15 in each of the Northern Triangle countries.

16 (9) Data on reported cases of abuse, including
17 extrajudicial executions, allegedly committed by
18 members of the security forces, and collusion be-
19 tween members of such security forces and gangs
20 and other criminal groups, including transnational
21 criminal organizations, and the number of perpetra-
22 tors investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or con-
23 victed, versus the number of known perpetrators not
24 so investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or con-
25 victed.

1 (10) Descriptions of the strategies being imple-
2 mented to address forced recruitment of children
3 and youth by gangs, transnational criminal organiza-
4 tions, and other criminal groups, and how such
5 strategies are complemented by United States ef-
6 forts.

7 (11) Descriptions of the strategies being imple-
8 mented by the governments of each of the Northern
9 Triangle countries to address corruption and orga-
10 nized crime and how such strategies are com-
11 plemented by United States efforts.

12 (12) Data on the effectiveness of anti-corrup-
13 tion strategies, including through bilateral and mul-
14 tilateral anti-corruption assistance.

15 (13) An assessment of the extent of corruption,
16 including regarding narcotics trafficking and illicit
17 campaign financing, a description of steps taken and
18 to be taken to impose sanctions pursuant to the
19 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act
20 (22 U.S.C. 2656 note), and a list of senior officials
21 who are known or credibly alleged to have committed
22 or facilitated such corruption, not including individ-
23 uals who have already been sentenced to crimes in
24 criminal courts.

1 (14) Descriptions of operating conditions for
2 civil society organizations and independent media in
3 each of the Northern Triangle countries, and data
4 on harassment and attacks on civil society and inde-
5 pendent media from political and criminal actors.

6 (15) An assessment of information sharing re-
7 garding known or suspected terrorists and other in-
8 dividuals and groups that pose a potential threat to
9 United States national security that are crossing
10 through or residing in the Northern Triangle.

11 (16) Descriptions of the obstacles (including ca-
12 pacity gaps within the criminal justice systems) to
13 resolving criminal cases and corruption and deter-
14 ring violence.

15 (17) Data on the capacity of child welfare sys-
16 tems in each Northern Triangle country to protect
17 unaccompanied children, including runaways and
18 refugee returnees.

19 (18) Data on the governance capacity of North-
20 ern Triangle country governments at the local and
21 national level, including ability to deliver basic cit-
22 izen services, including tax collection and citizen se-
23 curity.

24 (19) Data on the rates of extortion, the impact
25 of extortion on local businesses and economies, and

1 the number of extortion cases investigated, pros-
2 ecuted, or convicted.

3 (20) Data on the extent to which the Northern
4 Triangle governments are promoting economic
5 growth, improving health outcomes, and addressing
6 the underlying causes of poverty and inequality
7 through public policies.

8 (21) Data on the activities of China and Rus-
9 sia, an assessment of the threat of such activities to
10 United States interests, and the impact of such ac-
11 tivities on irregular migration.

12 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report required
13 under subsection (a) shall be made publicly available on
14 the website of the Department of State.

15 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC**
16 **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH-**
17 **ERN TRIANGLE.**

18 (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The
19 Secretary of State shall prioritize economic development
20 in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the fol-
21 lowing initiatives:

22 (1) Supporting market-based solutions to elimi-
23 nate constraints to inclusive economic growth, in-
24 cluding through support for increased digital
25 connectivity and the use of financial technology, and

1 private sector and civil society-led efforts to create
2 jobs and foster economic prosperity.

3 (2) Addressing underlying causes of poverty
4 and inequality.

5 (3) Responding to immediate humanitarian
6 needs by increasing humanitarian assistance, includ-
7 ing through access to clean water, sanitation, hy-
8 giene, and shelter, and by providing health resources
9 and improving food security.

10 (4) Supporting community resilience and
11 strengthening community preparedness for natural
12 disasters and other external shocks.

13 (5) Identifying, as appropriate, a role for the
14 United States International Development Finance
15 Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation
16 (MCC), the United States Agency for International
17 Development, and the United States private sector
18 in supporting efforts to increase private sector in-
19 vestment and strengthen economic prosperity.

20 (6) Expanding comprehensive reintegration
21 mechanisms for repatriated individuals once re-
22 turned to their countries of origin and supporting ef-
23 forts by the private sector to hire and train eligible
24 returnees.

1 (7) Establishing monitoring and verification
2 services to determine the well-being of repatriated
3 children in order to determine if United States pro-
4 tection and screening functioned effectively in identi-
5 fying persecuted and trafficked children.

