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To establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mr. STEWART, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, and for other purposes.

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 “United States Founda-  
5 tion for International Conservation Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2           TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3           mittees” means—

4                   (A) the Committee on Appropriations of  
5           the Senate;

6                   (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
7           the Senate;

8                   (C) the Committee on Appropriations of  
9           the House of Representatives; and

10                  (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
11           the House of Representatives.

12           (2) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the  
13           Board of Directors established pursuant to section  
14           4(a).

15           (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means—

16                   (A) an initial member of the Board ap-  
17           pointed pursuant to section 4(a)(2)(C); or

18                   (B) a member of the Board selected to fill  
19           a vacancy pursuant to section 4(a)(3)(B).

20           (4) ELIGIBLE COUNTRY.—The term “eligible  
21           country” means any of the countries described in  
22           section 7(b).

23           (5) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term “eligible  
24           project” means any of the projects described in sec-  
25           tion 7(a)(2).

1           (6) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The term “Execu-  
2           tive Director” means the Executive Director of the  
3           Foundation hired pursuant to section 4(b).

4           (7) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”  
5           means the United States Foundation for Inter-  
6           national Conservation established pursuant to sec-  
7           tion 3(a).

8           (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9           the Secretary of State.

10 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL**  
11 **CONSERVATION.**

12           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
15           retary shall establish the United States Foundation  
16           for International Conservation.

17           (2) INDEPENDENCE.—The Foundation is not  
18           an agency or instrumentality of the United States  
19           Government.

20           (3) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The Board shall  
21           take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure  
22           that the Foundation is an organization described in  
23           subsection (c) of section 501 of the Internal Revenue  
24           Code of 1986, which exempts the organization from  
25           taxation under subsection (a) of such section.

1           (4) TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS.—The  
2 Foundation shall terminate operations on the date  
3 that is 10 years after the date on which it is estab-  
4 lished pursuant to paragraph (1).

5           (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Foundation  
6 are—

7           (1) to promote effective, long-term management  
8 of protected and conserved areas and their contig-  
9 uous buffer zones in eligible countries;

10          (2) to advocate for, incentivize, accept, and ad-  
11 minister governmental and nongovernmental funds,  
12 including donations from the private sector, to in-  
13 crease the availability and predictability of financing  
14 for long-term management of protected and con-  
15 served areas;

16          (3) to close critical gaps in public international  
17 conservation efforts by—

18           (A) increasing private sector investment,  
19 including investments from philanthropic enti-  
20 ties; and

21           (B) collaborating with partners providing  
22 bilateral and multilateral financing to support  
23 enhanced coordination;

24          (4) to identify and financially support imple-  
25 mentation-ready projects—

1 (A) that promote long-term management  
2 of protected and conserved areas and their con-  
3 tiguous buffer zones in eligible countries, in-  
4 cluding supporting the management of terres-  
5 trial, coastal, freshwater, and marine protected  
6 areas, parks, community conservancies, indige-  
7 nous reserves, conservation easements, and bio-  
8 logical reserves; and

9 (B) that provide effective area-based con-  
10 servation measures, consistent with internation-  
11 ally recognized best practices and standards for  
12 environmental and social safeguards; and

13 (5) to coordinate with, and otherwise support  
14 and assist, foreign governments, private sector enti-  
15 ties, local communities, Indigenous Peoples, and  
16 other stakeholders in undertaking biodiversity con-  
17 servation activities—

18 (A) to achieve sustainable biodiversity con-  
19 servation outcomes; and

20 (B) to improve local security, governance,  
21 food security, and economic opportunities.

22 **SEC. 4. GOVERNANCE OF THE FOUNDATION.**

23 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

24 (1) GOVERNANCE.—The Foundation shall be  
25 governed by a Board of Directors.

1 (2) COMPOSITION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall be  
3 composed of—

4 (i) the Directors described in subpara-  
5 graph (B); and

6 (ii) Appointed Directors described in  
7 subparagraph (C).

8 (B) DIRECTORS.—The following individ-  
9 uals, or designees of such individuals, shall  
10 serve as Directors:

11 (i) The Secretary of State.

