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To require a comprehensive regional strategy to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham and its affiliates, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. OLSON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. HUNTER, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, and Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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 require a comprehensive regional strategy to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham and its affiliates, 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 “Comprehensive Strat-
5 egy to Destroy ISIS Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Since the civil war in Syria began in 2011,
4 nearly 500,000 Syrians have been killed, including
5 50,000 children.

6 (2) The ongoing civil war in Syria has been
7 among the most disruptive and costly of this cen-
8 tury, having displaced an estimated 4,900,000 refu-
9 gees and an additional 6,300,000 internally dis-
10 placed persons according to the United Nations
11 High Commissioner for Refugees.

12 (3) In June 2014 the self-described caliphate of
13 the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) con-
14 quered territory in Syria and Iraq.

15 (4) According to the House Committee on
16 Homeland Security's Task Force on Combatting
17 Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel, nearly
18 300,000 people from over 100 countries have trav-
19 eled to the conflict zone in Iraq and Syria since
20 2011 to join or attempt to join terrorist groups, in-
21 cluding ISIS.

22 (5) According to CNN, ISIS has committed
23 143 attacks in 29 countries outside of Iraq and
24 Syria, killing 2,043 people since June 2014.

1 (6) According to the United Nations Assistance
2 Mission for Iraq, over 27,000 Iraqi civilians have
3 been killed since June 2014.

4 (7) On March 17, 2016, Secretary of State
5 John Kerry stated, “Daesh is responsible for geno-
6 cide against groups in areas under its control”.

7 (8) On January 28, 2017, the President signed
8 National Security Presidential Memo-3 to require
9 the Secretary of Defense to submit to the President
10 within 30 days a “plan to defeat ISIS”.

11 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY TO DESTROY THE ISLAMIC STATE OF**
12 **IRAQ AND AL-SHAM AND ITS AFFILIATES.**

13 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 of Defense and the Secretary of State, in consultation with
16 the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall
17 jointly develop and submit to the appropriate committees
18 of Congress a strategy to destroy the Islamic State of Iraq
19 and al-Sham (ISIS) and its affiliates.

20 (b) ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY.—The strategy re-
21 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following ele-
22 ments:

23 (1) An update on the status and progress of the
24 Global Coalition to Counter ISIS and specific ac-

1 tions being taken in conjunction with such Coalition
2 to destroy and eliminate ISIS.

3 (2) A strategy for the deployment of United
4 States military assets, including ground combat
5 forces, to train and equip allies, as well as potential
6 direct confrontation with ISIS fighters and its affili-
7 ates.

8 (3) A strategy for airstrikes and drone strikes
9 in Iraq and Syria against ISIS senior leaders and
10 infrastructure, as well as the viability of the use of
11 airstrikes in conjunction with regional partners that
12 face a significant threat from ISIS and its affiliates.

13 (4) A plan to strengthen the capacity of the
14 Iraqi Security Forces, the Kurdish Peshmerga, the
15 Jordanian Armed Forces, the Afghanistan Security
16 Forces, and others to counter gains by ISIS and its
17 affiliates.

18 (5) A plan to provide humanitarian assistance
19 and relief, governance, and rule of law to regions
20 previously impacted by ISIS and its affiliates.

21 (6) Prevention of a reconstitution of ISIS or its
22 affiliates in the region.

23 (7) A strategy to pursue war crimes prosecu-
24 tions against ISIS fighters through international
25 fora.

1 (8) Use of social media and other communica-
2 tion technologies to counter ISIS's propaganda, in-
3 fluence, and ability to recruit fighters domestically
4 and internationally.

5 (9) A strategy to deny financial resources, in-
6 cluding revenues from natural resources extraction,
7 sale of antiquities, kidnapping, extortion, and tax-
8 ation, to ISIS and its affiliates.

9 (c) UPDATE.—The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
10 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees
11 of Congress an update of the strategy required by sub-
12 section (a) at least once every 2 years after the date of
13 the initial submission of the strategy.

14 **SEC. 4. STRATEGY TO BRING THE CIVIL WAR IN SYRIA TO**
15 **A SUSTAINABLE END.**

16 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 of Defense and the Secretary of State, in consultation with
19 the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall
20 jointly develop and submit to the appropriate committees
21 of Congress a strategy to bring the civil war in Syria to
22 a sustainable end.

23 (b) ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY.—The strategy re-
24 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following ele-
25 ments:

1 (1) A description of military and diplomatic ac-
2 tions to end the Syrian Civil War.

3 (2) An assessment on the viability of safe zones
4 for Syrian refugees displaced from their homes to
5 allow such refugees to settle for an unspecified
6 amount of time and live in peace and security.

7 (3) A plan to bring the various moderate oppo-
8 sition factions and the Government of Syria to the
9 negotiating table in order to find a peaceful solution
10 to the conflict, and specifically includes plans for a
11 transition of power from the presidency of Bashar
12 al-Assad to a confederation of multi-sectarian and
13 moderate parties that does not include any known
14 radical Islamist groups in order to rebuild Syria.

15 (4) A strategy to pursue war crimes prosecu-
16 tions against Bashar al-Assad and Syrian govern-
17 ment officials responsible for crimes against human-
18 ity.

19 (5) A plan that will prevent the reconstitution
20 of the ISIS in Syrian territory.

21 **SEC. 5. ASSESSMENT BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTEL-**
22 **LIGENCE.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall sub-

1 mit to the appropriate committees of Congress an assess-
2 ment of the following:

3 (1) The willingness and capabilities of coalition
4 members and allies to defeat and destroy the Islamic
5 State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) and its affiliates
6 with their own military assets.

7 (2) The presence of ISIS or its affiliates in
8 countries other than Syria, Iraq, Libya, Egypt, and
9 Afghanistan.

10 (3) Preventing radicalization of citizens of re-
11 gional countries by ISIS and its affiliates and tactics
12 used by countries to stop radicalization.

13 (4) Assessment of the number of foreign fight-
14 ers joining ISIS and its affiliates and tactics that
15 can be used by countries with foreign fighter popu-
16 lations to prevent further recruitment.

17 (5) Significant United States intelligence gaps
18 concerning ISIS and its affiliates and the ability to
19 carry out a regional strategy to defeat ISIS and its
20 affiliates.

21 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-**
22 **FINED.**

23 In this Act, the term “appropriate committees of
24 Congress” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
3 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-
4 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
5 tives; and

6 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
7 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
8 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
9 ligence of the Senate.

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