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1 and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
2 Khorasan”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(9) MONITORING AND EVALUATION MEASURES
6 RELATING TO ASFF.—A description of the moni-
7 toring and evaluation measures that the Department
8 of Defense and the Government of Afghanistan are
9 taking to ensure that funds of the Afghanistan Secu-
10 rity Forces Fund provided to the Government of Af-
11 ghanistan as direct government-to-government as-
12 sistance are not subject to waste, fraud, or abuse.”.

13 **SEC. 1215. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM REPORT-**
14 **ING REQUIREMENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General
17 of the Department of State shall submit a report, which
18 may contain a classified annex, to—

19 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-
20 mittee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on
21 Armed Services of the Senate; and

22 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary, the Com-
23 mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on
24 Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under sub-
2 section (a) shall evaluate the obstacles to effective protec-
3 tion of Afghan and Iraqi allies through the special immi-
4 grant visa programs and suggestions for improvements in
5 future programs, including information relating to—

6 (1) the hiring of locally employed staff and con-
7 tractors;

8 (2) documenting the identity and employment
9 of locally employed staff and contractors of the
10 United States Government, including the possibility
11 of establishing a central database of employees of
12 the United States Government and its contractors;

13 (3) the protection and safety of employees of lo-
14 cally employed staff and contractors;

15 (4) means of expediting processing at all stages
16 of the process for applicants, including consideration
17 of reducing required forms;

18 (5) appropriate staffing levels for expedited
19 processing domestically and abroad;

20 (6) the effect of uncertainty of visa availability
21 on visa processing;

22 (7) the cost and availability of medical examina-
23 tions; and

24 (8) means to reduce delays in interagency proc-
25 essing and security checks.

1 (c) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under
2 subsection (a), the Inspector General shall consult with
3 current and, to the extent possible, former employees of—

4 (1) the Department of State, Bureau of Con-
5 sular Affairs, Visa Office;

6 (2) the Department of State, Bureau of Near
7 Eastern Affairs and South and Central Asian Af-
8 fairs, Executive Office;

9 (3) the United States embassy in Kabul, Af-
10 ghanistan, Consular Section;

11 (4) the United States embassy in Baghdad,
12 Iraq, Consular Section;

13 (5) the Department of Homeland Security, U.S.
14 Citizenship and Immigration Services;

15 (6) the Department of Defense; and

16 (7) non-governmental organizations providing
17 legal aid in the special immigrant visa application
18 process.

19 **SEC. 1216. MEANINGFUL INCLUSION OF AFGHAN WOMEN IN**
20 **PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
22 nation with the Secretary of Defense, shall seek to ensure
23 the meaningful participation of Afghan women in the
24 peace process in Afghanistan in a manner consistent with
25 the Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017 (22 U.S.C.

1 State, as necessary to facilitate a reconciliation
2 activity.

3 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “designated
4 person or entity” does not include a Federal
5 agency or department.

6 (4) RECONCILIATION ACTIVITY.—The term
7 “reconciliation activity” means any activity intended
8 to support, facilitate, or enable a political settlement
9 between the Government of Afghanistan and the
10 Taliban for the purpose of ending the war in Af-
11 ghanistan.

12 (5) SECURITY.—The term “security” means
13 any measure determined by the Secretary of Defense
14 to be necessary to protect reconciliation activities
15 from hostile acts.

16 **SEC. 1219. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF THE AF-**
17 **GHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM.**

18 (a) PRINCIPAL ALIENS.—Subclause (I) of section
19 602(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of
20 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(I) by, or on behalf of, the
22 United States Government; or”.

23 (b) EXTENSION OF AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT
24 PROGRAM.—Section 602(b)(3)(F) of the Afghan Allies

1 Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in the heading, by striking “2015, 2016, AND
4 2017” and inserting “2015 THROUGH 2020”;

5 (2) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
6 ing “18,500” and inserting “22,500”;

7 (3) in clause (i), by striking “December 31,
8 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2021”; and

9 (4) in clause (ii), by striking “December 31,
10 2020” and inserting “December 31, 2021”.

11 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to**
12 **Syria, Iraq, and Iran**

13 **SEC. 1221. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY AND LIMITATION**
14 **ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE**
15 **TO COUNTER THE ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ**
16 **AND SYRIA.**

17 (a) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—Of the
18 amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
19 2020 by this Act for activities under section 1236 of the
20 Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National De-
21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law
22 113–291; 128 Stat. 3558), as amended by this section,
23 not more than 50 percent may be obligated or expended
24 for such activities until the date on which the Secretary