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To authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

MARCH 16, 2023

Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MAY 4, 2023

Reported by Mr. MENENDEZ, with an amendment

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**A BILL**

To authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Authorization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

15 (2) **BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.**—

16 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “beneficiary countries” means—

18 (i) Antigua and Barbuda;

19 (ii) the Bahamas;

20 (iii) Barbados;

21 (iv) Dominica;

22 (v) the Dominican Republic;

23 (vi) Grenada;

24 (vii) Guyana;

25 (viii) Jamaica;

26 (ix) Saint Lucia;

- 1                   (x) Saint Kitts and Nevis,;
- 2                   (xi) Saint Vincent and the Grena-
- 3                   dines;
- 4                   (xii) Suriname; and
- 5                   (xiii) Trinidad and Tobago; and
- 6                   (B) ~~UPDATES.~~—The President or the Sec-
- 7                   retary of State may add or remove one or more
- 8                   countries from the list under subparagraph (A)
- 9                   upon written notification to the appropriate
- 10                  congressional committees.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SECU-**

12 **RITY INITIATIVE.**

13           (a) ~~AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SE-~~

14 ~~URITY INITIATIVE.~~—The Secretary of State and the Ad-

15 ministrator of the United States Agency for International

16 Development may carry out an initiative, to be known as

17 the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative”, in beneficiary

18 countries to achieve the purposes described in subsection

19 (b).

20           (b) ~~PURPOSES.~~—The purposes described in this sub-

21 section are the following:

- 22                   (1) To promote citizen safety, security, and the
- 23                   rule of law in the Caribbean through increased stra-
- 24                   tegic engagement with—

1           (A) the governments of beneficiary coun-  
2           tries; and

3           (B) elements of local civil society, including  
4           the private sector, in such countries.

5           (2) To counter transnational criminal organiza-  
6           tions and local gangs in beneficiary countries, in-  
7           cluding through—

8           (A) maritime and aerial security coopera-  
9           tion, including—

10           (i) assistance to strengthen capabili-  
11           ties of maritime and aerial interdiction op-  
12           erations in the Caribbean; and

13           (ii) the provision of support systems  
14           and equipment, training, and maintenance;

15           (B) cooperation on border and port secu-  
16           rity, including support to strengthen capacity  
17           for screening and intercepting narcotics, weap-  
18           ons, bulk cash, and other contraband at air-  
19           ports and seaports; and

20           (C) capacity building and the provision of  
21           equipment and support for operations tar-  
22           geting—

23           (i) the finances and illegal activities of  
24           such organizations and gangs; and

1 (ii) the recruitment by such organiza-  
2 tions and gangs of at-risk youth.

3 ~~(3) To advance law enforcement and justice sec-~~  
4 ~~tor capacity building and rule of law initiatives in~~  
5 ~~beneficiary countries, including by—~~

6 (A) strengthening special prosecutorial of-  
7 fices and providing technical assistance—

8 (i) to combat corruption, money laun-  
9 dering, human, firearms, and wildlife traf-  
10 ficking, financial crimes, extortion, and  
11 human rights crimes; and

12 (ii) to conduct asset forfeitures and  
13 criminal analysis;

14 (B) supporting training for civilian police  
15 and appropriate security services in criminal in-  
16 vestigations, best practices for citizen security,  
17 and the protection of human rights;

18 (C) supporting capacity building for law  
19 enforcement and military units, including  
20 professionalization, anti-corruption and human  
21 rights training, vetting, and community-based  
22 policing;

23 (D) supporting justice sector reform and  
24 strengthening of the rule of law, including—

1 (i) capacity building for prosecutors,  
2 judges, and other justice officials; and

3 (ii) support to increase the efficacy of  
4 criminal courts; and

5 (E) strengthening cybersecurity and  
6 cybercrime cooperation, including capacity  
7 building and support for cybersecurity systems.

