

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

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To require a United States security strategy for the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. RUBIO

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Western Hemisphere
5 Security Strategy Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) the security, stability, prosperity, and state
9 of democratic governance in countries of the West-
10 ern Hemisphere are vital to the national interests of
11 the United States;

1 (2) the harmful and malign influence in Latin
2 America and the Caribbean of the Government of
3 the People’s Republic of China and the Government
4 of the Russian Federation poses risks to—

5 (A) the people and countries of Latin
6 America and the Caribbean; and

7 (B) the national interests of the United
8 States;

9 (3) the United States should expand its engage-
10 ment in the Western Hemisphere by—

11 (A) strengthening its alliances and part-
12 nerships with countries in the Western Hemi-
13 sphere;

14 (B) fostering security cooperation among
15 countries in the Western Hemisphere to facili-
16 tate trade, investment, training, and humani-
17 tarian assistance in the near and long term;
18 and

19 (C) working with security and law enforce-
20 ment agencies in the Western Hemisphere—

21 (i) to address the shared challenges
22 of—

23 (I) narcotics trafficking, human
24 trafficking, and other forms of illicit
25 trafficking; and

1 (II) transnational criminal orga-
2 nizations; and

3 (ii) to support the rule of law, democ-
4 racy, and human rights in the region;

5 (4) the United States should maintain credible
6 security capabilities dedicated to Latin America and
7 the Caribbean—

8 (A) to build partner country capacity;

9 (B) to support the delivery of humani-
10 tarian assistance and disaster relief;

11 (C) to deter acts of aggression; and

12 (D) to respond, if necessary, to regional
13 threats and threats to the national security of
14 the United States; and

15 (5) the Department of State and the Depart-
16 ment of Defense should continue to commit addi-
17 tional assets and increase investments in the West-
18 ern Hemisphere so as to maintain robust United
19 States security partnerships with countries in the
20 Western Hemisphere.

21 **SEC. 3. SECURITY STRATEGY FOR THE WESTERN HEMI-**
22 **SPHERE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
25 and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly submit to the

1 appropriate committees of Congress a multi-year strategy,
2 to be known as the “Western Hemisphere Security Strat-
3 egy”, for purposes of enhancing diplomatic engagement
4 and security assistance and cooperation, promoting re-
5 gional security and stability, and advancing United States
6 strategic interests in the Western Hemisphere.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
8 (a) shall include the following:

9 (1) A proposal for increasing United States bi-
10 lateral and multilateral security assistance and co-
11 operation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

12 (2) Activities to build the defense and security
13 capacity of partner countries in Latin America and
14 the Caribbean.

15 (3) Activities to counter—

16 (A) malign influence by state actors;

17 (B) transnational criminal organizations
18 with connections to—

19 (i) illicit trafficking, including the il-
20 licit trafficking of narcotics and weapons;

21 or

22 (ii) terrorism; and

23 (C) corruption and kleptocracy in govern-
24 ments of countries in the Western Hemisphere.

1 (4) Efforts to disrupt, degrade, and counter
2 transnational illicit trafficking, with an emphasis on
3 illicit narcotics and precursor chemicals that produce
4 illicit narcotics.

5 (5) Activities to increase transparency in, and
6 support for, strong and accountable defense, secu-
7 rity, and law enforcement institutions through insti-
8 tutional capacity-building efforts, including efforts to
9 ensure respect for internationally recognized human
10 rights and direction and oversight by civilian au-
11 thorities.

12 (6) Programs and initiatives to enhance public
13 diplomacy and engagement with the people of the
14 Western Hemisphere for the purpose of dem-
15 onstrating that the security of their countries is en-
16 hanced to a greater extent if their countries are
17 aligned with the United States and democratic val-
18 ues rather than with authoritarian countries such as
19 the People's Republic of China and the Russian
20 Federation.

21 (7) Efforts to expand bilateral and multi-
22 national military training exercises with partner
23 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

24 (8) Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief
25 initiatives to support partner countries by promoting

1 the development and growth of responsive institu-
2 tions through activities such as—

3 (A) the provision of appropriate equip-
4 ment, training, logistical support;

5 (B) transportation of humanitarian sup-
6 plies or personnel of foreign security forces;

7 (C) making available, preparing, and
8 transferring on-hand nonlethal supplies, and
9 providing training on the use of such supplies,
10 for humanitarian or health purposes to respond
11 to unforeseen emergencies;

12 (D) the provision of Department of State
13 humanitarian demining assistance; and

14 (E) conducting medical support operations
15 and medical humanitarian missions, such as
16 hospital ship deployments and base-operating
17 services, to the extent required by the oper-
18 ation.

19 (9) Continued support for the women, peace,
20 and security initiatives of the Department of State
21 to support the capacity of partner countries in the
22 Western Hemisphere—

23 (A) to ensure—

24 (i) the safety and security of women
25 and girls; and

1 (ii) that the rights of women and girls
2 are protected; and

3 (B) to promote the meaningful participa-
4 tion of women in the defense and security sec-
5 tors.

6 (10) Professional military education initiatives,
7 such as the Department of State's International
8 Military and Education Training program.

9 (11) A detailed assessment of the resources re-
10 quired to carry out such strategy and a plan to be
11 executed not later than fiscal year 2023.

12 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
14 the date on which the Western Hemisphere Security
15 Strategy is submitted under subsection (a), the Sec-
16 retary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall
17 commence implementation of the strategy.

18 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date on which the implementation of the West-
20 ern Hemisphere Security Strategy commences, and
21 every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of State
22 and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly provide a
23 briefing to the appropriate committees of Congress
24 on the implementation of the strategy.

1 (3) **TERMINATION.**—The authority under this
2 section shall terminate on the date that is three
3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (d) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-**
5 **FINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
8 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
10 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON EFFORTS TO CAPTURE AND DETAIN**
13 **UNITED STATES CITIZENS AS HOSTAGES.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
16 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
17 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
18 House of Representatives a report on efforts by the
19 Maduro regime of Venezuela to detain United States citi-
20 zens and lawful permanent residents.

21 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required by subsection
22 (a) shall include, regarding the arrest, capture, detain-
23 ment, and imprisonment of United States citizens and
24 lawful permanent residents—

1 (1) the names, positions, and institutional affili-
2 ation of Venezuelan individuals, or those acting on
3 their behalf, who have engaged in such activities;

4 (2) a description of any role played by
5 transnational criminal organizations, and an identi-
6 fication of such organizations; and

7 (3) where relevant, an assessment of whether
8 and how United States citizens and lawful perma-
9 nent residents have been lured to Venezuela.

10 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
11 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but shall include
12 a classified annex, which shall include a list of the total
13 number of United States citizens and lawful permanent
14 residents detained or imprisoned in Venezuela as of the
15 date on which the report is submitted.