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# H. R. 4286

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Strategy to Address  
5 Key Priorities Affecting Security and Empowerment in  
6 Haiti Act of 2025” or the “SAK PASE in Haiti Act of  
7 2025”.

8 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) the United States has a national security  
2 interest in ameliorating the security, economic, polit-  
3 ical, and humanitarian crises in Haiti;

4           (2) the gangs unleashing violence and suffering  
5 across Haiti represent a threat to stability in Haiti  
6 and the region;

7           (3) stabilization of the security situation and  
8 full participation of civil society in Haiti must be a  
9 precondition for open democratic political processes;  
10 and

11           (4) a lasting solution to the crisis in Haiti must  
12 garner support from and be led by the Haitian peo-  
13 ple.

14 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY TO COUNTER GANG VIOLENCE AND AD-**  
15 **VANCE STABILITY IN HAITI.**

16           (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
18 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
19 committees a comprehensive strategy to reestablish secu-  
20 rity and enhance stability in Haiti.

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

23           (1) Bolstering security in Haiti with an assess-  
24 ment of—

1 (A) the importance of supporting the Hai-  
2 tian National Police, the Armed Forces of  
3 Haiti, the Multinational Security Support Mis-  
4 sion, and other security force elements to  
5 counter gang activity and violence exacerbating  
6 instability in Haiti;

7 (B) coordination with international allies  
8 and partners, including the European Union,  
9 Canada, and Caribbean Community and Com-  
10 mon Market (CARICOM) nations, to address  
11 the security crisis;

12 (C) collaboration with the United Nations  
13 and other international partners to evaluate the  
14 efficacy of the Multinational Security Support  
15 (MSS) mission and potential for a long-term  
16 United Nations Peacekeeping Operations  
17 (PKO) mission;

18 (D) feasibility of reducing the risk of gang  
19 violence in Haiti, including through the re-  
20 integration of former gang members into Hai-  
21 tian society; and

22 (E) the ability of nongovernmental organi-  
23 zations, including humanitarian and faith-based  
24 organizations, to continue operations in Haiti.

1           (2) Addressing the flow of illicit arms, financial  
2 support, and political backing provided to gangs in  
3 Haiti with an assessment of—

4           (A) additional resources needed to address  
5 the security, political, and humanitarian insta-  
6 bility in Haiti; and

7           (B) coordination with the Transitional  
8 Presidential Council and Interim Prime Min-  
9 ister to jointly develop and implement a strat-  
10 egy to counter gang activity and restore govern-  
11 ance and the rule of law.

12          (3) Expanding economic opportunity for Hai-  
13 tians through the Haiti HOPE/HELP program or  
14 other programs with an assessment of—

15          (A) the impact of sanctions on Haiti, in-  
16 cluding designations of foreign terrorist organi-  
17 zations, on the delivery of humanitarian assist-  
18 ance to Haiti; and

19          (B) the difficulties of private capital mobi-  
20 lization in Haiti.

21          (4) Supporting a solution that is by and for the  
22 Haitian people, in close partnership with Haitian  
23 civil society and the transitional leadership in Haiti.

1 (c) REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS.—In developing the  
2 strategy required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
3 consult with the following:

4 (1) The Chief Executive Officer of the United  
5 States Development Finance Corporation, the Ad-  
6 ministrator of the United States Agency for Inter-  
7 national Development, the United States Trade Rep-  
8 resentative, and the Director of the United States  
9 Trade and Development Agency.

10 (2) Private sector entities based in the United  
11 States that operate in Haiti.

12 (3) Haitian stakeholders, including nongovern-  
13 mental organizations and civil society in Haiti.

14 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

15 Not later than 120 days after the date of the submis-  
16 sion of the strategy required by section 2(a), and annually  
17 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State shall submit  
18 to the appropriate congressional committees a report de-  
19 scribing progress made in implementing the strategy, in-  
20 cluding—

21 (1) status updates on consultations with Hai-  
22 tian civil society and governmental stakeholders;

23 (2) a description of coordination with inter-  
24 national partners on sanctions and aid efforts; and

1           (3) metrics and benchmarks used to evaluate  
2           the effectiveness of international support for security  
3           forces and security assistance in Haiti.

4 **SEC. 5. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**  
5 **FINED.**

6           In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
7 mittees” means—

8           (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
9           House of Representatives; and

10           (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
11           Senate.

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