8 (4) To promote crime prevention efforts in ben-  
9 efiiciary countries, particularly among at-risk youth  
10 and other vulnerable populations, including  
11 through—

12 (A) improving community and law enforce-  
13 ment cooperation to improve the effectiveness  
14 and professionalism of police and increase mu-  
15 tual trust;

16 (B) increasing economic opportunities for  
17 at-risk youth and vulnerable populations, in-  
18 cluding through workforce development training  
19 and remedial education programs for at-risk  
20 youth;

21 (C) improving juvenile justice sectors  
22 through regulatory reforms, separating youth  
23 from traditional prison systems, and improving  
24 support and services in juvenile detention cen-  
25 ters; and

1           (D) the provision of assistance to popu-  
2           lations vulnerable to being victims of extortion  
3           and crime by criminal networks.

4           (5) To strengthen the ability of the security  
5           sector in beneficiary countries to respond to and be-  
6           come more resilient in the face of natural disasters,  
7           including by—

8           (A) carrying out training exercises to en-  
9           sure critical infrastructure and ports are able to  
10          come back online rapidly following natural dis-  
11          asters; and

12          (B) providing preparedness training to po-  
13          lice and first responders.

14          (6) To prioritize efforts to combat corruption  
15          and include anti-corruption components in programs  
16          in beneficiary countries, including by—

17          (A) building the capacity of national jus-  
18          tice systems and attorneys general to prosecute  
19          and try acts of corruption;

20          (B) provide technical and financial assist-  
21          ance to independent media and investigative re-  
22          porting;

23          (C) increasing the capacity of national law  
24          enforcement services to carry out anti-corrup-  
25          tion investigations; and

1           (D) encouraging cooperative agreements  
2           among the Department of State, other relevant  
3           Federal departments and agencies, and the at-  
4           torneys general of relevant countries.

5           (7) To promote the rule of law in beneficiary  
6           countries and counter malign influence from authori-  
7           tarian regimes, including China, Russia, Iran, Ven-  
8           ezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba, by—

9           (A) monitoring security assistance from  
10          such authoritarian regimes and taking steps  
11          necessary to ensure that such assistance does  
12          not undermine or jeopardize United States se-  
13          curity assistance;

14          (B) evaluating and, as appropriate, re-  
15          stricting the involvement of the United States  
16          in investment and infrastructure projects fi-  
17          nanced by authoritarian regimes that might ob-  
18          struct or otherwise impact United States secu-  
19          rity assistance to beneficiary countries;

20          (C) monitoring and restricting equipment  
21          and support from high-risk vendors of tele-  
22          communications infrastructure in beneficiary  
23          countries;



1           (D) countering disinformation by pro-  
2           moting transparency and accountability from  
3           beneficiary countries; and

4           (E) eliminating corruption linked to invest-  
5           ment and infrastructure facilitated by authori-  
6           tarian regimes through support for investment  
7           screening, competitive tendering and bidding  
8           processes, the implementation of investment  
9           law, and contractual transparency.

10          (8) To support the effective branding and mes-  
11          saging of United States security assistance and co-  
12          operation in beneficiary countries, including by de-  
13          veloping and implementing a public diplomacy strat-  
14          egy for informing citizens of beneficiary countries  
15          about the benefits to their respective countries of  
16          United States security assistance and cooperation  
17          programs.

18          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
19          authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State  
20          and the United States Agency for International Develop-  
21          ment \$74,800,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through  
22          2027 to carry out the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative  
23          to achieve the purposes described in subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
4 in coordination with the Administrator of the United  
5 States Agency for International Development, shall submit  
6 to the appropriate congressional committees an implemen-  
7 tation plan that includes a timeline and stated objectives  
8 for actions to be taken in beneficiary countries with re-  
9 spect to the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.

10 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The implementation plan required  
11 by subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

12 (1) A multi-year strategy with a timeline, over-  
13 view of objectives, and anticipated outcomes for the  
14 region and for each beneficiary country, with respect  
15 to each purpose described in section 3.

16 (2) Specific, measurable benchmarks to track  
17 the progress of the Caribbean Basin Security Initia-  
18 tive toward accomplishing the outcomes included  
19 under paragraph (1).

20 (3) A plan for the delineation of the roles to be  
21 carried out by the Department of State, the United  
22 States Agency for International Development, the  
23 Department of Justice, the Department of Defense,  
24 and any other Federal department or agency in car-  
25 rying out the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to

1 prevent overlap and unintended competition between  
2 activities and resources.

