

SUBCHAPTER XXXI—INTERNATIONAL  
RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

§ 290p. **Acceptance of statute and membership**

For fiscal year 2011 and thereafter, the President is authorized to accept the statute of, and to maintain membership of the United States in, the International Renewable Energy Agency, and the United States' assessed contributions to maintain such membership may be paid from funds appropriated for "Contributions to International Organizations".

(Pub. L. 111-212, title I, §1014, July 29, 2010, 124 Stat. 2332.)

SUBCHAPTER XXXII—ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICAN STATES

§ 290q. **Organization of American States revitalization and reform strategy**

(a) **Strategy**

(1) **In general**

Not later than 180 days after October 2, 2013, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a multiyear strategy that—

(A) identifies a path toward the adoption of necessary reforms that prioritize and reinforce the OAS's core competencies described in section 4(8);

(B) outlines an approach to secure from the OAS effective adoption of—

(i) a results-based budgeting process in order to strategically prioritize, and where appropriate, reduce current and future mandates; and

(ii) transparent hiring, firing, and promotion practices;

(C) reflects the inputs and coordination from other Executive Branch agencies, as appropriate; and

(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 strategi-

cally 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.)

**Editorial Notes**

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.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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'."

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES LEGISLATIVE  
ENGAGEMENT

Pub. L. 116-343, Jan. 13, 2021, 134 Stat. 5136, provided that:

"SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

"This Act may be cited as the 'Organization of American States Legislative Engagement Act of 2020'.

"SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

"Congress makes the following findings:

"(1) The Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that 'representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region'.

"(2) Article 2 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter of the Organization of American States affirms that 'the effective exercise of representative democracy is the basis for the rule of law and of the constitutional regimes of the member states of the Organization of American States'.

"(3) Article 26 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter states that 'the OAS will continue to carry out programs and activities designed to promote democratic principles and practices and strengthen a democratic culture in the Hemisphere'.

"(4) In accordance with the OAS Charter and the Inter-American Democratic Charter, the OAS General Assembly, OAS Permanent Council, and OAS Secretariat have established a wide range of cooperative agreements with domestic and international organizations, including national legislative institutions.

"(5) In 2004, OAS General Assembly Resolution 2044 (XXXIV-O/04) appealed for the 'strengthening of legislatures, as well as inter-parliamentary cooperation on key items of the inter-American agenda, with a view, in particular, to generating initiatives to fight corruption, poverty, inequality, and social exclusion'.

"(6) In 2005, OAS General Assembly Resolution 2095 (XXXV-O/05) called on the OAS Secretariat to 'invite