6 (8) Supporting efforts to increase domestic re-
7 source mobilization, including through strengthening
8 of tax collection and enforcement and legal arbitra-
9 tion mechanisms.

10 (b) STRATEGY.—

11 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 of State, in coordination with the Administrator of
14 the United States Agency for International Develop-
15 ment, the President and Chief Executive Officer of
16 the Inter-American Foundation, the Director of the
17 United States Trade and Development Agency, the
18 Chief Executive Officer of the United States Inter-
19 national Development Finance Corporation, and the
20 heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall sub-
21 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
22 five-year strategy to support inclusive economic
23 growth and development in the Northern Triangle
24 countries by carrying out the initiatives described in
25 subsection (a).

1 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-
2 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
3 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
4 tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the
5 United States.

6 (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required
7 under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-
8 marks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing ir-
9 regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the
10 United States.

11 (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-
12 quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-
13 plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-
14 ern Triangle countries about United States assist-
15 ance and its benefits to them, and informing such
16 citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the
17 United States.

18 (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later
19 than one year after the submission of the strategy
20 required under paragraph (1) and annually there-
21 after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-
22 vide the appropriate congressional committees with a
23 written description of progress made in meeting the
24 benchmarks established in the strategy.

1 (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly
3 available on the website of the Department of State.

4 (c) REPORT ON ESTABLISHING AN INVESTMENT
5 FUND FOR THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES AND
6 SOUTHERN MEXICO.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Executive Of-
8 ficer of the United States International Development Fi-
9 nance Corporation shall submit to the appropriate con-
10 gressional committees a detailed report assessing the fea-
11 sibility, costs, and benefits of the Corporation establishing
12 an investment fund to promote economic and social devel-
13 opment in the Northern Triangle countries and southern
14 Mexico.

15 **SEC. 4. ACTIONS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION IN THE NORTH-**
16 **ERN TRIANGLE.**

17 (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The
18 Secretary of State shall prioritize efforts to combat cor-
19 ruption in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out
20 the following initiatives:

21 (1) Supporting anti-corruption efforts, includ-
22 ing by strengthening national justice systems and at-
23 torneys general, providing technical assistance to fi-
24 nancial institutions to identify money laundering and

1 other financial crimes, and supporting independent
2 media and investigative reporting.

3 (2) Supporting anti-corruption efforts through
4 bilateral assistance and complementary support
5 through multilateral anti-corruption mechanisms
6 when necessary.

7 (3) Encouraging cooperation agreements be-
8 tween the Department of State and relevant United
9 States Government agencies and attorneys general
10 to fight corruption.

11 (4) Supporting efforts to strengthen special
12 prosecutorial offices and financial institutions to
13 combat corruption, money laundering, financial
14 crimes, extortion, human rights crimes, asset for-
15 feiture, and criminal analysis.

16 (5) Supporting initiatives to advance judicial in-
17 tegrity and improve security for members of the ju-
18 dicial sector.

19 (6) Supporting transparent, merit-based selec-
20 tion processes for prosecutors and judges and the
21 development of professional and merit-based civil
22 services.

23 (7) Supporting the establishment or strength-
24 ening of methods, procedures, and expectations for

1 internal and external control mechanisms for the se-
2 curity and police services and judiciary.

3 (8) Supporting the adoption of appropriate
4 technologies to combat corruption in public finance.

5 (b) STRATEGY.—

6 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of State, in coordination with the Administrator of
9 the United States Agency for International Develop-
10 ment and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-
11 cies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
12 committees a five-year strategy to combat corruption
13 in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out
14 the initiatives described in subsection (a).

15 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-
16 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
17 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
18 tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the
19 United States.

20 (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required
21 under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-
22 marks to track the strategy's progress in curbing ir-
23 regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the
24 United States.

1 (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-
3 plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-
4 ern Triangle countries about United States assist-
5 ance and its benefits to them, and informing such
6 citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the
7 United States.

8 (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later
9 than one year after the submission of the strategy
10 required under paragraph (1) and annually there-
11 after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-
12 vide the appropriate congressional committees with a
13 written description of progress made in meeting the
14 benchmarks established in the strategy.

15 (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-
16 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly
17 available on the website of the Department of State.