3 (4) A plan to coordinate and track all activities  
4 carried out under the Caribbean Basin Security Ini-  
5 tiative among all relevant Federal departments and  
6 agencies, in accordance with the publication require-  
7 ments described in section 4 of the Foreign Aid  
8 Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016 (22  
9 U.S.C. 2394e).

10 (5) A description of the process for co-locating  
11 projects of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative  
12 funded by the United States Agency for Inter-  
13 national Development and the Bureau of Inter-  
14 national Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of  
15 the Department of State to ensure that crime pre-  
16 vention funding and enforcement funding are used  
17 in the same localities as necessary.

18 (6) An assessment of steps taken, as of the  
19 date on which the plan is submitted, to increase re-  
20 gional coordination and collaboration between the  
21 law enforcement agencies of beneficiary countries  
22 and the Haitian National Police, and a framework  
23 with benchmarks for increasing such coordination  
24 and collaboration, in order to address the urgent se-  
25 curity crisis in Haiti.

1 (c) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than 1  
2 year after the date on which the implementation plan re-  
3 quired by subsection (a) is submitted, and annually there-  
4 after, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ad-  
5 ministrator of the United States Agency for International  
6 Development, shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
7 sional committees a written description of results achieved  
8 through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, including  
9 with respect to—

10 (1) the implementation of the strategy and  
11 plans described in paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of  
12 subsection (b);

13 (2) compliance with, and progress related to,  
14 meeting the benchmarks described in paragraph (2)  
15 of subsection (b); and

16 (3) funding statistics for the Caribbean Basin  
17 Security Initiative for the preceding year,  
18 disaggregated by country.

19 **SEC. 5. PROGRAMS AND STRATEGY TO INCREASE NATURAL**  
20 **DISASTER RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE.**

21 (a) PROGRAMS.—During the 5-year period beginning  
22 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
23 of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the  
24 United States Agency for International Development, the  
25 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-Amer-

1 ican Foundation, and the Chief Executive Officer of the  
2 United States International Development Finance Cor-  
3 poration, shall promote natural disaster response and re-  
4 silience in beneficiary countries by carrying out programs  
5 for the following purposes:

6           (1) Encouraging coordination between bene-  
7 ficiary countries and relevant Federal departments  
8 and agencies to provide expertise and information  
9 sharing.

10           (2) Supporting the sharing of best practices on  
11 natural disaster resilience, including on constructing  
12 resilient infrastructure and rebuilding after natural  
13 disasters.

14           (3) Improving rapid-response mechanisms and  
15 cross-government organizational preparedness for  
16 natural disasters.

17           (b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
19 in coordination with the Administrator of the United  
20 States Agency for International Development and in con-  
21 sultation with the President and Chief Economic Officer  
22 of the Inter-American Foundation, the Chief Executive  
23 Officer of the United States International Development  
24 Finance Corporation, and nongovernmental organizations  
25 in beneficiary countries and in the United States, shall

1 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
 2 strategy that incorporates specific, measurable bench-  
 3 marks—

4           (1) to achieve the purposes described in sub-  
 5 section (a); and

6           (2) to inform citizens of beneficiary countries  
 7 about the extent and benefits of United States as-  
 8 sistance to such countries.

9           (c) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than 1  
 10 year after the date on which the strategy required by sub-  
 11 section (b) is submitted, and annually thereafter, the Sec-  
 12 retary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
 13 the United States Agency for International Development,  
 14 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
 15 a written description of the progress made as of the date  
 16 of such submission in meeting the benchmarks included  
 17 in the strategy.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

19           *This Act may be cited as the “Caribbean Basin Secu-  
 20 rity Initiative Authorization Act”.*

21 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

22           *In this Act:*

23           (1) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-*  
 24 *TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional commit-*  
 25 *tees” means—*

1           (A) *the Committee on Foreign Relations*  
 2           *and the Committee on Appropriations of the*  
 3           *Senate; and*

4           (B) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs and*  
 5           *the Committee on Appropriations of the House of*  
 6           *Representatives.*

7           (2) *BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.—*

8           (A) *IN GENERAL.—The term “beneficiary*  
 9           *countries” means—*

