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To require reporting on the implementation of Government Accountability Office recommendations by the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Department of State
5 and United States Agency for International Development
6 Accountability Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO REC-**
2 **OMMENDATIONS.**

3 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 State and the Administrator of the United States Agency
6 for International Development (USAID) shall submit to
7 the appropriate congressional committees a report listing
8 all outstanding recommendations from the Government
9 Accountability Office that relate to the Department of
10 State or USAID that have not been fully implemented.

11 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later
12 than 30 days after the Secretary of State and the Admin-
13 istrator of the United States Agency for International De-
14 velopment submit the report required under subsection
15 (a), the Comptroller General of the United States shall
16 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
17 port detailing any discrepancies between the list of out-
18 standing recommendations included in such report and the
19 Government Accountability Office’s list of outstanding
20 recommendations for the Department of State and
21 USAID.

22 (c) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary of State and the Administrator of the United
26 States Agency for International Development shall

1 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
2 a report on the implementation status of each rec-
3 ommendation from the Government Accountability
4 Office included in the report under subsection (a).

5 (2) JUSTIFICATION.—The report required
6 under paragraph (1) shall include—

7 (A) for any recommendation the Depart-
8 ment of State or USAID has decided not to
9 fully implement or to implement in a different
10 manner than what was recommended, a detailed
11 justification for the decision;

12 (B) for any recommendation the Depart-
13 ment of State or USAID has decided to adopt
14 but which has not been fully implemented, a
15 timeline for full implementation; and

16 (C) an explanation for any discrepancies
17 included in the Comptroller General report sub-
18 mitted under subsection (b).

19 (d) FORM.—The information required in each report
20 under this section shall to the maximum extent practicable
21 be submitted in unclassified form but may be included in
22 a classified annex as necessary.

23 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
25 sional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Re-

- 1 lations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
- 2 fairs of the House of Representatives.

