

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4368
OFFERED BY MS. SALAZAR OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Caribbean Basin Secu-
3 rity Initiative Authorization Act”.

4 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.

5 The Secretary of State, acting through the Assistant
6 Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, is au-
7 thorized to carry out an initiative in beneficiary countries
8 in the Caribbean, to be known as the “Caribbean Basin
9 Security Initiative” (in this Act referred to as the “Initia-
10 tive”), that promotes citizen safety, security, and the rule
11 of law through increased strategic engagement with both
12 governments and local civil society, and achieves the pur-
13 poses described in section 3.

14 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

15 The purposes described in this section are the fol-
16 lowing:

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

4 (A) maritime and aerial security coopera-
5 tion;

6 (B) border and port security cooperation,
7 including support to strengthen capacity for
8 screening and intercepting narcotics and other
9 contraband; and

10 (C) operations targeting the finances and
11 illegal activities of such organizations and
12 gangs, and the recruitment by such organiza-
13 tions and gangs of at-risk youth.

14 (2) To advance the rule of law and strengthen
15 law enforcement and the justice sector, including
16 by—

17 (A) assisting special prosecutorial offices in
18 conducting asset forfeitures and criminal anal-
19 ysis and combatting—

20 (i) money laundering;

21 (ii) trafficking in persons;

22 (iii) firearms and wildlife trafficking;

23 (iv) human smuggling;

24 (v) financial crimes; and

25 (vi) extortion;

1 (B) training civilian police, law enforce-
2 ment, and other security services in criminal in-
3 vestigations, professionalization and the protec-
4 tion of internationally recognized human rights;

5 (C) supporting justice sector reform; and

6 (D) strengthening cybersecurity and
7 cybercrime cooperation.

8 (3) To prevent crime, particularly among at-
9 risk-youth and other vulnerable populations.

10 (4) To strengthen the security sector's natural
11 disaster response and resilience.

12 (5) To combat corruption.

13 (6) To counter malign influence from the Peo-
14 ple's Republic of China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela,
15 Nicaragua, and Cuba, and other authoritarian re-
16 gimes.

17 (7) To support the effective branding and mes-
18 saging of United States security assistance and co-
19 operation in beneficiary countries, including by de-
20 veloping and implementing a public diplomacy strat-
21 egy for informing citizens of beneficiary countries
22 about the benefits to their respective countries of
23 United States security assistance and cooperation
24 programs.

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 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
5 an implementation plan that includes a timeline and stat-
6 ed objectives for actions to be taken in beneficiary coun-
7 tries with respect to the Initiative.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan required
9 by subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

10 (1) A description of strategic goals, objectives,
11 and performance goals for each activity and Initia-
12 tive-wide. The plan should illustrate the alignment of
13 goals across beneficiary countries and the Initiative
14 as a whole.

15 (2) Specific, measurable benchmarks to track
16 the progress of the Initiative toward accomplishing
17 the outcomes included under this section.

18 (3) An assessment of the internal and external
19 factors and risks that could affect goal achievement
20 and strategies to address or mitigate them.

21 (4) A plan for the delineation of the roles and
22 responsibilities to be carried out by the Department
23 of State, the Department of Justice, the Department
24 of Defense, and any other Federal department or
25 agency in carrying out the Initiative, as well as
26 mechanisms for coordination between these depart-

1 ments and agencies to prevent overlap and unin-
2 tended competition between activities and resources.

3 (5) A plan to coordinate on monitoring of out-
4 comes of all activities carried out under the Initia-
5 tive and evaluating the Initiative-wide impact among
6 all relevant Federal departments and agencies, to be
7 published on the Department of State website,
8 ForeignAssistance.gov, in accordance with the re-
9 quirements described in section 4 of the Foreign Aid
10 Transparency and Accountability Act of 2016 (22
11 U.S.C. 2394c).

12 (6) A plan for ensuring that evidence, such as
13 from monitoring and evaluation reports, will meet
14 quality standards.

15 (7) A plan for the use of site visits and other
16 means of verification in the assessment of progress
17 to meet the goals and objectives of the Initiative.

18 (8) A plan to use performance and evaluation
19 information to inform management decisions and de-
20 termine if any additional evidence is needed to fur-
21 ther inform decisions.

22 (9) An assessment of the sufficiency of existing
23 monitoring and evaluation capacity and identifica-
24 tion of actions to maintain or enhance capacity.

25 (c) REVIEW.—The Secretary of State may—

1 (1) review the implementation plan required by
2 subsection (a); and

3 (2) submit to the appropriate congressional
4 committees any changes to the implementation plan
5 following the review under paragraph (1).

6 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

7 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter until 2030, the
9 Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees a report that includes a written descrip-
11 tion of results achieved through the Initiative, including
12 with respect to—

13 (1) compliance with and progress related to the
14 implementation plan required by subsection (5)(1);
15 and

16 (2) funding amounts for the Caribbean Basin
17 Security Initiative for the preceding year,
18 disaggregated by country and funding account.

19 **SEC. 6. 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 shall promote natural disaster response and resil-
24 ience in beneficiary countries by carrying out programs
25 that—

1 (1) encourage coordination between beneficiary
2 countries and relevant Federal departments and
3 agencies to provide expertise and information shar-
4 ing;

5 (2) share best practices on natural disaster re-
6 siliance, including on constructing resilient infra-
7 structure and rebuilding after natural disasters; and

8 (3) improve rapid-response mechanisms and
9 cross-government organizational preparedness for
10 natural disasters.

11 (b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
13 in consultation nongovernmental organizations in bene-
14 ficiary countries and in the United States, shall submit
15 to the appropriate congressional committees a strategy
16 that incorporates specific, measurable benchmarks—

17 (1) to achieve the programs described in sub-
18 section (a); and

19 (2) to inform citizens of beneficiary countries
20 about the extent and benefits of United States as-
21 sistance to such countries.

22 (c) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than
23 one year after the date on which the strategy required by
24 subsection (b) is submitted, and annually thereafter until
25 2030, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appro-

1 p r i a t e c o n g r e s s i o n a l c o m m i t t e e s a w r i t t e n d e s c r i p t i o n o f
2 t h e p r o g r e s s m a d e a s o f t h e d a t e o f s u c h s u b m i s s i o n i n
3 m e e t i n g t h e b e n c h m a r k s i n c l u d e d i n t h e s t r a t e g y .

4 **SEC. 7. SUNSET.**

5 The authority to carry out this Act, other than sec-
6 t i o n 6 , s h a l l t e r m i n a t e o n t h e d a t e t h a t i s f i v e y e a r s a f t e r
7 t h e d a t e o f t h e e n a c t m e n t o f t h i s A c t .

8 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
11 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
14 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
15 Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
17 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
18 of Representatives.

19 (2) BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “beneficiary
21 countries” means—

22 (i) Antigua and Barbuda;

23 (ii) the Bahamas;

24 (iii) Barbados;

25 (iv) Dominica;

- 1 (v) the Dominican Republic;
- 2 (vi) Grenada;
- 3 (vii) Guyana;
- 4 (viii) Jamaica;
- 5 (ix) Saint Lucia;
- 6 (x) Saint Kitts and Nevis;
- 7 (xi) Saint Vincent and the Grena-
- 8 dines;
- 9 (xii) Suriname; and
- 10 (xiii) Trinidad and Tobago.

11 (B) UPDATES.—The Secretary of State
12 may add or remove one or more countries from
13 the list under subparagraph (A) upon written
14 notification to the appropriate congressional
15 committees.