12 (ii) The Administrator of the United  
13 States Agency for International Develop-  
14 ment.

15 (iii) The Secretary of the Interior.

16 (iv) The Chief of the United States  
17 Forest Service.

18 (v) The Administrator of the National  
19 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

20 (C) APPOINTED DIRECTORS.—The Sec-  
21 retary, in consultation with the other Directors  
22 described in subparagraph (B), shall appoint,  
23 as Directors of the Board—

24 (i) 4 private-sector committed donors;

25 and

1                   (ii) 5 independent experts who rep-  
2                   resent diverse points of view, to the max-  
3                   imum extent practicable.

4                   (D) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each independent  
5                   expert appointed pursuant to subparagraph (C)  
6                   shall be knowledgeable and experienced in mat-  
7                   ters relating to—

8                   (i) international development;

9                   (ii) protected area management and  
10                  the conservation of global biodiversity, fish  
11                  and wildlife, ecosystem restoration, adapta-  
12                  tion, and resilience; and

13                  (iii) grantmaking in support of inter-  
14                  national conservation.

15                  (E) CHAIRPERSON.—The Board shall  
16                  elect, from among its Directors, a Chairperson,  
17                  who shall serve for a 2-year term.

18                  (3) TERMS; VACANCIES.—

19                  (A) TERMS.—

20                  (i) IN GENERAL.—The term of service  
21                  of each Director appointed pursuant to  
22                  paragraph (2)(C) shall be not more than 5  
23                  years.

1 (ii) INITIAL APPOINTED DIRECTORS.—

2 Of the initial Directors appointed pursuant  
3 to paragraph (2)(C)—

4 (I) 5 Directors, including at least  
5 2 private-sector committed donors,  
6 shall serve for 4 years; and

7 (II) 4 Directors shall serve for 5  
8 years, as determined by the Chair-  
9 person of the Board.

10 (B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the  
11 membership of the appointed Directors of the  
12 Board—

13 (i) shall be filled in accordance with  
14 the bylaws of the Foundation by a private-  
15 sector committed donor or an independent  
16 expert who meets the qualifications under  
17 subparagraph (C)(ii)(A), as applicable, as  
18 represented by the vacating Director;

19 (ii) shall not affect the power of the  
20 remaining appointed Directors to execute  
21 the duties of the Board; and

22 (iii) shall be filled by an individual se-  
23 lected by the Board.



1           (4) QUORUM.—A majority of the current mem-  
2           bership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for  
3           the transaction of Foundation business.

4           (5) MEETINGS.—

5           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall meet  
6           at the call of the Chairperson not less fre-  
7           quently than annually.

8           (B) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 60  
9           days after the Board is established pursuant to  
10          section 3(a), the Secretary shall convene a  
11          meeting of the ex-officio Directors and the ap-  
12          pointed Directors of the Board to incorporate  
13          the Foundation.

14          (C) REMOVAL.—Any Director who misses  
15          3 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings may  
16          be removed from the Board.

17          (6) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—Directors  
18          of the Board shall serve without pay, but may be re-  
19          imbursed for the actual and necessary traveling and  
20          subsistence expenses incurred in the performance of  
21          the duties of the Foundation.

22          (7) NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Appointment  
23          as a Director of the Board shall not constitute em-  
24          ployment by, or the holding of an office of, the  
25          United States for purposes of any Federal law.

1 (8) DUTIES.—The Board shall—

2 (A) establish bylaws for the Foundation in  
3 accordance with paragraph (9);

4 (B) provide overall direction for the activi-  
5 ties of the Foundation and establish priority ac-  
6 tivities;

7 (C) carry out any other necessary activities  
8 of the Foundation;

9 (D) evaluate the performance of the Exec-  
10 utive Director; and

11 (E) not less frequently than annually, con-  
12 sult and coordinate with stakeholders qualified  
13 to provide advice, assistance, and information  
14 regarding effective protected and conserved  
15 area management.

