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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To develop a strategy to prevent and respond to gender-based violence globally.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. BOXER and Mrs. Shaheen

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . UNITED STATES STRATEGY TO PREVENT AND RE-**
- 3 **SPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE GLOB-**
- 4 **ALLY.**
- 5 (a) GLOBAL STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—Not later
- 6 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
- 7 and biennially thereafter for 6 years, the Secretary of
- 8 State shall develop or update a United States global strat-
- 9 egy to prevent and respond to violence against women and
- 10 girls. The strategy shall be transmitted to the appropriate
- 11 congressional committees and made publicly available on
- 12 the Internet.

1 (b) INITIAL STRATEGY.—For the purposes of this  
2 section, the “United States Strategy to Prevent and Re-  
3 spond to Gender-Based Violence Globally”, issued in Au-  
4 gust 2012, shall be deemed to fulfill the initial require-  
5 ment of subsection (a).

6 (c) COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION.—In devel-  
7 oping the strategy under subsection (a), the Secretary of  
8 State shall consult with—

- 9 (1) the heads of relevant Federal agencies;
- 10 (2) the Senior Policy Operating Group on Traf-  
11 ficking in Persons; and
- 12 (3) representatives of civil society and multilat-  
13 eral organizations with demonstrated experience in  
14 addressing violence against women and girls or pro-  
15 moting gender equality internationally.

16 (d) PRIORITY COUNTRY SELECTION.—To further the  
17 objectives of the strategy described in subsection (a), the  
18 Secretary shall identify no less than 4 eligible low-income  
19 and lower-middle income countries with significant levels  
20 of violence against women and girls, including within dis-  
21 placed communities, that have the governmental or non-  
22 governmental organizational capacity to manage and im-  
23 plement gender-based violence prevention and response  
24 program activities and should, when possible, be geo-

1 graphically, ethnically, and culturally diverse from one an-  
2 other.

3 (e) IMPLEMENTATION AND COUNTRY PLANS.—In  
4 each country identified under subsection (d) the Secretary  
5 shall develop and implement comprehensive, multisectoral,  
6 and holistic individual country plans designed to address  
7 and respond to violence against women and girls that in-  
8 clude—

9 (1) an assessment and description of the cur-  
10 rent or potential capacity of the government of each  
11 identified country and civil society organizations in  
12 each such identified country to address and respond  
13 to violence against women and girls;

14 (2) an identification of coordination mecha-  
15 nisms with Federal agencies that—

16 (A) have existing programs relevant to the  
17 strategy;

18 (B) will be involved in new program activi-  
19 ties; and

20 (C) are engaged in broader United States  
21 strategies around development;

22 (3) a description of the monitoring and evalua-  
23 tion mechanisms established for each identified  
24 country, and their intended use in assessing overall  
25 progress in prevention and response;

1 (4) a projection of the general levels of re-  
2 sources needed to achieve the stated objectives in  
3 each identified country, including an accounting of—

4 (A) activities and funding already ex-  
5 pended by the Department of State, the United  
6 States Agency for International Development,  
7 other Federal agencies, donor country govern-  
8 ments, and multilateral institutions; and

9 (B) leveraged private sector resources; and

10 (5) strategies, as appropriate, designed to ac-  
11 commodate the needs of stateless, disabled, inter-  
12 nally displaced, refugee, or religious or ethnic minor-  
13 ity women and girls.

14 (f) PRIORITY COUNTRY SELECTION REPORT.—Not  
15 more than 90 days after selection of the priority countries  
16 required under subsection (d), and annually thereafter,  
17 the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-  
18 gressional committees a report detailing the priority coun-  
19 try selection process, the implementation of specific coun-  
20 try plans, and include an overview of all programming and  
21 specific activities being undertaken, the budget resources  
22 requested, and the specific activities to be supported by  
23 each Executive agency under the strategy.