



**UNITED STATES CODE ANNOTATED  
TITLE 22. FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERCOURSE  
CHAPTER 38--DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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§ 2656f. Annual country reports on terrorism

(a) Requirement of annual country reports on terrorism

The Secretary of State shall transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, by April 30 of each year, a full and complete report providing--

(1) detailed assessments with respect to each foreign country--

(A) in which acts of international terrorism occurred which were, in the opinion of the Secretary, of major significance;

(B) about which the Congress was notified during the preceding five years pursuant to section 2405(j) of the Appendix to Title 50; and

(C) which the Secretary determines should be the subject of such report;

(2) all relevant information about the activities during the preceding year of any terrorist group, and any umbrella group under which such terrorist group falls, known to be responsible for the kidnapping or death of an American citizen during the preceding five years, any terrorist group known to be financed by countries about which Congress was notified during the preceding year pursuant to section 2405(j) of the Appendix to Title 50, and any other known international terrorist group which the Secretary determines should be the subject of such report;

(3) with respect to each foreign country from which the United States Government has sought cooperation during the previous five years in the investigation or prosecution of an act of international terrorism against United States citizens or interests, information on--

(A) the extent to which the government of the foreign country is cooperating with the United States Government in apprehending, convicting, and punishing the individual or individuals responsible for the act; and

(B) the extent to which the government of the foreign country is cooperating in preventing further acts of terrorism against United States citizens in the foreign country; and

(4) with respect to each foreign country from which the United States Government has sought cooperation during the previous five years in the prevention of an act of international terrorism against such citizens or interests, the information described in paragraph (3)(B).

(b) Provisions to be included in report

The report required under subsection (a) of this section should to the extent feasible include (but not be limited to)--

(1) with respect to subsection (a)(1)--

(A) a review of major counterterrorism efforts undertaken by countries which are the subject of such report, including, as appropriate, steps taken in international fora;

(B) the response of the judicial system of each country which is the subject of such report with respect to matters relating to terrorism affecting American citizens or facilities, or which have, in the opinion of the Secretary, a significant impact on United States counterterrorism efforts, including responses to extradition requests; and

(C) significant support, if any, for international terrorism by each country which is the subject of such report, including (but not limited to)--

(i) political and financial support;

(ii) diplomatic support through diplomatic recognition and use of the diplomatic pouch;

(iii) providing sanctuary to terrorists or terrorist groups; and

(iv) the positions (including voting records) on matters relating to terrorism in the General Assembly of the United Nations and other international bodies and fora of each country which is the subject of such report; and

(2) with respect to subsection (a)(2) of this section, any--

(A) significant financial support provided by foreign governments to those groups directly, or provided in support of their activities;

(B) provisions of significant military or paramilitary training or transfer of weapons by foreign governments to those groups;

(C) provision of diplomatic recognition or privileges by foreign governments to those groups;

(D) provision by foreign governments of sanctuary from prosecution to these groups or their members responsible for the commission, attempt, or planning of an act of international terrorism; and

(E) efforts by the United States to eliminate international financial support provided to those groups directly or provided in support of their activities.

(c) Classification of report

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the report required under subsection (a) of this section shall, to the extent practicable, be submitted in an unclassified form and may be accompanied by a classified appendix.

(2) If the Secretary of State determines that the transmittal of the information with respect to a foreign country under paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section in classified form would make more likely the cooperation of the government of the foreign country as specified in such paragraph, the Secretary may transmit the information under such paragraph in classified form.

(d) Definitions

As used in this section--

(1) the term "international terrorism" means terrorism involving citizens or the territory of more than 1 country;

(2) the term "terrorism" means premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents; and

(3) the term "terrorist group" means any group practicing, or which has significant subgroups which practice, international terrorism.

(e) Reporting period

(1) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall cover the events of the calendar year preceding the year in

which the report is submitted.

(2) The report required by subsection (a) of this section to be submitted by March 31, 1988, may be submitted no later than August 31, 1988.

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**HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES**

Revision Notes and Legislative Reports

1987 Acts. [Senate Report No. 100-75](#), [House Conference Report No. 100-475](#), and Statement by President, see 1987 U.S.Code Cong. and Adm.News, p. 2314.

1990 Acts. [House Report No. 101-17](#) and [House Conference Report No. 101- 343](#), see 1990 U.S. Code Cong. and Adm. News, p. 3.

1994 Acts. [Senate Report No. 103-107](#) and [House Conference Report No. 103- 482](#), see 1994 U.S. Code Cong. and Adm. News, p. 302.