10                   (i) *Antigua and Barbuda;*

11                   (ii) *the Bahamas;*

12                   (iii) *Barbados;*

13                   (iv) *Dominica;*

14                   (v) *the Dominican Republic;*

15                   (vi) *Grenada;*

16                   (vii) *Guyana;*

17                   (viii) *Jamaica;*

18                   (ix) *Saint Lucia;*

19                   (x) *Saint Kitts and Nevis,;*

20                   (xi) *Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;*

21                   (xii) *Suriname; and*

22                   (xiii) *Trinidad and Tobago.*

23           (B) *UPDATES.—The President or the Sec-*  
 24           *retary of State may add or remove one or more*  
 25           *countries from the list under subparagraph (A)*

1           upon written notification to the appropriate con-  
2           gressional committees.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SECU-**  
4           **RITY INITIATIVE.**

5           (a) *AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SE-*  
6 *CURITY INITIATIVE.*—*The Secretary of State and the Ad-*  
7 *ministrator of the United States Agency for International*  
8 *Development may carry out an initiative, to be known as*  
9 *the “Caribbean Basin Security Initiative”, in beneficiary*  
10 *countries to achieve the purposes described in subsection (b).*

11          (b) *PURPOSES.*—*The purposes described in this sub-*  
12 *section are the following:*

13           (1) *To promote citizen safety, security, and the*  
14 *rule of law in the Caribbean through increased stra-*  
15 *tegic engagement with—*

16                   (A) *the governments of beneficiary coun-*  
17 *tries; and*

18                   (B) *elements of local civil society, including*  
19 *the private sector, in such countries.*

20           (2) *To counter transnational criminal organiza-*  
21 *tions and local gangs in beneficiary countries, includ-*  
22 *ing through—*

23                   (A) *maritime and aerial security coopera-*  
24 *tion, including—*



1                   (i) assistance to strengthen capabilities  
2                   of maritime and aerial interdiction oper-  
3                   ations in the Caribbean; and

4                   (ii) the provision of support systems  
5                   and equipment, training, and maintenance;

6                   (B) cooperation on border and port secu-  
7                   rity, including support to strengthen capacity  
8                   for screening and intercepting narcotics, weap-  
9                   ons, bulk cash, and other contraband at airports  
10                  and seaports; and

11                  (C) capacity building and the provision of  
12                  equipment and support for operations tar-  
13                  geting—

14                   (i) the finances and illegal activities of  
15                   such organizations and gangs; and

16                   (ii) the recruitment by such organiza-  
17                   tions and gangs of at-risk youth.

18                  (3) To advance law enforcement and justice sec-  
19                  tor capacity building and rule of law initiatives in  
20                  beneficiary countries, including by—

21                   (A) strengthening special prosecutorial of-  
22                   fices and providing technical assistance—

23                   (i) to combat—

24                           (I) corruption;

25                           (II) money laundering;

1                   (III) *human, firearms, and wild-*  
2                   *life trafficking;*

3                   (IV) *human smuggling;*

4                   (V) *financial crimes; and*

5                   (VI) *extortion; and*

6                   (ii) *to conduct asset forfeitures and*  
7                   *criminal analysis;*

8                   (B) *supporting training for civilian police*  
9                   *and appropriate security services in criminal in-*  
10                   *vestigations, best practices for citizen security,*  
11                   *and the protection of human rights;*

12                   (C) *supporting capacity building for law*  
13                   *enforcement and military units, including*  
14                   *professionalization, anti-corruption and human*  
15                   *rights training, vetting, and community-based*  
16                   *policing;*

17                   (D) *supporting justice sector reform and*  
18                   *strengthening of the rule of law, including—*

19                   (i) *capacity building for prosecutors,*  
20                   *judges, and other justice officials; and*

21                   (ii) *support to increase the efficacy of*  
22                   *criminal courts; and*

23                   (E) *strengthening cybersecurity and*  
24                   *cybercrime cooperation, including capacity*  
25                   *building and support for cybersecurity systems.*

1           (4) *To promote crime prevention efforts in bene-*  
2 *ficiary countries, particularly among at-risk-youth*  
3 *and other vulnerable populations, including*  
4 *through—*

