

increase energy security by helping Ukraine reduce its dependence on natural gas imported from the Russian Federation.

**(B) Elements**

The medium- and long-term plans required by subparagraph (A) should include strategies, as appropriate, to—

- (i) improve corporate governance and unbundling of state-owned oil and gas sector firms;
- (ii) increase production from natural gas fields and from other sources, including renewable energy;
- (iii) license new oil and gas blocks transparently and competitively;
- (iv) modernize oil and gas upstream infrastructure; and
- (v) improve energy efficiency.

**(C) Prioritization**

The Secretary of State, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and the Secretary of Energy should, during fiscal years 2015 through 2018, work with other donors, including multilateral agencies and nongovernmental organizations, to prioritize, to the extent practicable and as appropriate, the provision of assistance from such donors to help Ukraine to improve energy efficiency, increase energy supplies produced in Ukraine, and reduce reliance on energy imports from the Russian Federation, including natural gas.

**(D) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 in the aggregate for fiscal years 2016 through 2018 to carry out activities under this paragraph.

**(3) Support from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation**

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation shall—

- (A) prioritize, to the extent practicable, support for investments to help increase energy efficiency, develop domestic oil and natural gas reserves, improve and repair electricity infrastructure, and develop renewable and other sources of energy in Ukraine; and
- (B) implement procedures for expedited review and, as appropriate, approval, of applications by eligible investors (as defined in section 2198 of this title) for loans, loan guarantees, and insurance for such investments.

**(4) Support by the World Bank Group and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

The President shall, to the extent practicable and as appropriate, direct the United States Executive Directors of the World Bank Group and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to encourage the World Bank Group and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other international financial institutions—

- (A) to invest in, and increase their efforts to promote investment in, projects to im-

prove energy efficiency, improve and repair electricity infrastructure, develop domestic oil and natural gas reserves, and develop renewable and other sources of energy in Ukraine; and

- (B) to stimulate private investment in such projects.

**(d) Assistance to civil society in Ukraine**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall, directly or through nongovernmental or international organizations, such as the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the National Endowment for Democracy, and related organizations—

- (A) strengthen the organizational and operational capacity of democratic civil society in Ukraine;
- (B) support the efforts of independent media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and share information in all regions of Ukraine;
- (C) counter corruption and improve transparency and accountability of institutions that are part of the Government of Ukraine; and
- (D) provide support for democratic organizing and election monitoring in Ukraine.

**(2) Strategy required**

Not later than 60 days after December 18, 2014, the President shall submit a strategy to carry out the activities described in paragraph (1) to—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
- (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

**(3) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2016 to carry out this subsection.

**(4) Transparency requirements**

Any assistance provided pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in as transparent of a manner as possible, consistent with the nature and goals of this subsection. The President shall provide a briefing on the activities funded by this subsection at the request of the committees specified in paragraph (2).

(Pub. L. 113–272, § 7, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2960.)

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under subsec. (d) of this section delegated to Secretary of State by Memorandum of President of the United States, Feb. 19, 2015, 80 F.R. 12071, set out as a note under section 8925 of this title.

**§ 8927. Expanded broadcasting in countries of the former Soviet Union**

**(a) In general**

Not later than 90 days after December 18, 2014, the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall submit to Congress a plan, includ-

ing a cost estimate, for immediately and substantially increasing, and maintaining through fiscal year 2017, the quantity of Russian-language broadcasting into the countries of the former Soviet Union funded by the United States in order to counter Russian Federation propaganda.

**(b) Prioritization of broadcasting into Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova**

The plan required by subsection (a) shall prioritize broadcasting into Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova by the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

**(c) Additional priorities**

In developing the plan required by subsection (a), the Chairman shall consider—

- (1) near-term increases in Russian-language broadcasting for countries of the former Soviet Union (other than the countries specified in subsection (b)), including Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia; and
- (2) increases in broadcasting in other critical languages, including Ukrainian and Romanian languages.

**(d) Broadcasting defined**

In this section, the term “broadcasting” means the distribution of media content via radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, and Internet-based platforms, among other platforms.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

**(1) In general**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Broadcasting Board of Governors \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2018 to carry out activities under this section.

**(2) Supplement not supplant**

Amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall supplement and not supplant other amounts made available for activities described in this section.

(Pub. L. 113–272, § 8, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2964.)

**§ 8928. Support for Russian democracy and civil society organizations**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of State shall, directly or through nongovernmental or international organizations, such as the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the National Endowment for Democracy, and related organizations—

- (1) improve democratic governance, transparency, accountability, rule of law, and anti-corruption efforts in the Russian Federation;
- (2) strengthen democratic institutions and political and civil society organizations in the Russian Federation;
- (3) expand uncensored Internet access in the Russian Federation; and
- (4) expand free and unfettered access to independent media of all kinds in the Russian Federation, including through increasing United States Government-supported broadcasting activities, and assist with the protection of journalists and civil society activists who have been targeted for free speech activities.

**(b) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2018 to carry out the activities set forth in subsection (a).

**(c) Strategy requirement**

Not later than 60 days after December 18, 2014, the President shall submit a strategy to carry out the activities set forth in subsection (a) to—

- (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

**(d) Transparency requirements**

Any assistance provided pursuant to this section shall be conducted in as transparent of a manner as possible, consistent with the nature and goals of this section. The President shall provide a briefing on the activities funded by this section at the request of the committees specified in subsection (c).

(Pub. L. 113–272, § 9, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2964.)

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under subsec. (c) of this section delegated to Secretary of State by Memorandum of President of the United States, Feb. 19, 2015, 80 F.R. 12071, set out as a note under section 8925 of this title.

**§ 8929. Report on non-compliance by the Russian Federation of its obligations under the INF Treaty**

**(a) Findings**

Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) The Russian Federation is in violation of its obligations under the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles, signed at Washington December 8, 1987, and entered into force June 1, 1988 (commonly referred to as the “Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty” or “INF Treaty”).
- (2) This behavior poses a threat to the United States, its deployed forces, and its allies.

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**(b) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) the President should hold the Russian Federation accountable for being in violation of its obligations under the INF Treaty; and
- (2) the President should demand the Russian Federation completely and verifiably eliminate the military systems that constitute the violation of its obligations under the INF Treaty.

**(c) Report**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 90 days after December 18, 2014, and every 90 days thereafter, the President shall submit to the committees specified in subsection (d) a report that includes the following elements:

- (A) A description of the status of the President’s efforts, in cooperation with