

(B) Venezuelans and hosting communities, as appropriate, in neighboring countries with humanitarian aid, such as—

- (i) urgently needed health and nutritional assistance, including logistical and technical assistance to hospitals and health centers in affected communities;
- (ii) food assistance for vulnerable individuals, including assistance to improve food security for affected communities; and
- (iii) hygiene supplies and sanitation services.

(2) Aid to Venezuelans in neighboring countries

The aid described in paragraph (1)(B)—

(A) may be provided—

- (i) directly to Venezuelans in neighboring countries, including countries of the Caribbean; or
- (ii) indirectly through the communities in which the Venezuelans reside; and

(B) should focus on the most vulnerable Venezuelans in neighboring countries.

(c) Humanitarian assistance strategy update

Not later than 180 days after December 20, 2019, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit, to the appropriate congressional committees, an update to the Venezuela humanitarian assistance strategy described in the conference report accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-6), to cover a 2-year period and include—

- (1) a description of the United States humanitarian assistance provided under this section;
- (2) a description of United States diplomatic efforts to ensure support from international donors, including regional partners in Latin America and the Caribbean, for the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Venezuela;
- (3) the identification of governments that are willing to provide financial and technical assistance for the provision of such humanitarian assistance to the people of Venezuela and a description of such assistance; and
- (4) the identification of the financial and technical assistance to be provided by multilateral institutions, including the United Nations humanitarian agencies, the Pan American Health Organization, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the World Bank, and a description of such assistance.

(d) Diplomatic engagement

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall work with relevant foreign governments and multilateral organizations to coordinate a donors summit and carry out diplomatic engagement to advance the strategy required under subsection (c).

(e) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 to carry out the activities set forth in subsection (b).

(f) Defined term

In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

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

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. J, title I, § 121, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3032.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-6), referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 116-6, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 13, known as the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 9712. Support for efforts at the United Nations on the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela

(a) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that the United Nations humanitarian agencies should conduct and publish independent assessments of the humanitarian situation in Venezuela, including—

- (1) the extent and impact of the shortages of food, medicine, and medical supplies in Venezuela;
- (2) basic health indicators in Venezuela, such as maternal and child mortality rates and the prevalence and treatment of communicable diseases; and
- (3) the efforts needed to resolve the shortages identified in paragraph (1) and to improve the health indicators referred to in paragraph (2).

(b) United Nations Resident Coordinator

The President should instruct the Permanent Representative to the United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States at the United Nations to support the efforts of the Resident Coordinator for Venezuela in a manner that—

- (1) contributes to Venezuela’s long-term recovery; and
- (2) advances humanitarian efforts in Venezuela and for Venezuelans residing in neighboring countries.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. J, title I, § 122, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3033.)

SUBCHAPTER III—ADDRESSING REGIME COHESION

§ 9721. Additional restrictions on visas

(a) In general

The Secretary of State shall impose the visa restrictions described in subsection (c) on any foreign person who the Secretary determines—

- (1) is a current or former senior official of the Maduro regime, or any foreign person acting on behalf of such regime, who is knowingly responsible for, complicit in, responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing,

or participating in (directly or indirectly) any activity in or in relation to Venezuela, on or after January 23, 2019, that significantly undermines or threatens the integrity of—

(A) the democratically-elected National Assembly of Venezuela; or

(B) the President of such National Assembly, while serving as Interim President of Venezuela, or the senior government officials under the supervision of such President;

(2) is the spouse or adult child of a foreign person described in paragraph (1); or

(3) is the spouse or adult child of¹ Venezuelan person sanctioned under—

(A) section 5(a) of the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-278), as amended by section 163 of this title;²

(B) section 1903(b) of title 21; or

(C) Executive Orders 13692 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note) and 13850.

(b) Removal from visa revocation list

Pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary of State may establish to implement this section—

(1) if any person described in subsection (a)(1) recognizes and pledges support for the Interim President of Venezuela or a subsequent democratically elected government of Venezuela, that person and any family members of that person who were subject to visa restrictions pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall no longer be subject to such visa restrictions; and

(2) if any person described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection (a)(3) recognizes and pledges support for the Interim President of Venezuela or a subsequent democratically elected government of Venezuela, any family members of that person who were subject to visa restrictions pursuant to subsection (a)(3) shall no longer be subject to such visa restrictions.

(c) Visa restrictions described

(1) Visas, admission, or parole

An alien described in subsection (a) is—

(A) inadmissible to the United States;

(B) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and

(C) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(2) Current visas revoked

(A) In general

An alien described in subsection (a) is subject to revocation of any visa or other entry documentation regardless of when the visa or other entry documentation is or was issued.

(B) Immediate effect

A revocation under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) take effect immediately; and

(ii) automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the alien's possession.

(3) Exceptions

Sanctions under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply with respect to an alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the United States is necessary—

(A) to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations; or

(B) to carry out or assist law enforcement activity in the United States.

(d) Rulemaking

The President shall issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. J, title I, § 132, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3035.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5(a) of the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-278), referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(A), is section 5(a) of Pub. L. 113-278, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3011, which is set out in a note under section 1701 of Title 50, War and National Defense. Section 5(a) was not amended by section 163 of title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116-94. However, an earlier version of the Act comprising such title I (S. 1025 of the 116th Cong., 1st Sess.) contained a section 603 that did amend section 5(a) of Pub. L. 113-278, but the amendment was not included anywhere in the version enacted by Pub. L. 116-94.

Executive Order No. 13692, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(C), is Ex. Ord. No. 13692, Mar. 8, 2015, 80 F.R. 12747, which is listed in a table under section 1701 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

Executive Order No. 13850, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(C), is Ex. Ord. No. 13850, Nov. 1, 2018, 83 F.R. 55243, which is listed in a table under section 1701 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

The Immigration and Nationality Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(C), is act June 27, 1952, ch. 477, 66 Stat. 163, which is classified principally to chapter 12 (§ 1101 et seq.) of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1101 of Title 8 and Tables.

§ 9722. Waiver for sanctioned officials that recognize the Interim President of Venezuela

(a) Removal of sanctions

If a person sanctioned under any of the provisions of law described in subsection (b) recognizes and pledges supports for the Interim President of Venezuela or a subsequent democratically elected government, the person shall no longer be subject to such sanctions, pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury may establish to implement this section.

(b) Sanctions described

The sanctions described in this subsection are set forth in the following provisions of law:

(1)(A) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 5(a) of the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by "a".

² See References in Text note below.