

(D) identifies a path toward the adoption of necessary reforms that would—

- (i) lead to an assessed fee structure in which no member state would pay more than 50 percent of the OAS’s assessed yearly fees; and
- (ii) seek to minimize the negative financial impact on the OAS and its operations.

(2) Policy priorities and coordination

The Secretary of State shall—

(A) carry out diplomatic engagement to build support for reforms and budgetary burden sharing among OAS member states and observers; and

(B) promote donor coordination among OAS member states.

(b) Briefings

The Secretary of State shall offer to the committees referred to in subsection (a)(1) a quarterly briefing that—

- (1) reviews assessed and voluntary contributions;
- (2) analyzes the progress made by the OAS to adopt and effectively implement a results-based budgeting process in order to strategically prioritize, and where appropriate, reduce current and future mandates;
- (3) analyzes the progress made by the OAS to adopt and effectively implement transparent and merit-based human resource standards and practices and transparent hiring, firing, and promotion standards and processes, including with respect to factors such as gender and national origin;
- (4) analyzes the progress made by the OAS to adopt and effectively implement a practice of soliciting member quotas to be paid on a schedule that will improve the consistency of its operating budget; and
- (5) analyzes the progress made by the OAS to review, streamline, and prioritize mandates to focus on core missions and make efficient and effective use of available funding.

(Pub. L. 113–41, § 5, Oct. 2, 2013, 127 Stat. 550.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 4(8), referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(A), is section 4(8) of Pub. L. 113–41, Oct. 2, 2013, 127 Stat. 549, which is not classified to the Code.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 113–41, § 1, Oct. 2, 2013, 127 Stat. 548, provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and provisions set out as notes under this section] may be cited as the ‘Organization of American States Revitalization and Reform Act of 2013’.”

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 113–41, § 2, Oct. 2, 2013, 127 Stat. 548, provided that: “Congress makes the following findings:

- “(1) The Charter of the Organization of American States recognizes that—
 - “(A) representative democracy is indispensable for the stability, peace, and development of the Western Hemisphere; and
 - “(B) a purpose of the Organization of American States is to promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention.
- “(2) The United States supports the purposes and principles enshrined in—
 - “(A) the Charter of the Organization of American States;

- “(B) the Inter-American Democratic Charter; and
- “(C) the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man.

“(3) The United States supports the Organization of American States in its efforts with all member states to meet our commitments under the instruments set forth in paragraph (2).

“(4) Congress supports the Organization of American States as it operates in a manner consistent with the Inter-American Democratic Charter.”

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Pub. L. 113–41, § 3, Oct. 2, 2013, 127 Stat. 548, provided that: “It is the policy of the United States—

- “(1) to promote democracy and the rule of law throughout the Western Hemisphere;
- “(2) to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Western Hemisphere; and
- “(3) to support the practices, purposes, and principles expressed in the Charter of the Organization of American States, the American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and other fundamental instruments of democracy.”

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§ 291. Lease of buildings, etc., for offices, living quarters, heat, light, and equipment

The Secretary of State may lease or rent, for periods not exceeding ten years, such buildings and grounds for the use of the Foreign Service as may be necessary; and he may, in accordance with existing practice without cost to them, and within the limit of any appropriation made by Congress, furnish the officers and employees in the Foreign Service with living quarters, heat, light, and household equipment in Government-owned or rented buildings, at places where, in his judgment, it would be in the public interest to do so, notwithstanding the provisions of section 5536 of title 5; and appropriations for “Contingent expenses, foreign missions,” and “Con-