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To require a regional strategy to address the threat posed by Boko Haram.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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by Boko Haram.

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. REGIONAL STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE**
4 **THREAT POSED BY BOKO HARAM.**

5 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall
9 jointly develop and submit to the appropriate com-
10 mittees of Congress a five-year strategy to help en-
11 able the Government of Nigeria, members of the

1 Multinational Joint Task Force to Combat Boko
2 Haram (MNJTF) authorized by the African Union,
3 and relevant partners to counter the regional threat
4 of Boko Haram and assist the Government of Nige-
5 ria and its neighbors to accept and address legiti-
6 mate grievances of vulnerable populations in areas
7 affected by Boko Haram.

8 (2) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, the strategy
9 must address the following elements:

10 (A) Enhance, pursuant to existing authori-
11 ties and restrictions, the institutional capacity,
12 including military capabilities, of the Govern-
13 ment of Nigeria and partner nations in the re-
14 gion, as appropriate, to counter the threat
15 posed by Boko Haram.

16 (B) Provide humanitarian support to civil-
17 ian populations impacted by Boko Haram’s ac-
18 tivity.

19 (C) Specific activities through which the
20 United States Government intends to improve
21 and enhance the capacity of Multinational Joint
22 Task Force to Combat Boko Haram partner
23 nations to investigate and prosecute human
24 rights abuses by security forces and promote re-
25 spect for the rule of law within the military.

1 (D) A means for assisting Nigeria, and as
2 appropriate, Multinational Joint Task Force to
3 Combat Boko Haram nations, to counter vio-
4 lent extremism, including efforts to address un-
5 derlying societal factors that contribute to the
6 ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit
7 individuals (including poverty, the lack of eco-
8 nomic opportunity and access to education,
9 public health, and other social services).

10 (E) A plan to strengthen and promote the
11 rule of law, including by improving the capacity
12 of the civilian police and judicial system in Ni-
13 geria, enhancing public safety, and responding
14 to crime (including gender-based violence),
15 while respecting human rights and strength-
16 ening accountability measures, including meas-
17 ures to prevent corruption and abuses.

18 (F) Strengthen the long-term capacity of
19 the Government of Nigeria to enhance security
20 for schools such that children are safer and
21 girls seeking an education are better protected,
22 and to combat gender-based violence and gen-
23 der inequality.

24 (G) Support the adoption of a United Na-
25 tions Security Council Resolution authorizing a

1 regional Multinational Joint Task Force to
2 counter Boko Haram.

3 (H) Identify and develop mechanisms for
4 coordinating the implementation of the strategy
5 across the inter-agency and with the Govern-
6 ment of Nigeria, regional partners, and other
7 relevant foreign partners.

8 (I) Identify the resources required, in an
9 amount not less than \$25,000,000, to achieve
10 the strategy's objectives.

11 (b) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of National Intel-
12 ligence shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
13 gress an assessment (in classified form) regarding the will-
14 ingness and capability of the Government of Nigeria to
15 implement the strategy required by subsection (a), includ-
16 ing the capability gaps, if any, of the government and mili-
17 tary forces of Nigeria that would need to be addressed
18 in order to enable the Government of Nigeria and the gov-
19 ernments of its partner countries in the region to counter
20 the threat of Boko Haram and to address grievances of
21 vulnerable populations in areas affected by Boko Haram.

22 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
24 tees of Congress” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
3 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
4 ligence of the Senate; and

5 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
6 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
7 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-
8 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
9 tives.

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