5           (A) *improving community and law enforce-*  
6 *ment cooperation to improve the effectiveness*  
7 *and professionalism of police and increase mu-*  
8 *tual trust;*

9           (B) *increasing economic opportunities for*  
10 *at-risk youth and vulnerable populations, includ-*  
11 *ing through workforce development training and*  
12 *remedial education programs for at-risk youth;*

13           (C) *improving juvenile justice sectors*  
14 *through regulatory reforms, separating youth*  
15 *from traditional prison systems, and improving*  
16 *support and services in juvenile detention cen-*  
17 *ters; and*

18           (D) *the provision of assistance to popu-*  
19 *lations vulnerable to being victims of extortion*  
20 *and crime by criminal networks.*

21           (5) *To strengthen the ability of the security sec-*  
22 *tor in beneficiary countries to respond to and become*  
23 *more resilient in the face of natural disasters, includ-*  
24 *ing by—*

1           (A) carrying out training exercises to en-  
2           sure critical infrastructure and ports are able to  
3           come back online rapidly following natural dis-  
4           asters; and

5           (B) providing preparedness training to po-  
6           lice and first responders.

7           (6) To prioritize efforts to combat corruption  
8           and include anti-corruption components in programs  
9           in beneficiary countries, including by—

10           (A) building the capacity of national justice  
11           systems and attorneys general to prosecute and  
12           try acts of corruption;

13           (B) increasing the capacity of national law  
14           enforcement services to carry out anti-corruption  
15           investigations; and

16           (C) encouraging cooperative agreements  
17           among the Department of State, other relevant  
18           Federal departments and agencies, and the attor-  
19           neys general of relevant countries.

20           (7) To promote the rule of law in beneficiary  
21           countries and counter malign influence from authori-  
22           tarian regimes, including China, Russia, Iran, Ven-  
23           ezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba, by—

24           (A) monitoring security assistance from  
25           such authoritarian regimes and taking steps nec-

1           *essary to ensure that such assistance does not un-*  
2           *dermine or jeopardize United States security as-*  
3           *stance;*

4           *(B) evaluating and, as appropriate, re-*  
5           *stricting the involvement of the United States in*  
6           *investment and infrastructure projects financed*  
7           *by authoritarian regimes that might obstruct or*  
8           *otherwise impact United States security assist-*  
9           *ance to beneficiary countries;*

10          *(C) monitoring and restricting equipment*  
11          *and support from high-risk vendors of tele-*  
12          *communications infrastructure in beneficiary*  
13          *countries;*

14          *(D) countering disinformation by pro-*  
15          *moting transparency and accountability from*  
16          *beneficiary countries; and*

17          *(E) eliminating corruption linked to invest-*  
18          *ment and infrastructure facilitated by authori-*  
19          *tarian regimes through support for investment*  
20          *screening, competitive tendering and bidding*  
21          *processes, the implementation of investment law,*  
22          *and contractual transparency.*

23          *(8) To support the effective branding and mes-*  
24          *saging of United States security assistance and co-*  
25          *operation in beneficiary countries, including by devel-*

1        *oping and implementing a public diplomacy strategy*  
2        *for informing citizens of beneficiary countries about*  
3        *the benefits to their respective countries of United*  
4        *States security assistance and cooperation programs.*

5        *(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*  
6        *authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State*  
7        *and the United States Agency for International Develop-*  
8        *ment \$82,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027*  
9        *to carry out the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative to*  
10       *achieve the purposes described in subsection (b).*

11       **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

12       *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
13       *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,*  
14       *in coordination with the Administrator of the United States*  
15       *Agency for International Development, shall submit to the*  
16       *appropriate congressional committees an implementation*  
17       *plan that includes a timeline and stated objectives for ac-*  
18       *tions to be taken in beneficiary countries with respect to*  
19       *the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.*

20       *(b) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan required*  
21       *by subsection (a) shall include the following elements:*

22                *(1) A multi-year strategy with a timeline, over-*  
23        *view of objectives, and anticipated outcomes for the*  
24        *region and for each beneficiary country, with respect*  
25        *to each purpose described in section 3.*

1           (2) *Specific, measurable benchmarks to track the*  
2 *progress of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative*  
3 *toward accomplishing the outcomes included under*  
4 *paragraph (1).*