18 (c) DESIGNATION OF A SENIOR RULE OF LAW ADVI-
19 SOR FOR THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE IN THE BUREAU OF
20 WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of
21 State shall designate in the Bureau of Western Hemi-
22 sphere Affairs of the Department of State a Senior Rule
23 of Law Advisor for the Northern Triangle who shall lead
24 diplomatic engagement with the Northern Triangle coun-
25 tries in support of democratic governance, anti-corruption

1 efforts, and the rule of law in all aspects of United States
2 policy towards the countries of the Northern Triangle, in-
3 cluding carrying out the initiatives described in subsection
4 (a) and developing the strategy required under subsection
5 (b). The individual designated in accordance with this sub-
6 section shall be a Department of State employee in the
7 Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

8 **SEC. 5. ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITU-**
9 **TIONS IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**

10 (a) **SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.**—The
11 Secretary of State shall prioritize strengthening demo-
12 cratic institutions, good governance, human rights, and
13 the rule of law in the Northern Triangle countries by car-
14 rying out the following initiatives:

15 (1) Providing support to strengthen government
16 institutions and actors at the local and national lev-
17 els to provide services and respond to citizen needs
18 through transparent, inclusive, and democratic proc-
19 esses.

20 (2) Supporting efforts to strengthen access to
21 information laws and reform laws that currently
22 limit access to information.

23 (3) Financing efforts to build the capacity of
24 independent media with a specific focus on profes-
25 sional investigative journalism.

1 (4) Ensuring that threats and attacks on jour-
2 nalists and human rights defenders are fully inves-
3 tigated and perpetrators are held accountable.

4 (5) Developing the capacity of civil society to
5 conduct oversight and accountability mechanisms at
6 the national and local levels.

7 (6) Training political actors committed to
8 democratic principles.

9 (7) Strengthening electoral institutions and
10 processes to ensure free, fair, and transparent elec-
11 tions.

12 (8) Advancing conservation principles and the
13 rule of law to address multiple factors, including the
14 impacts of illegal cattle ranching and smuggling as
15 drivers of deforestation.

16 (b) STRATEGY.—

17 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of State, in coordination with the Administrator of
20 the United States Agency for International Develop-
21 ment and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-
22 cies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
23 committees a strategy to support democratic govern-
24 ance in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying
25 out the initiatives described in subsection (a).

1 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-
2 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
3 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
4 tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the
5 United States.

6 (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required
7 under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-
8 marks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing ir-
9 regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the
10 United States.

11 (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-
12 quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-
13 plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-
14 ern Triangle countries about United States assist-
15 ance and its benefits to them, and informing such
16 citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the
17 United States.

18 (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later
19 than one year after the submission of the strategy
20 required under paragraph (1) and annually there-
21 after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-
22 vide the appropriate congressional committees with a
23 written description of progress made in meeting the
24 benchmarks established in the strategy.

1 (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-
2 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly
3 available on the website of the Department of State.

4 **SEC. 6. ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY CONDITIONS IN**
5 **THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**

6 (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The
7 Secretary of State shall prioritize security in the Northern
8 Triangle countries by carrying out the following initiatives:

9 (1) Implementing the Central America Regional
10 Security Initiative of the Department of State.

11 (2) Continuing the vetting and professionaliza-
12 tion of security services, including the civilian police
13 and military units.

14 (3) Supporting efforts to combat the illicit ac-
15 tivities of criminal gangs and transnational criminal
16 organizations, including MS-13 and the 18th Street
17 Gang, through support to fully vetted elements of at-
18 torneys general offices, appropriate government in-
19 stitutions, and security services.

20 (4) Supporting training for fully vetted civilian
21 police and appropriate security services in criminal
22 investigations, best practices for citizen security, and
23 human rights.

24 (5) Providing capacity-building to relevant secu-
25 rity services and attorneys general to support coun-

1 ternarcotics efforts and combat human trafficking,
2 gender-based violence, and other illicit activities.

3 (6) Encouraging collaboration with regional and
4 international partners in implementing security as-
5 sistance, including by supporting cross-border infor-
6 mation sharing on gangs and transnational criminal
7 organizations.

8 (7) Providing equipment, technology, tools, and
9 training to security services to assist in border and
10 port inspections.

11 (8) Providing equipment, technology, tools, and
12 training to assist security services in counter-
13 narcotics and other efforts to combat illicit activities.

14 (9) Continuing information sharing regarding
15 known or suspected terrorists and other individuals
16 and entities that pose a potential threat to United
17 States national security that are crossing through or
18 residing in the Northern Triangle.

