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To provide a comprehensive strategy for stabilizing Iraq and redeploying United States troops from Iraq within one year.

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Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To provide a comprehensive strategy for stabilizing Iraq and redeploying United States troops from Iraq within one year.

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. REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES**

4 **FROM IRAQ.**

5 (a) REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES

6 FROM IRAQ.—The President shall complete the redeploy-

7 ment of United States forces from Iraq within one year

8 of the date of the enactment of this Act, in accordance

9 with a schedule negotiated with the Government of Iraq,

1 leaving thereafter in Iraq only the minimal number of
2 United States forces that are critical to—

3 (1) completing the mission of standing up Iraqi
4 security forces;

5 (2) conducting targeted and specialized counter-
6 terrorism operations; and

7 (3) protecting United States facilities and per-
8 sonnel.

9 (b) CHANGE OF PRIORITIES TO TRAINING IRAQI SE-
10 CURITY FORCES.—The President shall—

11 (1) immediately change United States military
12 priorities in Iraq by giving the highest priority to the
13 training, equipping, advising, and support of Iraqi
14 security forces; and

15 (2) accelerate the redeployment of United
16 States forces within Iraq to rear-guard, garrisoned
17 status for security back-up, border security, training,
18 and emergency response.

19 (c) ENFORCEMENT OF BENCHMARKS.—The Presi-
20 dent shall enforce benchmarks tied to specific dates for
21 progress, as agreed upon by the Government of Iraq, in
22 meeting key objectives on national reconciliation, security,
23 and governance in Iraq, by conditioning United States po-
24 litical, military, and economic assistance to Iraq on meet-
25 ing such benchmarks.

1 (d) MAINTENANCE OF OVER-THE-HORIZON TROOP
2 PRESENCE.—The President shall maintain an over-the-
3 horizon troop presence in the Middle East region to pros-
4 ecute the war on terror and protect regional security inter-
5 ests.

6 (e) STATEMENT OF NO PERMANENT UNITED
7 STATES MILITARY BASES IN IRAQ.—The President shall
8 state publicly that the United States does not seek to es-
9 tablish or maintain any permanent military bases in Iraq.

10 **SEC. 2. DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES ON IRAQ.**

11 (a) SUMMITS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall work
13 with the leaders of the Government of Iraq, and en-
14 gage in the diplomacy necessary, to convene, as soon
15 as possible, a summit, or series of summits for the
16 purpose of reaching a sustainable agreement on Iraq
17 that engenders the support of Sunnis, Shias, and
18 Kurds by—

19 (A) ensuring the equitable distribution of
20 the oil revenues of Iraq;

21 (B) disbanding militias in Iraq;

22 (C) strengthening internal security and de-
23 terring foreign interference in Iraq;

1 (D) reviving reconstruction efforts in Iraq
2 and fulfilling related international economic aid
3 commitments with respect to Iraq;

4 (E) securing the borders of Iraq;

5 (F) supporting the national reconciliation
6 commission of Iraq;

7 (G) reintegrating former Ba'athists into
8 Iraqi society;

9 (H) resolving the final status of Kirkuk;
10 and

11 (I) providing for a sustainable federalist
12 structure in Iraq.

13 (2) PARTICIPANTS.—Participants in the sum-
14 mit or summits under this subsection should include
15 the following:

16 (A) Leaders of the governments of each
17 country bordering Iraq, including Turkey, Iran,
18 and Syria.

19 (B) Representatives of the Arab League.

20 (C) The Secretary General of the North
21 Atlantic Treaty Organization.

22 (D) Representatives of the European
23 Union.

1 (E) Leaders of the governments of each
2 permanent member of the United Nations Secu-
3 rity Council.

4 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT
5 GROUP FOR IRAQ.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall orga-
7 nize, as soon as possible, an international support
8 group for Iraq for the purpose of working collectively
9 to bring stability to Iraq.

10 (2) PARTICIPANTS.—The international support
11 group under this subsection should consist of the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (A) Each country bordering Iraq, including
14 Turkey, Iran, and Syria.

15 (B) Representative countries from the
16 Arab League.

17 (C) The Secretary General of the North
18 Atlantic Treaty Organization.

19 (D) Representatives countries from the
20 European Union.

21 (E) Each permanent member of the
22 United Nations Security Council.

23 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SECURITY ALLI-
24 ANCE.—The President shall create a new regional security
25 alliance that strengthens the security of United States al-

1 lies in the Middle East region through a phased process
2 that includes enhanced security assistance programs, joint
3 exercises, and coordinated diplomatic initiatives.

