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# S. 158

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

To increase United States jobs through greater United States exports to Africa and Latin America, 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 “Increasing American  
5 Jobs Through Greater United States Exports to Africa  
6 and Latin America Act of 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. INVESTMENT, TRADE, AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRI-**  
8 **CA AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIB-**  
9 **BEAN.**

10 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish  
2 a comprehensive United States strategy for public  
3 and private investment, trade, and development in  
4 Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

5           (2) FOCUS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy re-  
6 quired by paragraph (1) shall focus on increasing ex-  
7 ports of United States goods and services to Africa  
8 and Latin America and the Caribbean by 200 per-  
9 cent in real dollar value by the date that is 10 years  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11           (3) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing the strat-  
12 egy required by paragraph (1), the President shall  
13 consult with—

14                   (A) Congress;

15                   (B) each agency that is a member of the  
16 Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee;

17                   (C) the relevant multilateral development  
18 banks, in coordination with the Secretary of the  
19 Treasury and the respective United States Ex-  
20 ecutive Directors of such banks;

21                   (D) each agency that participates in the  
22 Trade Policy Staff Committee established;

23                   (E) the President’s Export Council;

24                   (F) each of the development agencies;

1 (G) any other Federal agencies with re-  
2 sponsibility for export promotion or financing  
3 and development; and

4 (H) the private sector, including busi-  
5 nesses, nongovernmental organizations, and Af-  
6 rican and Latin American and Caribbean dias-  
7 pora groups.

8 (4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

9 (A) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
11 President shall submit to Congress the strategy  
12 required by subsection (a).

13 (B) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 3  
14 years after the date of the enactment of this  
15 Act, the President shall submit to Congress a  
16 report on the implementation of the strategy re-  
17 quired by paragraph (1).

18 (b) SPECIAL AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE  
19 CARIBBEAN EXPORT STRATEGY COORDINATORS.—The  
20 President shall designate an individual to serve as Special  
21 Africa Export Strategy Coordinator and an individual to  
22 serve as Special Latin America and the Caribbean Export  
23 Strategy Coordinator—

24 (1) to oversee the development and implementa-  
25 tion of the strategy required by subsection (a); and

1           (2) to coordinate developing and implementing  
2 the strategy with—

3           (A) the Trade Promotion Coordinating  
4 Committee;

5           (B) the Assistant United States Trade  
6 Representative for African Affairs or the Assist-  
7 ant United States Trade Representative for the  
8 Western Hemisphere, as appropriate;

9           (C) the Assistant Secretary of State for  
10 African Affairs or the Assistant Secretary of  
11 State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, as ap-  
12 propriate;

13           (D) the Export-Import Bank of the United  
14 States;

15           (E) the United States International Devel-  
16 opment Finance Corporation; and

17           (F) the development agencies.

18       (c) TRADE MISSIONS TO AFRICA AND LATIN AMER-  
19 ICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.—It is the sense of Congress  
20 that, not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce and other  
22 high-level officials of the United States Government with  
23 responsibility for export promotion, financing, and devel-  
24 opment should conduct joint trade missions to Africa and  
25 to Latin America and the Caribbean.

1 (d) TRAINING.—The President shall develop a plan—

2 (1) to standardize the training received by  
3 United States and Foreign Commercial Service offi-  
4 cers, economic officers of the Department of State,  
5 and economic officers of the United States Agency  
6 for International Development with respect to the  
7 programs and procedures of the Export-Import  
8 Bank of the United States, the United States Inter-  
9 national Development Finance Corporation, the  
10 Small Business Administration, and the United  
11 States Trade and Development Agency; and

12 (2) to ensure that, not later than one year after  
13 the date of the enactment of this Act—

14 (A) all United States and Foreign Com-  
15 mercial Service officers that are stationed over-  
16 seas receive the training described in paragraph  
17 (1); and

18 (B) in the case of a country to which no  
19 United States and Foreign Commercial Service  
20 officer is assigned, any economic officer of the  
21 Department of State stationed in that country  
22 receives that training.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES.—The term “de-  
25 velopment agencies” means the United States De-

1       partment of State, the United States Agency for  
2       International Development, the Millennium Chal-  
3       lenge Corporation, the United States International  
4       Development Finance Corporation, the United  
5       States Trade and Development Agency, the United  
6       States Department of Agriculture, and relevant mul-  
7       tilateral development banks.

8               (2) MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS.—

9       The term “multilateral development banks” has the  
10      meaning given that term in section 1701(c)(4) of the  
11      International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.  
12      262r(c)(4)) and includes the African Development  
13      Foundation.

14              (3) TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE.—The

15      term “Trade Policy Staff Committee” means the  
16      Trade Policy Staff Committee established pursuant  
17      to section 2002.2 of title 15, Code of Federal Regu-  
18      lations.

19              (4) TRADE PROMOTION COORDINATING COM-

20      MITTEE.—The term “Trade Promotion Coordinating  
21      Committee” means the Trade Promotion Coordi-  
22      nating Committee established under section 2312 of  
23      the Export Enhancement Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C.  
24      4727).

1           (5) UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMER-  
2           CIAL SERVICE.—The term “United States and For-  
3           eign Commercial Service” means the United States  
4           and Foreign Commercial Service established by sec-  
5           tion 2301 of the Export Enhancement Act of 1988  
6           (15 U.S.C. 4721).

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