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To require the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to develop a strategy to increase membership in the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Co-
5 operation and Security in the Middle East Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT AND STRATEGY ON INCREASING MEMBER-**
2 **SHIP IN THE COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY IN-**
3 **TEGRATION AND PROSPERITY AGREEMENT.**

4 (a) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of
8 Defense, shall develop and submit to the appropriate
9 congressional committees a report that includes a
10 strategy to increase membership in the Comprehen-
11 sive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement
12 (CSIPA), done at Washington, DC on September 9–
13 13, 2023.

14 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
15 graph (1) shall also include—

16 (A) an analysis of—

17 (i) the comprehensive strategic bene-
18 fits of CSIPA, including improving joint
19 military readiness in the Middle East, en-
20 hancing shared economic interests, collabo-
21 rating on advanced technological and sci-
22 entific pursuits, and building stronger re-
23 gional alliances to improve stability and
24 counter mutual threats;

25 (ii) the role of CSIPA in supporting
26 rapid and effective responses following the

1 Houthi attacks on merchant vessels the
2 Red Sea that occurred since October 7,
3 2023;

4 (iii) how the CSIPA framework can
5 leverage the United States Navy's Fifth
6 Fleet headquartered in Bahrain for pro-
7 jecting strength in the region and sup-
8 porting immediate responses to imminent
9 threats posed by the Islamic Republic of
10 Iran or other adversaries of the United
11 States;

12 (iv) the long-term benefits of widened
13 membership in CSIPA;

14 (v) how the framework of CSIPA can
15 be altered to foster broader regional secu-
16 rity integration, bolster mutual deterrence
17 against external threats, and expand co-
18 operation in the fields of commerce,
19 science, and technology;

20 (vi) requirements for resources and
21 capabilities that can be provided to expand
22 CSIPA membership; and

23 (vii) domestic and regional factors or
24 barriers among allied countries of the

1 United States and Bahrain that may be
2 limiting the expansion of CSIPA; and

3 (B) recommendations for areas of further
4 collaboration between the United States and
5 other CSIPA members.

6 (b) STRATEGY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the submission of the report required by sub-
9 section (a), the Secretary of State shall develop and
10 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
11 a strategy on how to best engage allied countries in
12 the Middle East and outside of the Middle East to
13 join CSIPA and affirmative steps the Administration
14 can take to increase membership in that agreement.

15 (2) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 60
16 days after the date on which the Secretary develops
17 the strategy required by this subsection, the Sec-
18 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional
19 committees a briefing on a plan for implementing
20 the strategy.

21 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
22 and the strategy required by subsection (b) shall be sub-
23 mitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified
24 annex.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-

3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the

5 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-

6 resentatives; and

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and

8 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

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