4 **SEC. 3. RECONSTRUCTION INITIATIVES IN IRAQ.**

5 (a) SENIOR ADVISOR FOR ECONOMIC RECONSTRUC-
6 TION IN IRAQ.—

7 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The President shall ap-
8 point a senior advisor to oversee the coordination of
9 reconstruction efforts in Iraq among United States
10 agencies, Iraq agencies, and international partners
11 (including the World Bank, the International Mone-
12 tary Fund, and international humanitarian agencies)
13 in order to foster greater United States interagency
14 cooperation on Iraq and avoid duplicative programs
15 and activities in the reconstruction of Iraq.

16 (2) REPORT TO PRESIDENT.—The senior advi-
17 sor appointed under paragraph (1) shall report di-
18 rectly to the President with respect to the activities
19 undertaken by the senior advisor under that para-
20 graph.

21 (b) EXPEDITED DISBURSEMENT OF RECONSTRUC-
22 TION FUNDS.—The President shall provide the Chief of
23 Mission in Iraq authority as follows:

24 (1) Authority to spend significant funds
25 through a program having a structure similar to the

1 structure of the Commander's Emergency Response
2 Program.

3 (2) Authority to rescind United States funds
4 from projects in which the Government of Iraq is
5 not demonstrating an effective partnership with the
6 United States.

7 (c) DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION, AND RE-
8 INTEGRATION OF MILITIAS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall work to
10 create security conditions in Iraq in which recon-
11 struction efforts can succeed by providing financial
12 and technical support to a program to disarm, de-
13 mobilize, and reintegrate militia members in Iraq.

14 (2) ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out paragraph
15 (1), the President shall establish in Iraq an office to
16 coordinate assistance and support the presence of
17 neutral international experts as advisors to the Gov-
18 ernment of Iraq on the processes of disarmament,
19 demobilization, and reintegration of militias.

20 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN**
21 **IRAQ BY CONGRESS.**

22 (a) FULFILLMENT OF ORIGINAL AUTHORIZATION.—
23 Congress declares that the purposes for which the author-
24 ization for use of military force in Iraq were granted to
25 the President by Congress pursuant to the Authorization

1 for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002
2 (Public Law 107–243), namely (1) to defend the national
3 security of the United States against the continuing threat
4 posed by Iraq, and (2) to enforce all relevant United Na-
5 tions Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq, have
6 been achieved.

7 (b) NEW AUTHORIZATION.—Effective as of the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall be au-
9 thorized to use military force in Iraq solely for the purpose
10 of implementing the strategy set forth in sections 1, 2,
11 and 3.

12 **SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

13 (a) PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGY.—

14 (1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Sec-
17 retary of State, submit to Congress a report that
18 sets forth a plan for implementing the strategy set
19 forth in sections 1, 2, and 3.

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-
21 graph (1) shall include the following:

22 (A) The schedule for redeploying United
23 States forces from Iraq within one year of the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, as developed
25 pursuant to section 1(a).

1 (B) A strategy for ensuring the safety and
2 security of United States forces in Iraq during
3 and after such redeployment.

4 (C) The number, size, and character of
5 United States military units needed in Iraq
6 after such redeployment for purposes of com-
7 pleting the mission of standing up Iraqi secu-
8 rity forces, conducting targeted and specialized
9 counter-terrorism operations, and protecting
10 United States facilities and personnel.

11 (D) A strategy for addressing the regional
12 implications of redeploying United States forces
13 from Iraq in accordance with section 1(a), in-
14 cluding efforts that will be made to ensure a co-
15 ordinated diplomatic, political, and development
16 strategy to accompany such redeployment.

17 (E) Contingency plans for using over-the-
18 horizon forces deployed in the Middle East re-
19 gion pursuant to section 1(d) to address threats
20 to the United States that may arise in Iraq and
21 throughout the region.

22 (F) A strategy for redeploying United
23 States forces to effectively engage and defeat
24 global terrorist networks that threaten the
25 United States.

1 (G) A schedule for completing the diplo-
2 matic initiatives set forth in section 2.

3 (H) A schedule for completing the recon-
4 struction initiatives set forth in section 3.

5 (b) REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGY.—
6 Not later than 60 days after the date of the submittal
7 of the report required by subsection (a), and every 60 days
8 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation
9 with the Secretary of State, submit to Congress a report
10 on the actions taken to implement the strategy set forth
11 in sections 1, 2, and 3.

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