

States companies and investors in the planning, financing, and construction of infrastructure for communications, transportation, including air transportation, and energy and trade including highways, railroads, port facilities, shipping, banking, insurance, telecommunications networks, and gas and oil pipelines.

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#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is act July 31, 1945, ch. 341, 59 Stat. 526, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§635 et seq.) of chapter 6A of Title 12, Banks and Banking. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 635 of Title 12 and Tables.

### § 2296c. Border control assistance

#### (a) Purpose of assistance

The purpose of assistance under this section includes the assistance of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia to secure their borders and implement effective controls necessary to prevent the trafficking of illegal narcotics and the proliferation of technology and materials related to weapons of mass destruction (as defined in section 2332a(c)(2) of title 18), and to contain and inhibit transnational organized criminal activities.

#### (b) Authorization for assistance

To carry out the purpose of subsection (a) of this section, the President is authorized to provide assistance to the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia to support the activities described in subsection (c) of this section.

#### (c) Activities supported

Activities that may be supported by assistance under subsection (b) of this section include assisting those countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia in developing capabilities to maintain national border guards, coast guard, and customs controls.

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#### DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under this section, see Ex. Ord. No. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 F.R. 56673, as amended, set out as a note under section 2381 of this title.

### § 2296d. Strengthening democracy, tolerance, and the development of civil society

#### (a) Purpose of assistance

The purpose of assistance under this section is to promote institutions of democratic government and to create the conditions for the growth of pluralistic societies, including religious tolerance and respect for internationally recognized human rights.

#### (b) Authorization for assistance

To carry out the purpose of subsection (a) of this section, the President is authorized to provide the following types of assistance to the

countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia:

(1) Assistance for democracy building, including programs to strengthen parliamentary institutions and practices.

(2) Assistance for the development of non-governmental organizations.

(3) Assistance for development of independent media.

(4) Assistance for the development of the rule of law, a strong independent judiciary, and transparency in political practice and commercial transactions.

(5) International exchanges and advanced professional training programs in skill areas central to the development of civil society.

(6) Assistance to promote increased adherence to civil and political rights under section 2151n(e) of this title.

#### (c) Activities supported

Activities that may be supported by assistance under subsection (b) of this section include activities that are designed to advance progress toward the development of democracy.

(Pub. L. 87-195, pt. I, §499D, as added Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(2) [title V, §596(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-125.)

#### DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions of President under this section, see Ex. Ord. No. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 F.R. 56673, as amended, set out as a note under section 2381 of this title.

### § 2296e. Administrative authorities

#### (a) Assistance through governments and non-governmental organizations

Assistance under this part may be provided to governments or through nongovernmental organizations.

#### (b) Use of economic support funds

Except as otherwise provided, any funds that have been allocated under part IV of subchapter II of this chapter for assistance for the independent states of the former Soviet Union may be used in accordance with the provisions of this part.

#### (c) Terms and conditions

Assistance under this part shall be provided on such terms and conditions as the President may determine.

#### (d) Available authorities

The authority in this part to provide assistance for the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia is in addition to the authority to provide such assistance under the FREEDOM Support Act (22 U.S.C. 5801 et seq.) or any other Act, and the authorities applicable to the provision of assistance under part XI of this subchapter may be used to provide assistance under this part.

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#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The FREEDOM Support Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is Pub. L. 102-511, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3320, as