Amendments

1996 Amendments. Subsec. (a)(3). [Pub.L. 104-208, § 101\(c\)](#) [§ 578(1)], added par. (3).

Subsec. (c)(1). [Pub.L. 104-208, § 101\(c\)](#) [§ 578(2)(A), (B)], substituted "Except as provided in paragraph (2), the report" for "The report".

Subsec. (c)(2). [Pub.L. 104-208, § 101\(c\)](#) [§ 578(2)(C)], added par. (2).

1994 Amendments. Subsec. (b)(2)(E). [Pub.L. 103-236, § 133\(b\)\(1\)](#), added subpar. (E).

1990 Amendments. Subsec. (a). [Pub.L. 101-246](#) substituted "April 30" for "March 31".

Report on Terrorist Activity in Which United States Citizens Were Killed and Related Matters

[Pub.L. 106-113](#), Div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [Div. A, Title VIII, § 805], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-468, as amended [Pub.L. 107-228](#), Div. A, Title II, § 216(c), Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1367, provided that:

"(a) **In general.**--Not later than May 1, 2003, and not later than May 1, 2004, the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit a report, with a classified annex as necessary, to the appropriate congressional committees regarding terrorist attacks in Israel, in territory administered by Israel, and in territory administered by the Palestinian Authority. The report shall contain the following information:

"(1) A list of formal commitments the Palestinian Authority has made to combat terrorism.

"(2) A list of terrorist attacks, occurring between september 13, 1993 and the date of the report, against United States citizens in israel, in territory administered by israel, or in territory administered by the palestinian authority, including--

"(A) a list of all citizens of the United States killed or injured in such attacks;

"(B) the date of each attack and the total number of people killed or injured in each attack;

"(C) the person or group claiming responsibility for the attack and where such person or group has found refuge or support;

"(D) A list of suspects implicated in each attack and the Nationality of each suspect, including information on--

"(i) which suspects are in the custody of the Palestinian Authority and which suspects are in the custody of Israel;

"(ii) which suspects are still at large in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority or Israel; and

"(iii) the whereabouts (or suspected whereabouts) of suspects implicated in each attack.

"(3) Of the suspects implicated in the attacks described in paragraph (2) and detained by palestinian or israeli authorities, information on--

"(A) the date each suspect was incarcerated;

"(B) whether any suspects have been released, the date of such release, and whether any released suspect was implicated in subsequent acts of terrorism; and

"(C) the status of each case pending against a suspect, including information on whether the suspect has been indicted, prosecuted, or convicted by the Palestinian Authority or Israel.

"(4) The policy of the Department of State with respect to offering rewards for information on terrorist suspects, including any information on whether a reward has been posted for suspects involved in terrorist attacks listed in the report.

"(5) A list of each request by the United States for assistance in investigating terrorist attacks listed in the report, a list of each request by the United States for the transfer of terrorist suspects from the Palestinian Authority and Israel since September 13, 1993, and the response to each request from the Palestinian Authority and Israel.

"(6) A description of efforts made by United States officials since September 13, 1993 to bring to justice perpetrators of terrorist acts against United States citizens as listed in the report.

"(7) A list of any terrorist suspects in these cases who are members of Palestinian police or security forces, the Palestine Liberation Organization, or any Palestinian governing body.

"(8) A list of all United States citizens killed or injured in terrorist attacks in Israel or in territory administered by Israel between 1950 and September 13, 1993, to include in each case, where such information is reasonably available, any stated claim of responsibility and the resolution or disposition of each case, except that this list shall be submitted only once with the initial report required under this section unless additional relevant information on these cases becomes available.

"(b) **Consultation with other departments.**--The Secretary of State shall, in preparing the report required by this section, consult and coordinate with all other Government officials who have information necessary to complete the report. Nothing contained in this section shall require the disclosure, on a classified or unclassified basis, of information that would jeopardize sensitive sources and methods or other vital national security interests or jeopardize ongoing criminal investigations or proceedings.

"(c) **Initial report.**--Except as provided in subsection (a)(8), the initial report filed under this section shall cover the period between September 13, 1993 and the date of the report."

[Under the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, [Pub.L. 106-113](#), Div. B, § 1000(a)(7), Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-405, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of State; see [Pub.L. 106-113](#), Div. B, § 1000(a)(7)

[H.R. 3427, § 3], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A- 409, as amended, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.]

#### **CROSS REFERENCES**

Prohibition on financial assistance to terrorists countries, see [10 USCA § 2249a](#).

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