19 (10) Supporting information sharing on gangs
20 and transnational criminal organizations between
21 relevant Federal, State, and local law enforcement
22 and the governments of the Northern Triangle coun-
23 tries.

24 (11) Considering the use of assets and re-
25 sources of United States State and local government

1 entities, as appropriate, to support the activities de-
2 scribed in this subsection.

3 (12) Providing thorough end-use monitoring of
4 equipment, technology, tools, and training provided
5 pursuant to this subsection.

6 (b) STRATEGY.—

7 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of State, in coordination with the Administrator of
10 the United States Agency for International Develop-
11 ment and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-
12 cies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
13 committees a five-year strategy to prioritize the im-
14 provement of security in the Northern Triangle
15 countries by carrying out the initiatives described in
16 subsection (a).

17 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-
18 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
19 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
20 tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the
21 United States.

22 (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required
23 under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-
24 marks to track the strategy's progress in curbing ir-

1 regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the
2 United States.

3 (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-
4 quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-
5 plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-
6 ern Triangle countries about United States assist-
7 ance and its benefits to them, and informing such
8 citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the
9 United States.

10 (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later
11 than one year after the submission of the strategy
12 required under paragraph (1) and annually there-
13 after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-
14 vide the appropriate congressional committees with a
15 written description of progress made in meeting the
16 benchmarks established in the strategy.

17 (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-
18 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly
19 available on the website of the Department of State.

20 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ASSIST-**
21 **ANCE TO CENTRAL AMERICA.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
23 priated to the President \$577,000,000 for fiscal year 2020
24 to carry out the United States Strategy for Engagement
25 in Central America in accordance with subsection (b).

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made
2 available to carry out this section may not be repro-
3 grammed, transferred, or used for any purposes not spe-
4 cifically authorized in subsection (b).

5 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts authorized to be ap-
6 propriated pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made avail-
7 able for assistance to Central American countries to imple-
8 ment the United States Strategy for Engagement in Cen-
9 tral America, including efforts to carry out sections 3, 4,
10 5, and 6.

11 (c) INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION.—Not less than
12 \$10,000,000 of the funds authorized to be appropriated
13 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available to the
14 Inter-American Foundation to address the root causes of
15 migration from Central America.

16 (d) NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—Not less than
17 \$490,000,000 of the funds authorized to be appropriated
18 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available for pro-
19 gramming in the Northern Triangle countries.

20 **SEC. 8. CONDITIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO THE NORTHERN**
21 **TRIANGLE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-
23 propriated to the President by this Act that are made
24 available for assistance for each of the central govern-
25 ments of the Northern Triangle countries, 50 percent of

1 such funds for each such central government may only be
2 obligated with respect to each such country after the Sec-
3 retary of State certifies and reports to the appropriate
4 congressional committees that such central government is
5 demonstrating progress in the following:

6 (1) Informing its citizens of the dangers of the
7 journey to the southwest border of the United
8 States.

9 (2) Combating all human smuggling and traf-
10 ficking entities.

11 (3) Countering the trafficking of illicit drugs,
12 firearms, and other contraband.

13 (4) Combating corruption, including inves-
14 tigating and prosecuting current and former govern-
15 ment officials credibly alleged to be corrupt.

16 (5) Implementing reforms, policies, and pro-
17 grams to increase transparency and strengthen pub-
18 lic institutions and the rule of law.

19 (6) Countering the activities of criminal gangs,
20 drug traffickers, and transnational criminal organi-
21 zations.

22 (7) Ensuring that human rights are respected
23 by national security forces.

1 (8) Investigating and prosecuting in the civilian
2 justice system government personnel who are
3 credibly alleged to have violated human rights.

4 (9) Cooperating with commissions against cor-
5 ruption and impunity and with regional human
6 rights entities.

7 (10) Supporting programs to reduce poverty,
8 expand education and vocational training for at-risk
9 youth, create jobs, and promote equitable economic
10 growth, particularly in areas contributing to large
11 numbers of migrants.

12 (11) Creating a professional, accountable civil-
13 ian police force and ending the role of the military
14 in internal policing.

15 (12) Protecting the right of political opposition
16 parties and other members of civil society to operate
17 without interference.

18 (13) Implementing tax reforms, ensuring prop-
19 erty rights, and supporting increased private invest-
20 ment in the region.

21 (14) Resolving commercial disputes.

