

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);

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

(3) may conduct one or more public hearings on the eligibility criteria and methodology.

**(c) Public comment and congressional consultation**

**(1) Public comment**

The Chief Executive Officer shall, for the 30-day period beginning on the date of publication in the Federal Register of the information contained in the report described in subsection (b)(1), accept public comment and consider such comment for purposes of determining eligible countries under section 7706 of this title.

**(2) Congressional consultation**

The Chief Executive Officer shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees on the extent to which the candidate countries meet the criteria described in section 7706(b) of this title.

**(d) Identification of eligible countries**

Not later than 5 days after 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 such eligible countries, an identification of those countries on such list with respect to which the Board will seek to enter into a Compact under section 7708 of this title, and a justification for such eligibility determination and selection for Compact negotiation; and

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

(Pub. L. 108–199, div. D, title VI, §608, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 217.)

**§ 7708. Millennium Challenge Compact**

**(a) Compact**

The Board, acting through the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, may provide assistance for an eligible country only if the country enters into an agreement with the United States, to be known as a “Millennium Challenge Compact”, that establishes a multi-year plan for achieving shared development objectives in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Elements**

**(1) In general**

The Compact should take into account the national development strategy of the eligible country and shall contain—

(A) the specific objectives that the country and the United States expect to achieve during the term of the Compact;