

115TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

### H.R.3030

#### AN ACT

- To help prevent acts of genocide and other atrocity crimes, which threaten national and international security, by enhancing United States Government capacities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to such crises.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Elie Wiesel Genocide
- 3 and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018".
- 4 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
- 5 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
- 6 affirms the critical importance of strengthening the
- 7 United States Government's efforts at atrocity prevention
- 8 and response through interagency coordination such as the
- 9 Atrocities Prevention Board (referred to in this section as
- 10 the "Board") or successor entity. In carrying out the work
- 11 of the Board or successor entity, appropriate officials of
- 12 the United States Government should—
- 13 (1) meet regularly to monitor developments
- throughout the world that heighten the risk of atroc-
- 15 ities;
- 16 (2) identify any gaps in United States foreign
- policy concerning regions or particular countries re-
- lated to atrocity prevention and response;
- 19 (3) facilitate the development and implementa-
- tion of policies to enhance the capacity of the United
- 21 States to prevent and respond to atrocities world-
- 22 wide:
- 23 (4) provide the President with recommendations
- 24 to improve policies, programs, resources, and tools
- related to atrocity prevention and response;

1	(5) conduct outreach, including consultations,					
2	not less frequently than biannually, with represent					
3	tives of nongovernmental organizations and civil s					
4	ciety dedicated to atrocity prevention and respons					
5	(6) operate with regular consultation and pa					
6	ticipation of designated interagency representative					
7	of relevant Federal agencies, executive departments					
8	or offices; and					
9	(7) ensure funds are made available for the					
10	policies, programs, resources, and tools related to					
11	atrocity prevention and response, including through					
12	mechanisms such as the Complex Crises Fund or					
13	other related accounts.					
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1	(C) other violence that wreaks havoc on re-				
2	gional stability and livelihoods;				
3	(3) enhance the capacity of the United States				
4	to identify, prevent, address, and respond to the				
5	drivers of atrocities and violent conflict as part of				
6	the United States' humanitarian, development, and				
7	strategic interests; and				
8	(4) pursue a Government-wide strategy to pre-				
9	vent and respond to the risk of genocide and other				
10	atrocities by—				
11	(A) strengthening the diplomatic, risk				
12	analysis and monitoring, strategic planning,				
13	early warning, and response capacities of the				
14	Government;				
15	(B) improving the use of foreign assistance				
16	to respond early, effectively, and urgently in				
17	order to address the root causes and drivers of				
18	violence, and systemic patterns of human rights				
19	abuses and atrocities;				
20	(C) strengthening diplomatic response and				
21	the use of foreign assistance to support transi-				
22	tional justice measures, including criminal ac-				
23	countability, for past atrocities;				
24	(D) supporting and strengthening local				
25	civil society, including human rights defenders				

1	and others working to help prevent and respond						
2	to atrocities, and protecting their ability to re-						
3	ceive support from and partner with civil soci						
4	ety at large;						
5	(E) promoting financial transparency and						
6	enhancing anti-corruption initiatives as part of						
7	addressing a root cause of insecurity; and						
8	(F) employing a variety of unilateral, bilat						
9	eral, and multilateral means to prevent and re-						
10	spond to conflicts and atrocities by—						
11	(i) placing a high priority on timely						
12	preventive diplomatic efforts; and						
13	(ii) exercising a leadership role in pro-						
14	moting international efforts to end crises						
15	peacefully.						
16	SEC. 4. TRAINING OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS IN CON-						
17	FLICT AND ATROCITIES PREVENTION.						
18	Section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22						
19	U.S.C. 4028) is amended—						
20	(1) in subsection $(a)(1)$ —						
21	(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking						
22	"and" at the end;						
23	(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the						
24	period at the end and inserting "; and; and						

1	(C) by adding at the end the following new
2	subparagraph:
3	"(D) instruction on recognizing patterns of
4	escalation and early warning signs of potential
5	atrocities or violence, including gender-based vi-
6	olence, and methods of conflict assessment,
7	peacebuilding, mediation for prevention, early
8	action and response, and transitional justice
9	measures to address atrocities."; and
10	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11	section:
12	"(d) Definition.—In this section, the term
13	'peacebuilding' means nonviolent activities designed to
14	prevent conflict through—
15	"(1) addressing root causes of violence;
16	"(2) promoting sustainable peace;
17	"(3) delegitimizing violence as a dispute resolu-
18	tion strategy;
19	"(4) building capacity within society to peace-
20	fully manage disputes, including the capacity of gov-
21	ernments to address citizen grievances; and
22	"(5) reducing vulnerability to triggers that may
23	spark violence.".

#### 1 SEC. 5. REPORTS.

2	Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-					
3	ment of this Act and annually thereafter for the following					
4	6 years, the President shall transmit to the Committee on					
5	Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on					
6	Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Com-					
7	mittee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee or					
8	Intelligence of the Senate a report, with a classified annex					
9	if necessary, that includes—					
10	(1) a review, in consultation with appropriate					
11	interagency representatives, consisting of a detailed					
12	description of—					
13	(A) current efforts based on United States					
14	and locally identified indicators, including ca-					
15	pacities and constraints for Government-wide					
16	detection, early warning and response, informa-					
17	tion-sharing, contingency planning, and coordi-					
18	nation of efforts to prevent and respond to situ-					
19	ations of genocide and atrocities and other					
20	mass violence, such as gender-based violence					
21	and violence against religious minorities;					
22	(B) recommendations to further strengthen					
23	United States capabilities described in subpara-					
24	graph (A);					
25	(C) funding expended by relevant Federal					
26	departments and agencies on atrocities preven-					

tion activities, including transitional justice measures and the legal, procedural, and resource constraints faced by the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development throughout respective budgeting, strategic planning, and management cycles to support conflict and atrocities prevention activities in countries identified to be at risk of atrocities;

- (D) current annual Government global assessments of sources of instability, conflict, and atrocities, the outcomes and findings of such assessments, and, where relevant, a review of activities, and the efficacy of such activities, that the Atrocities Prevention Board or successor entity undertook to respond to sources of instability, conflict, and atrocities;
- (E) consideration of analysis, reporting, and policy recommendations to prevent and respond to atrocities produced by civil society, academic, and other nongovernmental organizations and institutions;
- (F) countries and regions at risk of atrocities, including a description of most likely pathways to violence, specific risk factors, po-

1	tential groups of perpetrators, and at-risk tar-
2	get groups; and
3	(G) instruction on recognizing patterns of
4	escalation and early warning signs of potential
5	atrocities and methods of conflict assessment
6	peace-building, mediation for prevention, early
7	action and response, and transitional justice
8	measures to address atrocities in the Federal
9	training programs for Foreign Service officers
10	(2) recommendations to ensure shared responsi-
11	bility by—
12	(A) enhancing multilateral mechanisms for
13	preventing atrocities, including strengthening
14	the role of international organizations and
15	international financial institutions in conflict
16	prevention, mitigation, and response; and
17	(B) strengthening regional organizations;
18	(3) implementation status of the recommenda-
19	tions contained in such review; and
20	(4) identification of the Federal departments
21	and agencies and civil society, academic, and non-
22	governmental organizations and institutions con-
23	sulted for preparation of such report.

#### 1 SEC. 6. DEFINITION.

- 2 In this Act, the term "genocide" means an offense
- 3 under subsection (a) of section 1091 of title 18, United
- 4 States Code, or any substantially similar conduct.

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Clerk.

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