16 (9) BYLAWS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The bylaws established  
18 pursuant to paragraph (8)(A) may include—

19 (i) policies for the selection of Direc-  
20 tors of the Board and officers, employees,  
21 agents, and contractors of the Foundation;

22 (ii) policies, including ethical stand-  
23 ards, for—

1 (I) the acceptance, solicitation,  
2 and disposition of donations and  
3 grants to the Foundation; and

4 (II) the disposition of assets of  
5 the Foundation;

6 (iii) policies that subject all employ-  
7 ees, fellows, trainees, and other agents of  
8 the Foundation (including ex-officio Direc-  
9 tors and appointed Directors of the Board)  
10 to conflict of interest standards; and

11 (iv) the specific duties of the Execu-  
12 tive Director.

13 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—The Board shall en-  
14 sure that the bylaws of the Foundation and the  
15 activities carried out under such bylaws do  
16 not—

17 (i) reflect unfavorably on the ability of  
18 the Foundation to carry out activities in a  
19 fair and objective manner; or

20 (ii) compromise, or appear to com-  
21 promise, the integrity of any governmental  
22 agency or program, or any officer or em-  
23 ployee employed by, or involved in, a gov-  
24 ernmental agency or program.

1           (b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Board shall hire an  
2 Executive Director of the Foundation, who shall serve, at  
3 the pleasure of the Board, as the Chief Executive Officer  
4 of the Foundation.

5           (c) FOUNDATION STAFF.—Officers and employees of  
6 the Foundation—

7                 (1) may not be employees of, or hold any office  
8 in, the United States Government; and

9                 (2) shall be appointed without regard to the  
10 provisions of—

11                         (A) title 5, United States Code, governing  
12 appointments in the competitive service; and

13                         (B) chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-  
14 ter 53 of such title, relating to classification  
15 and General Schedule pay rates.

16           (d) LIMITATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS.—

17                 (1) POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.—The Founda-  
18 tion may not participate or intervene in any political  
19 campaign on behalf of any candidate for public of-  
20 fice in any country.

21                 (2) FINANCIAL INTERESTS.—Any Director of  
22 the Board or officer or employee of the Foundation  
23 is prohibited from participating, directly or indi-  
24 rectly, in the consideration or determination of any  
25 question before the Foundation affecting—

1 (A) the financial interests of such Director,  
2 officer, or employee; and

3 (B) the interests of any corporation, part-  
4 nership, entity, or organization in which such  
5 Director, officer, or employee has any fiduciary  
6 obligation or direct or indirect financial inter-  
7 est.

8 **SEC. 5. CORPORATE POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE**  
9 **FOUNDATION.**

10 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation—

12 (A) shall have perpetual succession unless  
13 dissolved by an Act of Congress;

14 (B) may conduct business throughout the  
15 States, territories, and possessions of the  
16 United States and in foreign countries;

17 (C) shall have its principal offices in the  
18 Washington, DC, metropolitan area; and

19 (D) shall continuously maintain a des-  
20 ignated agent in Washington, DC, who is au-  
21 thorized to accept notice or service of process  
22 on behalf of the Foundation.

23 (2) NOTICE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS.—The  
24 serving of notice to, or service of process upon, the  
25 agent referred to in paragraph (1)(D), or mailed to

1 the business address of such agent, shall be deemed  
2 as service upon, or notice to, the Foundation.

3 (3) SEAL.—The Foundation shall have an offi-  
4 cial seal, which shall be selected by the Board and  
5 judicially noticed.

6 (b) AUTHORITIES.—In addition to powers explicitly  
7 authorized under this Act, the Foundation, in order to  
8 carry out the purposes described in section 3(b), shall have  
9 the usual powers of a corporation headquartered in Wash-  
10 ington, DC, including the authority—

11 (1) to accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer,  
12 and use any gift, devise, or bequest, either absolutely  
13 or in trust, or real or personal property or any in-  
14 come derived from such gift or property, or other in-  
15 terest in such gift or property;

16 (2) to acquire by donation, gift, devise, pur-  
17 chase, or exchange any real or personal property or  
18 interest in such property;

