

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

SEC. 1275. REPORT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY ON COLLABORATION TO MEET SHARED NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN EAST AFRICA.

(a) REPORT ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN SOMALILAND.—

(1) DEFINED TERM.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- and
- (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(2) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2023, and annually thereafter until the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that, with respect to the most recently concluded 12-month period—

(i) describes assistance provided by the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to Somaliland, including—

(I) the value of such assistance (in United States dollars);

(II) the source from which such assistance was funded;

(III) the names of the programs through which such assistance was administered;

(IV) the implementing partners through which such assistance was provided;

(V) the sponsoring bureau of the Department of State or the United States Agency for International Development; and

(VI) if the assistance broadly targeted the Federal Republic of Somalia, the portion of such assistance that was—

(aa) explicitly intended to support Somaliland; and

(bb) ultimately employed in Somaliland;

(ii) details the staffing and responsibilities of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development supporting foreign assistance, diplomatic engagement, and security initiatives in Somaliland, including the location of such personnel (duty station) and their corresponding bureau;

(iii) provides—

(I) a detailed account of travel to Somaliland by employees of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development, if any, including the position, duty station, and trip purpose for each such trip; or

(II) the justification for not traveling to Somaliland if no such personnel traveled during the reporting period; and

(iv) if the Department of State has provided training to security forces of the Federal Member States (FMS), and Somaliland, including—

(I) where such training has occurred;

(II) the extent to which FMS and Somaliland security forces have demonstrated the ability to absorb previous training; and

(III) the ability of FMS and Somaliland security forces to maintain and appropriately utilize such training, as applicable.

(B) FORM.—The report required under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) DEFINED TERM.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(2) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall conduct a feasibility study that—

(A) determines whether opportunities exist for greater collaboration in the pursuit of United States national security interests in the Horn of Africa, the Gulf of Aden, and the Indo-Pacific region with the Federal Government of Somalia and Somaliland; and

(B) identifies the practicability and advisability of improving the professionalization and capacity of security sector actors within the Federal Member States (FMS) and Somaliland.

(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than June 15, 2023, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report to the appropriate congressional committees that contains the results of the feasibility study required under paragraph (2).

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act, including the reporting requirement under subsection (a) and the conduct of the feasibility study under subsection (b), may be construed to convey United States recognition of Somalia’s FMS or Somaliland as an independent entity.

SEC. 1276. ASSESSMENT OF CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP AMONG AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for the conduct of an independent assessment of resourcing, policy, and process challenges to implementing the partnership among Australia, the United Kingdom, and United States (commonly known as the “AUKUS partnership”) announced on September 21, 2021.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED.**—In conducting the assessment required by subsection (a), the federally funded research and development center shall consider the following with respect to each of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States:

- (1) Potential resourcing and personnel shortfalls.
- (2) Information sharing, including foreign disclosure policy and processes.
- (3) Statutory, regulatory, and other policies and processes.
- (4) Intellectual property, including patents.
- (5) Export controls, including technology transfer and protection.
- (6) Security protocols and practices, including personnel, operational, physical, facility, cybersecurity, counterintelligence, marking and classifying information, and handling and transmission of classified material.

(7) Industrial base implications specifically including options to expand the United States submarine and nuclear power industrial base to meet United States and Australia requirements.

(8) Alternatives that would significantly accelerate Australia’s national security, including—

- (A) interim submarine options to include leasing or conveyance of legacy United States submarines for Australia’s use; or
- (B) the conveyance of B-21 bombers.

(9) Any other matter the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The federally funded research and development center selected to conduct the assessment under this section shall include, as part of such assessment, recommendations for improvements to resourcing, policy, and process challenges to implementing the AUKUS partnership.

(d) **REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than January 1, 2024, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that includes an unaltered copy of such assessment, together with the views of the Secretary on the assessment and on the recommendations included in the assessment pursuant to subsection (c).

(2) **FORM OF REPORT.**—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.