22 (b) REPROGRAMMING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds withheld pursuant to
24 the limitation described in subsection (a) shall be
25 made available for programs in the Northern Tri-

1 angle that do not directly support the central gov-
2 ernments of such countries.

3 (2) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in
4 subsection (a) does not apply to funds authorized to
5 be appropriated by this Act for humanitarian assist-
6 ance or global food security programs.

7 **SEC. 9. ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GOVERN-**
8 **MENT OF MEXICO ON THE NORTHERN TRI-**
9 **ANGLE.**

10 (a) ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GOVERN-
11 MENT OF MEXICO ON THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—The
12 Secretary of State shall collaborate with the Government
13 of Mexico to—

14 (1) enhance development, particularly in col-
15 laboration with the Administrator of the United
16 States Agency for International Development, the
17 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-
18 American Foundation, the Chief Executive Officer of
19 the United States International Development Fi-
20 nance Corporation, and the heads of other relevant
21 Federal agencies, in southern Mexico; and

22 (2) strengthen security cooperation at Mexico's
23 shared border with Guatemala and Belize.

24 (b) STRATEGY.—

1 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of State shall submit to the appropriate congress-
4 sional committees a strategy to carry out the col-
5 laboration described in subsection (a).

6 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-
7 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
8 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
9 tions in Mexico, Belize, the Northern Triangle coun-
10 tries, and the United States.

11 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-
12 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly
13 available on the website of the Department of State.

14 **SEC. 10. TARGETING ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS MIGRATION**
15 **FROM COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TRI-**
16 **ANGLE.**

17 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act and annually thereafter for each of the
19 three succeeding years, the Comptroller General of the
20 United States shall submit to the appropriate congress-
21 sional committees a report that contains the following:

22 (1) Raw data from Federal agencies on the
23 number of migrants coming to the United States
24 from each community or geographic area in the
25 Northern Triangle countries, with a specific focus on

1 communities targeted by United States foreign as-
2 sistance.

3 (2) An assessment of whether United States
4 foreign assistance to the Northern Triangle coun-
5 tries is effectively reaching the communities from
6 which individuals are migrating.

7 (3) An assessment of the extent to which
8 United States foreign assistance is mitigating North-
9 ern Triangle migration to the United States, includ-
10 ing a breakdown of effectiveness by project and im-
11 plementer.

12 (4) An assessment of the extent to which the
13 Department of State and the United States Agency
14 for International Development are adjusting foreign
15 assistance programming in the Northern Triangle
16 countries as migration patterns shift.

17 (5) An assessment of how the Department of
18 State, the United States Agency for International
19 Development, and other implementers of United
20 States foreign assistance in the Northern Triangle
21 are measuring the impact of programs on migration
22 trends.

23 (6) An assessment of how the Department of
24 State, the United States Agency for International
25 Development, and other implementers of United

1 States foreign assistance in the Northern Triangle
2 are implementing a public diplomacy strategy that is
3 widely informing local citizens about United States
4 Government assistance and the dangers of illegal mi-
5 gration to the United States, including an assess-
6 ment of the effectiveness of such strategy on curbing
7 such illegal migration.

8 (7) An assessment of the extent to which the
9 governments of the Northern Triangle countries are
10 addressing drivers of migration, including efforts to
11 increase economic prosperity, citizen security, anti-
12 corruption efforts, democratic principles, and rule of
13 law.

14 (8) An assessment of how the Northern Tri-
15 angle countries are educating their citizens about
16 the dangers of illegal migration to the United States
17 and the effectiveness of such educational efforts on
18 curbing such illegal migration.

19 **SEC. 11. TARGETED SANCTIONS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION IN**
20 **THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**

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

23 (1) corruption in the Northern Triangle coun-
24 tries by private citizens and select officials in local,
25 regional, and federal governments significantly dam-

1 ages the economies of such countries and deprives
2 citizens of opportunities;

3 (2) corruption in the Northern Triangle is fa-
4 cilitated and carried out not only by private citizens
5 and select officials from those countries but also in
6 many instances by individuals from third countries;
7 and

8 (3) imposing targeted sanctions on individuals
9 from throughout the world and particularly in the
10 Western Hemisphere who are engaged in acts of sig-
11 nificant corruption that impact the Northern Tri-
12 angle countries will benefit the citizens and govern-
13 ments of such countries.

14 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The President shall
15 impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with re-
16 spect to a person who the President determines to be en-
17 gaged in an act of significant corruption that impacts a
18 Northern Triangle country, including the following:

19 (1) Corruption related to government contracts.

