

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), 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).

**(c) Activities supported**

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

(Pub. L. 87-195, pt. I, §499C, as added Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(2) [title V, §596(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-124.)

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), 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 nongovernmental 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) 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 nongovernmental 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.

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

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The FREEDOM Support Act, referred to in subsection (d), is Pub. L. 102-511, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3320, as amended, also known as the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5801 of this title and Tables.

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.

**§ 2296f. Definitions**

In this part:

**(1) Appropriate congressional committees**

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives.

**(2) Countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia**

The term “countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia” means Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

(Pub. L. 87-195, pt. I, §499F, as added Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(2) [title V, §596(b)], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-126.)