

tions 2348c and 2349aa-5 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2151 of this title and Tables.

§ 7706. Eligible countries

(a) Determination by the Board

The Board shall determine whether a candidate country is an eligible country for purposes of this section. Such determination shall be based, to the maximum extent possible, upon objective and quantifiable indicators of a country's demonstrated commitment to the criteria in subsection (b), and shall, where appropriate, take into account and assess the role of women and girls.

(b) Criteria

A candidate country should be considered to be an eligible country for purposes of this section if the Board determines that the country has demonstrated a commitment to—

(1) just and democratic governance, including a demonstrated commitment to—

(A) promote political pluralism, equality, and the rule of law;

(B) respect human and civil rights, including the rights of people with disabilities;

(C) protect private property rights;

(D) encourage transparency and accountability of government; and

(E) combat corruption;

(2) economic freedom, including a demonstrated commitment to economic policies that—

(A) encourage citizens and firms to participate in global trade and international capital markets;

(B) promote private sector growth;

(C) strengthen market forces in the economy; and

(D) respect worker rights, including the right to form labor unions; and

(3) investments in the people of such country, particularly women and children, including programs that—

(A) promote broad-based primary education;

(B) strengthen and build capacity to provide quality public health and reduce child mortality; and

(C) promote the protection of biodiversity and the transparent and sustainable management and use of natural resources.

(c) Selection by the Board

(1) In general

At the time the Board determines eligible countries under this section for a fiscal year, the Board shall select those eligible countries with respect to which the United States will initially seek to enter into a Millennium Challenge Compact pursuant to section 7708 of this title.

(2) Factors

In selecting eligible countries under paragraph (1), the Board shall consider the following factors:

(A) The extent to which the country clearly meets or exceeds the eligibility criteria.

(B) The opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country.

(C) The availability of amounts to carry out this chapter.

(d) Establishment of criteria and methodology

The criteria and methodology submitted by the Board to Congress and published in the Federal Register under section 7707(b)(2) of this title with respect to a fiscal year shall remain fixed for purposes of eligibility determinations for such year.

(e) Annual modification of criteria and methodology

As appropriate, the Board, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall review the eligibility criteria and methodology and modify such criteria and methodology in subsequent years consistent with section 7707(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 108-199, div. D, title VI, §607, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 216; Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title VI, §699I(a), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2372.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(C), was in the original "this title", meaning title VI of Pub. L. 108-199, div. D, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 211, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this title to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7701 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 110-161, §699I(a)(1), struck out "and the sustainable management of natural resources" after "growth".

Subsec. (b)(3)(C). Pub. L. 110-161, §699I(a)(2), added subpar. (C).

§ 7707. Congressional and public notification of candidate countries, eligibility criteria, and eligible countries

(a) Identification of candidate countries

Not later than 90 days prior to the date on which the Board determines eligible countries under section 7706 of this title for a fiscal year, the Chief Executive Officer—

(1) shall prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains a list of all candidate countries identified under section 7705 of this title, and all countries that would be candidate countries if the countries met the requirement contained in section 7705(a)(1)(B) of this title, for the fiscal year; and

(2) shall publish in the Federal Register the information contained in the report described in paragraph (1).

(b) Identification of eligibility criteria and methodology

Not later than 60 days prior to the date on which the Board determines eligible countries under section 7706 of this title for a fiscal year, the Chief Executive Officer—

(1) shall prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains a list of the criteria and methodology described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 7706 of this title that will be used to determine eligibility for each candidate country identified under subsection (a);