20 (2) Bribery and extortion.

21 (3) The facilitation or transfer of the proceeds
22 of corruption, including through money laundering.

23 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in
25 this subsection are the following:

1 (A) ASSET BLOCKING.—The blocking, in
2 accordance with the International Emergency
3 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.),
4 of all transactions in all property and interests
5 in property of a foreign person if such property
6 and interests in property are in the United
7 States, come within the United States, or are or
8 come within the possession or control of a
9 United States person.

10 (B) INADMISSIBILITY TO THE UNITED
11 STATES.—In the case of a foreign person who
12 is an individual—

13 (i) ineligibility to receive a visa to
14 enter the United States or to be admitted
15 to the United States; or

16 (ii) if the individual has been issued a
17 visa or other documentation, revocation, in
18 accordance with section 221(i) of the Im-
19 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
20 1201(i)), of the visa or other documenta-
21 tion.

22 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
23 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
24 violation of a measure imposed pursuant to para-
25 graph (1)(A) or any regulation, license, or order

1 issued to carry out such paragraph shall be subject
2 to the penalties specified in subsections (b) and (c)
3 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-
4 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
5 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-
6 scribed in subsection (a) of such section.

7 (3) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
8 GOODS.—The requirement to block and prohibit all
9 transactions in all property and interests in property
10 under paragraph (1)(A) does not include the author-
11 ity to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

12 (4) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-
13 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions
14 under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to an alien
15 if admitting such alien into the United States is nec-
16 essary to permit the United States to comply with
17 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
18 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
19 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,
20 between the United Nations and the United States,
21 or other applicable international obligations.

22 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

23 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
24 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
25 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic

1 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
2 this section.

3 (2) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President
4 shall issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as
5 are necessary to carry out this section.

6 (e) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The President
7 may waive the application of the sanctions under sub-
8 section (c) if the President—

9 (1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-
10 tional interest of the United States; and

11 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
12 committees a notice of and justification for the waiv-
13 er.

14 (f) TERMINATION.—The authority to impose sanc-
15 tions under subsection (b), and any sanctions imposed
16 pursuant to such authority, shall expire on the date that
17 is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

22 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
23 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
24 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
25 Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
2 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
3 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
4 of the Senate.

5 (2) GOOD.—The term “good” means any arti-
6 cle, natural or man-made substance, material, supply
7 or manufactured product, including inspection and
8 test equipment, and excluding technical data.

9 (3) PERSON FROM A NORTHERN TRIANGLE
10 COUNTRY.—The term “person from a Northern Tri-
11 angle country” means—

12 (A) a citizen of a Northern Triangle coun-
13 try; or

14 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
15 a Northern Triangle country or any jurisdiction
16 within a Northern Triangle country.

17 **SEC. 12. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTIFICA-**
18 **TION TO CONGRESS OF SECURITY ASSIST-**
19 **ANCE TO NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
21 sion of law, the President may not provide security assist-
22 ance to a Northern Triangle country during the 3-year
23 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act
24 until 30 days after the date on which the President has

1 provided to the appropriate congressional committees no-
2 tice of such proposed provision of security assistance.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
4 tion of subsection (a) on a case-by-case basis if the Presi-
5 dent—

6 (1) determines it is in the national security in-
7 terests of the United States to do so; and

8 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
9 committees such determination and the rationale for
10 the determination.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
13 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
15 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

17 (2) SECURITY ASSISTANCE.—The term “secu-
18 rity assistance”—

19 (A) has the meaning given such term in
20 section 502B(d)(2) of the Foreign Assistance
21 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304); and

22 (B) includes assistance under any inter-
23 national security assistance program conducted
24 under any other provision of law not specified
25 in section 502B(d)(2) of such Act.

1 **SEC. 13. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
4 **TEES.**—Except as otherwise provided, the term “ap-
5 appropriate congressional committees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
7 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
8 of Representatives; and

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
10 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
11 Senate.

12 (2) **NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**—The term “North-
13 ern Triangle” means the region of Central America
14 that encompasses the countries of El Salvador, Gua-
15 temala, and Honduras.

16 (3) **NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES.**—The
17 term “Northern Triangle countries” means the
18 countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

19 (4) **TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZA-**
20 **TION.**—The term “transnational criminal organiza-
21 tion” has the meaning given the term “significant
22 transnational criminal organization” in Executive
23 Order 13581 (July 24, 2011).

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