19 (3) unless otherwise required by the instrument  
20 of transfer, to sell, donate, lease, invest, reinvest, re-  
21 tain, or otherwise dispose of any property or income  
22 derived from such property;

23 (4) to borrow money and issue bonds, deben-  
24 tures, or other debt instruments;

1           (5) to complain and defend itself in any court  
2 of competent jurisdiction (except that the Directors  
3 of the Board shall not be personally liable, except for  
4 gross negligence);

5           (6) to enter into contracts or other arrange-  
6 ments with public agencies, private organizations,  
7 and persons and to make such payments as may be  
8 necessary to carry out the purposes of such con-  
9 tracts or arrangements; and

10           (7) to award grants for eligible projects, in ac-  
11 cordance with section 7.

12 (c) PROPERTY INTERESTS.—

13           (1) INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY.—In this  
14 subsection, the term “interest in real property” in-  
15 cludes—

16                   (A) mineral and water rights;

17                   (B) rights of way; and

18                   (C) easements appurtenant or in gross.

19           (2) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation may ac-  
20 quire, hold, and dispose of lands, waters, and other  
21 interests in real property by donation, gift, devise,  
22 purchase, or exchange.

23           (3) LIMITS TO PROPERTY RIGHTS.—A gift, de-  
24 vise, or bequest may be accepted by the Foundation  
25 even though it is encumbered, restricted, or subject

1 to beneficial interests of private persons if any cur-  
2 rent or future interest therein is for the benefit of  
3 the Foundation.

4 (d) FEDERAL FUNDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation may—

6 (A) hold Federal funds made available, but  
7 not immediately disbursed; and

8 (B) use any interest or other investment  
9 income earned on such Federal funds to carry  
10 out the purposes of the Foundation under this  
11 Act.

12 (2) LIMITATION.—Investments made pursuant  
13 to paragraph (1)(B) may only be made in—

14 (A) interest-bearing obligations of the  
15 United States; or

16 (B) obligations guaranteed as to both prin-  
17 cipal and interest by the United States.

18 (e) LIMITATION OF PUBLIC LIABILITY.—The United  
19 States shall not be liable for any debts, defaults, acts, or  
20 omissions of the Foundation.

21 **SEC. 6. SAFEGUARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

22 (a) SAFEGUARDS.—The Foundation shall develop,  
23 and incorporate into any agreement for support provided  
24 by the Foundation, appropriate safeguards, policies, and  
25 guidelines, consistent with internationally recognized best



1 practices and standards for environmental and social safe-  
2 guards.

3 (b) INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation shall estab-  
5 lish a transparent and independent accountability  
6 mechanism, which shall provide—

7 (A) a compliance review function that as-  
8 sesses whether Foundation-supported projects  
9 adhere to the requirements developed pursuant  
10 to subsection (a);

11 (B) a dispute resolution function for re-  
12 solving concerns between complainants and  
13 project implementers regarding the impacts of  
14 specific Foundation-supported projects with re-  
15 spect to such standards; and

16 (C) an advisory function that reports to  
17 the Foundation on projects, policies, and prac-  
18 tices.

19 (2) DUTIES.—The accountability mechanism  
20 shall—

21 (A) report annually to the Board and to  
22 the appropriate congressional committees re-  
23 garding the Foundation’s compliance with inter-  
24 nationally recognized best practices and stand-  
25 ards in accordance with paragraph (1)(A);

1 (B)(i) have permanent staff to conduct  
2 compliance reviews and dispute resolutions; or

3 (ii) maintain a roster of experts to serve  
4 such roles, to the extent needed; and

5 (C) hold a public comment period lasting  
6 not fewer than 60 days regarding the initial de-  
7 sign of the accountability mechanism.

8 **SEC. 7. PROJECTS AND GRANTS.**

9 (a) **PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Foundation shall—

11 (A) fund eligible projects that support its  
12 mission to provide long-term funding for the ef-  
13 fective management of protected and conserved  
14 areas and their contiguous buffer zones in eligi-  
15 ble countries; and

16 (B) recognize the importance of a land-  
17 scape or seascape approach to conservation that  
18 includes buffer zones, wildlife dispersal and cor-  
19 ridor areas, and other effective area-based con-  
20 servation measures.

