

**§ 9203. Strategy on North Korea****(a) Report on strategy required**

Not later than 90 days after December 12, 2017, the President shall submit to Congress a report setting forth the strategy of the United States with respect to North Korea.

**(b) Elements**

The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description and assessment of the primary threats to United States national security interests from North Korea.

(2) A description of known foreign nation, foreign entity, or individual violations of current United Nations sanctions against North Korea, together with parameters for determining whether and on what timeline it serves United States interests to target such violators with unilateral secondary sanctions.

(3) A description of the diplomatic, economic, and trade relationships between China and North Korea and between Russia and North Korea, including trends in such relationships and their impact on the Government of North Korea.

(4) An identification of the diplomatic, economic, and security objectives for the Korean Peninsula and the desired end state in North Korea with respect to the security threats emanating from North Korea.

(5) A detailed roadmap to reach the objectives and end state identified pursuant to paragraph (4), including timelines for each element of the roadmap.

(6) A description of the unilateral and multilateral options available to the United States regarding North Korea, together with an assessment of the degree to which such options would impose costs on North Korea.

(7) A description of the resources and authorities necessary to carry out the roadmap described in paragraph (5).

(8) A description of operational plans and associated military requirements for the protection of United States interests with respect to North Korea.

(9) An identification of any capability or resource gaps that would affect the implementation of the strategy described in subsection (a), and a mitigation plan to address such gaps.

(10) An assessment of current and desired partner contributions to countering threats from North Korea, and a plan to enhance cooperation among countries with shared security interests with respect to North Korea.

(11) Any other matters the President considers appropriate.

**(c) Annual updates**

The President shall submit to Congress in writing on an annual basis a report describing and assessing progress in the implementation of the strategy described in subsection (a).

**(d) Form**

The report under subsection (a) and each report under subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title XII, §1256, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1682.)

## CODIFICATION

Section enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018, and not as part of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 which comprises this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER I—INVESTIGATIONS,  
PROHIBITED CONDUCT, AND PENALTIES**§ 9211. Statement of policy**

In order to achieve the peaceful disarmament of North Korea, Congress finds that it is necessary—

(1) to encourage all member states of the United Nations to fully and promptly implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 2094 (2013);

(2) to sanction the persons, including financial institutions, that facilitate proliferation, illicit activities, arms trafficking, cyberterrorism, imports of luxury goods, serious human rights abuses, cash smuggling, and censorship by the Government of North Korea;

(3) to authorize the President to sanction persons who fail to exercise due diligence to ensure that such financial institutions and member states do not facilitate proliferation, arms trafficking, kleptocracy, or imports of luxury goods by the Government of North Korea;

(4) to deny the Government of North Korea access to the funds it uses to develop or obtain nuclear weapons, ballistic missiles, cyberwarfare capabilities, and luxury goods instead of providing for the needs of the people of North Korea; and

(5) to enforce sanctions in a manner that does not significantly hinder or delay the efforts of legitimate United States or foreign humanitarian organizations from providing assistance to meet the needs of civilians facing humanitarian crisis, including access to food, health care, shelter, and clean drinking water, to prevent or alleviate human suffering.

(Pub. L. 114–122, title I, §101, Feb. 18, 2016, 130 Stat. 98.)

**§ 9212. Investigations****(a) Initiation**

The President shall initiate an investigation into the possible designation of a person under section 9214(a) of this title upon receipt by the President of credible information indicating that such person has engaged in conduct described in section 9214(a) of this title.

**(b) Personnel**

The President may direct the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the heads of other Federal departments and agencies as may be necessary to assign sufficient experienced and qualified investigators, attorneys, and technical personnel—

(1) to investigate the conduct described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 9214 of this title; and

(2) to coordinate and ensure the effective enforcement of this chapter.