5           (3) *A plan for the delineation of the roles to be*  
6 *carried out by the Department of State, the United*  
7 *States Agency for International Development, the De-*  
8 *partment of Justice, the Department of Defense, and*  
9 *any other Federal department or agency in carrying*  
10 *out the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to pre-*  
11 *vent overlap and unintended competition between ac-*  
12 *tivities and resources.*

13           (4) *A plan to coordinate and track all activities*  
14 *carried out under the Caribbean Basin Security Ini-*  
15 *tiative among all relevant Federal departments and*  
16 *agencies, in accordance with the publication require-*  
17 *ments described in section 4 of the Foreign Aid*  
18 *Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016 (22*  
19 *U.S.C. 2394c).*

20           (5) *A description of the process for co-locating*  
21 *projects of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative*  
22 *funded by the United States Agency for International*  
23 *Development and the Bureau of International Nar-*  
24 *cotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the Depart-*  
25 *ment of State to ensure that crime prevention funding*

1        *and enforcement funding are used in the same local-*  
2        *ities as necessary.*

3            (6) *An assessment of steps taken, as of the date*  
4        *on which the plan is submitted, to increase regional*  
5        *coordination and collaboration between the law en-*  
6        *forcement agencies of beneficiary countries and the*  
7        *Haitian National Police, and a framework with*  
8        *benchmarks for increasing such coordination and col-*  
9        *laboration, in order to address the urgent security cri-*  
10       *sis in Haiti.*

11        (c) *ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE.*—*Not later than 1*  
12       *year after the date on which the implementation plan re-*  
13       *quired by subsection (a) is submitted, and annually there-*  
14       *after, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ad-*  
15       *ministrator of the United States Agency for International*  
16       *Development, shall submit to the appropriate congressional*  
17       *committees a written description of results achieved through*  
18       *the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, including with re-*  
19       *spect to—*

20            (1) *the implementation of the strategy and plans*  
21        *described in paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of subsection*  
22        *(b);*

23            (2) *compliance with, and progress related to,*  
24        *meeting the benchmarks described in paragraph (2) of*  
25        *subsection (b); and*



1           (3) *funding statistics for the Caribbean Basin*  
2           *Security Initiative for the preceding year,*  
3           *disaggregated by country.*

4 **SEC. 5. PROGRAMS AND STRATEGY TO INCREASE NATURAL**  
5                                   **DISASTER RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE.**

6           (a) *PROGRAMS.—During the 5-year period beginning*  
7           *on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*  
8           *State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United*  
9           *States Agency for International Development and the Presi-*  
10           *dent and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-American*  
11           *Foundation, shall promote natural disaster response and*  
12           *resilience in beneficiary countries by carrying out programs*  
13           *for the following purposes:*

14                   (1) *Encouraging coordination between bene-*  
15                   *ficiary countries and relevant Federal departments*  
16                   *and agencies to provide expertise and information*  
17                   *sharing.*

18                   (2) *Supporting the sharing of best practices on*  
19                   *natural disaster resilience, including on constructing*  
20                   *resilient infrastructure and rebuilding after natural*  
21                   *disasters.*

22                   (3) *Improving rapid-response mechanisms and*  
23                   *cross-government organizational preparedness for nat-*  
24                   *ural disasters.*

1           (b) *STRATEGY*.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in co-  
3 ordination with the Administrator of the United States  
4 Agency for International Development and in consultation  
5 with the President and Chief Economic Officer of the Inter-  
6 American Foundation and nongovernmental organizations  
7 in beneficiary countries and in the United States, shall sub-  
8 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a strategy  
9 that incorporates specific, measurable benchmarks—

10           (1) to achieve the purposes described in sub-  
11 section (a); and

12           (2) to inform citizens of beneficiary countries  
13 about the extent and benefits of United States assist-  
14 ance to such countries.

15           (c) *ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE*.—Not later than 1  
16 year after the date on which the strategy required by sub-  
17 section (b) is submitted, and annually thereafter, the Sec-  
18 retary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
19 the United States Agency for International Development,  
20 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
21 written description of the progress made as of the date of  
22 such submission in meeting the benchmarks included in the  
23 strategy.



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