21 (2) **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.**—Eligible projects  
22 shall include projects that—

23 (A) focus on supporting—

24 (i) long-term management of pro-  
25 tected or conserved areas and their contig-

1           uous buffer zones in countries described in  
2           subsection (b), including terrestrial, coast-  
3           al, and marine-protected or conserved  
4           areas, parks, community conservancies, in-  
5           digenous reserves, conservation easements,  
6           and biological reserves; and

7                   (ii) other effective area-based con-  
8           servation measures;

9           (B) are cost-matched from sources other  
10          than the United States Government;

11           (C) have host country and local population  
12          support, as evidenced by a long-term binding  
13          memorandum of understanding signed by the  
14          host government that respects free, prior, and  
15          informed consent of affected communities;

16           (D) incorporate a set of key performance  
17          indicators;

18           (E) demonstrate robust local community  
19          engagement, with the completion of appropriate  
20          environmental and social due diligence, includ-  
21          ing—

22                   (i) free, prior, and informed consent  
23           of Indigenous Peoples and consultation  
24           with relevant local communities;

1 (ii) equitable governance structures;

2 and

3 (iii) effective grievance mechanisms;

4 (F) create economic opportunities for local  
5 communities, through activities such as—

6 (i) equity and profit-sharing;

7 (ii) employment activities; and

8 (iii) other economic growth activities;

9 (G) provide stable baseline funding for the  
10 effective management of the protected or con-  
11 served area project;

12 (H) are implementation-ready; and

13 (I) where possible, demonstrate a plan to  
14 strengthen the capacity of, and transfer skills  
15 to, local institutions to manage the protected or  
16 conserved area before or after grant funding is  
17 exhausted.

18 (b) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before awarding any grants  
20 or entering into any project agreements for a given  
21 fiscal year, the Board shall conduct a review of  
22 countries in which the Foundation shall be eligible  
23 to fund projects to determine which countries—

24 (A) are low-income, lower middle-income,  
25 or upper-middle-income economies (as defined

1 by the International Bank for Reconstruction  
2 and Development and the International Devel-  
3 opment Association;

4 (B) have—

5 (i) a high degree of biological diver-  
6 sity; or

7 (ii) species or ecosystems of signifi-  
8 cant importance; and

9 (C) have demonstrated a commitment to  
10 conservation through actions, such as protecting  
11 lands and waters through the gazettelement of  
12 national parks, community conservancies, ma-  
13 rine reserves and protected areas, forest re-  
14 serves, and other legally recognized forms of  
15 place-based conservation.

16 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE COUN-  
17 TRIES.—Not later than 5 days after the date on  
18 which the Board determines which countries are eli-  
19 gible countries for a given fiscal year, the Executive  
20 Director shall—

21 (A) submit a report to the appropriate con-  
22 gressional committees that includes—

23 (i) a list of all such eligible countries;  
24 and

1                   (ii) a justification for such eligibility  
2                   determinations; and

3                   (B) publish the information contained in  
4                   the report described in paragraph (A) in the  
5                   Federal Register.

6           (c) GRANTMAKING.—

7                   (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to maximize its  
8                   program effects, the Foundation should—

9                           (A) seek to coordinate with other inter-  
10                           national public and private donors to the extent  
11                           possible;

12                           (B) seek additional financial and non-  
13                           financial contributions and commitments for its  
14                           projects from host governments; and

15                           (C) strive to generate a partnership men-  
16                           tality among all participants, including public  
17                           and private funders, host governments, local  
18                           protected areas authorities, and private and  
19                           nongovernmental organization partners.

