

SUBCHAPTER VII—MISCELLANEOUS  
PROVISIONS

§ 9761. Congressional briefings

(a) **Humanitarian assistance; sanctions coordination**

(1) **In general**

Not later than 15 days after any of the congressional committees listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation—

(A) of section 9711 of this title, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall provide such briefing to such committee; and

(B) of section 9751 of this title, the Secretary of State shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) **Congressional committees**

The committees listed in this paragraph are—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(b) **United Nations; negotiated solution; crimes against humanity**

(1) **In general**

Not later than 15 days after any congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9703 of this title, 9712 of this title, or 142,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary of State 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; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(c) **Regime cohesion**

(1) **In general**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 131,<sup>1</sup> the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence 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 Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(d) **International election observation; democratic civil society**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in subsection (a)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9731 of this title, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(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.)

**Editorial Notes**

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.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

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.)

**Editorial Notes**

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.)

**Editorial Notes**

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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.

**(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.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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

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