

DIVISION B – Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017

Title I: Department of Defense

Title I of the Security Assistance Appropriations Act includes \$5.8 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. Of that amount, \$4.6 billion is included to fund operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, and to bolster European allies. It also includes \$724 million for procurement of additional equipment and munitions in support of counterterrorism operations, \$170 million to fund critical emergent requirements, and \$265 million for deployments of military personnel to Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as to Europe in support of the European Reassurance Initiative. The title approves the majority of funding requested by the Department of Defense, but defers the Afghan Aviation Modernization proposal, which will be addressed in a full-year Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY2017.

Military Personnel

- \$145 million in additional OCO funding to support the continued deployment of approximately 8,400 troops in Afghanistan, as well as approximately 5,500 who are forward-deployed in support of operations to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Iraq and Syria. In addition, the title provides \$120 million for rotational troop deployments to Europe related to the European Reassurance Initiative.

Operations and Maintenance

- \$4.3 billion in additional OCO funding to support continued counterterrorism and forward presence missions in Afghanistan, the Middle East, and Europe, based on revised force manning levels. The U.S. approach to countering ISIL continues to evolve with emerging requirements and additional funding needs identified since the administration submitted the FY2017 OCO request to Congress in February 2016.

Procurement of Equipment and Munitions

- \$724 million in additional OCO funding to procure urgently needed equipment and weapons in direct support of ongoing operations. Of this amount, \$514 million is for additional Hellfire missiles, Joint Direct Attack Munitions, and Small Diameter Bombs; \$138 million for classified programs; and \$72 million for the procurement of existing Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems in support of a Joint Operational Need.

Emergent Force Protection and Research and Development

- \$170 million in additional OCO funding for Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Fund (JIDO) activities, and to support the development of future Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems and classified efforts.

Iraq Train and Equip Fund

- \$290 million in additional OCO funding to continue sustainment and stipends in support of the Kurdish Peshmerga in the fight against ISIL.

Afghan Aviation Modernization

- Defers the full request of \$814.5 million of OCO funding for Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) aviation, including the replacement of Mi-17 rotary-wing aircraft with UH-60A U.S. Army helicopters. The procurement of these aircraft is being deferred until additional information is available on the sustainability and long-term costs of the program. Funding for this initiative will be addressed in the FY2017 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Title II: State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs

Title II of the Security Assistance Appropriations Act totals \$4.3 billion in Overseas Contingency Operation/Global War on Terror (OCO/GWOT) funding.

This additional funding is provided to counter ISIL and other terrorist organizations, and stabilize areas liberated from terrorist groups. Additionally, the funding will help document and investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity in Iraq and Syria, meet operational and security needs at U.S. diplomatic facilities overseas, increase overseas refugee and humanitarian assistance, counter violent extremism, and counter Russian influence and aggression.

Embassy Security, and Diplomatic and Development Operations (\$1.742 billion)

- \$1.58 billion, equal to the budget amendment request, for embassy security, including funding for security upgrades at critical posts abroad, and deployment and security of diplomatic and development personnel.
- \$2.5 million each for the U.S. Department of State and United States Agency for International Development Inspectors General for oversight of programs.

Economic and Stabilization Assistance (\$1.238 billion)

- \$1.08 billion for programs to stabilize countries in the Middle East and North Africa affected by ISIL and other terrorist organizations, counter violent extremism, and return essential services to liberated-ISIL areas.
- Provides authority requested for a sovereign loan guarantee for Iraq, and extends authority for a direct loan for military assistance to the Government of Iraq.
- Increases economic assistance for major non-NATO allies in the Middle East and North Africa, including Jordan and Tunisia.
- \$157 million to counter Russian influence in Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia, including Ukraine, the Baltic States, and Georgia.

Humanitarian Assistance (\$916 million)

- \$916 million above the FY2016 enacted level for the International Disaster Assistance and Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) accounts.
- Supports basic humanitarian needs, such as emergency shelter, medical care, and clean drinking water for refugees and displaced persons affected by conflict overseas, including the estimated 1 million people who may be displaced by the Mosul operation.
- Continues FY2016 prohibition on use of OCO MRA funds for resettlement costs of refugees in the United States.

Security Assistance (\$404 million)

- \$128 million for anti-terrorism and border security programs, conventional weapons destruction, and clearance of unexploded ordnance and remnants of war in Iraq and other areas liberated from terrorists to help facilitate return of displaced persons.
- \$200 million for military assistance to help partner nations, including Jordan and Tunisia, degrade and defeat ISIL and other terrorist organizations, and to assist countries affected by Russian aggression, including Georgia and Ukraine.
- \$50 million for equipment, training, logistics, and related support for peacekeeping, stabilization and counter terrorism programs in Africa and the Middle East.
- \$26 million for anti-crime, counter-narcotics, and civilian security assistance in support of stabilization efforts.

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