20                   (2) GRANT CRITERIA.—Foundation grants—

21                           (A) shall fund the management of well-de-  
22                           fined protected or conserved areas and the sys-  
23                           tems of such conservation areas in eligible  
24                           countries;

1 (B) should provide adequate baseline fund-  
2 ing for at least 10 years, without replacing or  
3 duplicating existing baseline funding, for each  
4 protected and conserved area and the system  
5 that supports that area in an amount sufficient  
6 to maintain the effective management of the  
7 area over the long term;

8 (C) should, during the grant period, dem-  
9 onstrate progress in achieving clearly identified  
10 key performance indicators (as defined in the  
11 grant agreement), which may include—

12 (i) the protection of biological diver-  
13 sity;

14 (ii) the protection of native flora and  
15 habitats, such as trees, forests, grasslands,  
16 mangroves, coral reefs, and sea grass;

17 (iii) community-based economic  
18 growth indicators, such as improved land  
19 tenure, increases in beneficiaries partici-  
20 pating in economic growth activities, and  
21 sufficient income from conservation activi-  
22 ties being directed to communities in  
23 project areas;

24 (iv) improved management of the pro-  
25 tected or conserved area covered by the

1 project, as documented through the sub-  
2 mission of strategic plans or annual re-  
3 ports to the Foundation; and

4 (v) the identification of additional rev-  
5 enue sources or sustainable financing  
6 mechanisms to meet the recurring costs of  
7 management of the protected or conserved  
8 areas; and

9 (D) may be terminated if the Board deter-  
10 mines that the project is not meeting applicable  
11 requirements under this Act or making progress  
12 in achieving the key performance indicators de-  
13 fined in the grant agreement.

14 **SEC. 8. PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT IN COUNTRIES THAT**  
15 **SUPPORT TERRORISM OR VIOLATE HUMAN**  
16 **RIGHTS AND OF SUPPORT FOR SANCTIONED**  
17 **PERSONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation may not provide  
19 support for any government, or any entity owned or con-  
20 trolled by a government, if the Secretary has determined  
21 that such government—

22 (1) has repeatedly provided support for acts of  
23 international terrorism, as determined under—



1 (A) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Export  
2 Control Reform Act of 2018 (subtitle B of title  
3 XVII of Public Law 115–232);

4 (B) section 620A(a) of the Foreign Assist-  
5 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a));

6 (C) section 40(d) of the Arms Export Con-  
7 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

8 (D) any other relevant provision of law; or

9 (2) has engaged in a consistent pattern of gross  
10 violations of internationally recognized human  
11 rights, as determined under section 116(a) or  
12 502B(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
13 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(a) and 2304(a)(2)) or any other  
14 relevant provision of law.

15 (b) PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT FOR SANCTIONED  
16 PERSONS.—The Foundation may not engage in any deal-  
17 ing prohibited under United States sanctions laws or regu-  
18 lations, including dealings with persons on the list of spe-  
19 cially designated persons and blocked persons maintained  
20 by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department  
21 of the Treasury, except to the extent otherwise authorized  
22 by the Secretary or by the Secretary of the Treasury.

23 (c) PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES SUB-  
24 JECT TO SANCTIONS.—The Foundation shall require any  
25 person receiving support to certify that such person, and

1 any entity owned or controlled by such person, is in com-  
2 pliance with all United States sanctions laws and regula-  
3 tions.

4 **SEC. 9. ANNUAL REPORT.**

5 Not later than 360 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter while the Foun-  
7 dation continues to operate, the Executive Director of the  
8 Foundation shall submit a report to the appropriate con-  
9 gressional committees that describes—

10 (1) the goals of the Foundation;

11 (2) the programs, projects, and activities sup-  
12 ported by the Foundation;

13 (3) private and governmental contributions to  
14 the Foundation; and

15 (4) the standardized criteria utilized to deter-  
16 mine the programs and activities supported by the  
17 Foundation, including baselines, targets, desired out-  
18 comes, measurable goals, and extent to which those  
19 goals are being achieved for each project.

20 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-  
22 priated to the Foundation \$100,000,000 for each of the  
23 fiscal years 2024 through 2033 to carry out the purposes  
24 of this Act.

1           (b) COST MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Amounts ap-  
2   propriated pursuant to subsection (a) may only be made  
3   available to grantees to the extent such grantees secure  
4   funding for an eligible project from sources other than the  
5   United States Government in an amount that is not less  
6   than the amount received in grants for such project pursu-  
7   ant to section 7.

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