

**(e) Visa restrictions; sanctions waiver**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in subsection (b)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9721 or 9722 of this title, the Secretary of State shall provide such briefing to such committee.

**(f) Recovery of stolen assets****(1) In general**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9741 of this title, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall provide such briefing to such committee.

**(2) Congressional committees**

The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;
- (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;
- (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;
- (E) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives; and
- (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

**(g) PDVSA transactions with Rosneft****(1) In general**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9752 of this title, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide such briefing to such committee.

**(2) Congressional committees**

The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
- (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and
- (D) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title I, §181, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3046.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 142, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is section 142 of title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3038, which is not classified to the Code.

Section 131, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), is section 131 of title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3034, which is not classified to the Code.

**§ 9762. Prohibition on construction of provisions of this chapter as an authorization for the use of military force**

Nothing in this chapter may be construed as an authorization for the use of military force.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title I, §182, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3048.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3030, known as the Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and Development Act of 2019, and also as the VERDAD Act of 2019, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9701 of this title and Tables.

**§ 9763. Termination**

The requirement to impose sanctions under this chapter shall terminate on December 31, 2023.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title I, §183(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3048.)

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This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3030, known as the Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and Development Act of 2019, and also as the VERDAD Act of 2019, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9701 of this title and Tables.

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**§ 9801. Appropriate congressional committees defined**

In this chapter:

**(1) Appropriate congressional committees**

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (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.

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**(2) Relevant Federal department or agency**

The term “relevant Federal department or agency” means the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Defense, the Department of<sup>1</sup> Treasury, and any other Federal department or agency the President determines is relevant to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title V, §502, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3060.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “the”.

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 116-94, div. J, title V, §501, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3060, provided that: “This title [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Global Fragility Act of 2019’.”

**§ 9802. Statement of policy**

It is the policy of the United States to seek to stabilize conflict-affected areas and prevent violence and fragility globally, including by—

(1) ensuring that all relevant Federal departments and agencies coordinate to achieve coherent, long-term goals for programs designed to carry out such policy;

(2) seeking to improve global, regional, and local coordination of relevant international and multilateral development and donor organizations regarding efforts to carry out such policy; and

(3) enhancing the effectiveness of United States foreign assistance programs and activities to carry out such policy, including by improving assessment, monitoring, and evaluation conducted by the relevant Federal departments and agencies.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. J, title V, §503, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3060.)

**§ 9803. Global fragility strategy****(a) Strategy**

The President, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (“USAID”), the Secretary of Defense, and the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall establish a comprehensive, integrated, ten-year strategy, to be referred to as the “Global Fragility Strategy”, to contribute to the stabilization of conflict-affected areas, address global fragility, and strengthen the capacity of the United States to be an effective leader of international efforts to prevent extremism and violent conflict. The strategy shall focus on addressing long-term causes of fragility and violence, and shall—

(1) consider the causes of fragility and violence at both the local and national levels, the external actors that reinforce and exploit such conditions, and successful prevention strategies and their key features;

(2) include specific objectives and multisectoral approaches to reduce fragility and the causes of violence, including those that strengthen state-society relations, curb extremist ideology, and make society less vulnerable to the spread of extremism and violence;

(3) encourage and empower local and national actors to address the concerns of their citizens, including those in vulnerable communities, and build community resilience against violence and extremism;

(4) address the long-term underlying causes of fragility and violence through participatory, locally led programs, empowering marginalized groups such as youth and women, inclusive dialogues and conflict resolutions processes, justice sector reform, good governance, inclusive and accountable service delivery, and community policing and civilian

security, including by combatting impunity for security forces implicated in violations of internationally recognized human rights and other serious crimes;

(5) describe approaches that ensure national leadership where appropriate and participatory engagement by civil society and local partners in the design, implementation, and monitoring of programs;

(6) assign roles for relevant Federal departments and agencies to avoid duplication of efforts, while ensuring that—

(A) the Department of State is responsible for leading the drafting and execution of the strategy, establishing United States foreign policy, advancing diplomatic and political efforts, and overseeing the planning and implementation of security assistance and related civilian security efforts;

(B) USAID is responsible for overseeing prevention programs, and is the lead implementing agency for development, humanitarian, and related non-security program policy;

(C) activities undertaken or supported by the Department of Defense in relation to the Global Fragility Strategy are established through joint formulation and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State; and

(D) other relevant Federal departments and agencies support the activities of the Department of State and USAID as appropriate, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development;

(7) describe programs that relevant Federal departments and agencies will undertake to achieve the stated objectives, including descriptions of existing programs and funding by fiscal year and account;

(8) identify mechanisms to improve coordination between the United States, foreign governments, and international organizations, including the World Bank, the United Nations, regional organizations, and private sector organizations;

(9) address efforts to expand public-private partnerships and leverage private sector resources;

(10) describe the criteria, metrics, and mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of programs and objectives in the strategy to ensure planning, implementation, and coordination are appropriately executed and updated;

(11) describe how the strategy will ensure that programs are country-led and context-specific; and

(12) identify mechanisms or activities to reduce the risk that the programs, policies, or resources of the United States and its partners will facilitate corruption, empower or abet repressive local actors, or be exploited by extremists to gain support for their cause.

**(b) Stakeholder consultation**

The Global Fragility Strategy required under this section shall be developed in consultation with representatives of civil society and national and local governance entities in countries and regions described in section 9804 of this