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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 8595 – National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2027

(Rep. Diaz-Balart, R-FL)

The Administration appreciates the reductions and reforms included in H.R. 8595, making appropriations for national security, Department of State, and related programs for the fiscal year (FY) ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes.

The Administration supports advancement of this legislation, but looks forward to addressing its concerns prior to enactment. In total, this bill would provide $47.3 billion, which is $11.9 billion above the President's FY 2027 Budget request, and $2.7 billion below the FY 2026 enacted level. The Administration welcomes the House's consideration of individual appropriations bills, and looks forward to working with the Congress to enact legislation that supports the Administration's efforts to realign foreign aid and close the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Administration would like to share additional views regarding the House Appropriations Committee's (Committee) version of the bill.

Department of State (State) and Other International Programs

Consolidation of State and U.S. Agency for International Development Operations. The Administration appreciates that the bill continues to provide no funding for USAID. However, the Administration urges the Congress to include the authority requested in the FY 2027 Budget to finalize the consolidation of USAID into State, as well as the language in the bill related to the State and USAID Offices of the Inspector General (OIGs). The Administration has made great strides to responsibly close out and consolidate activities formerly conducted by USAID using existing authorities. The Administration urges the Congress to provide the authorities requested in the Budget that would allow it to fully and responsibly close out USAID's statutorily mandated functions and transition to a unified State OIG responsible for robust and efficient foreign assistance oversight.

National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and Democracy Fund. The Administration appreciates the reduction in the bill to NED, and urges the Congress to fully eliminate funding for this ideologically captured organization, which has pushed far-left propaganda, unfairly criticized right-leaning domestic politicians, including President Trump, and blacklisted conservative media outlets for their beliefs. NED is an opaque organization whose activities do not align with America's core interests or current U.S. foreign policy.

Reduce the Federal Bureaucracy and Eliminate Wasteful Spending. The bill supports the Administration's historic efforts to eliminate waste and abuse, by providing no funding for agencies proposed for elimination in the FY 2027 Budget, such as the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Inter-American Foundation, and the African Development Foundation.

Assessed and Voluntary Contributions to International Organizations. The Administration appreciates that the bill eliminates funding for International Organizations and Programs and significantly reduces funding for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities, and Contributions to International Organizations to eliminate waste and abuse. Examples of organizations for which funding is eliminated include the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Labor Organization, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

International Communications. The Administration appreciates that the bill provides no funding for the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM) and instead supports the Administration's new approach to international communications through targeted and strategic programming directly under the purview of the Secretary of State instead of through an ineffective and redundant USAGM.

Treasury International. The Administration appreciates the bill's topline of $927 million for Treasury International programs, which is only $20 million above the FY 2027 Budget request. However, the Administration urges the Congress to reconsider the $387 million in cancellations proposed in the Budget, especially the $150 million for the Global Environment Facility funding, which supports China, focuses on radical DEI, gender, and Climate Change reporting, including programmed resources to change skin lightening products in Africa.

America First Opportunity Fund (A1OF). The Administration greatly appreciates the additional funding and flexibility provided in the bill to the A1OF in order to make America safer, stronger, and more prosperous, and for inclusion of the new policy to Protect Life and Human Flourishing in Foreign Assistance to prohibit taxpayer funding for abortion, involuntary sterilization, and discriminatory equity and gender ideology.

Export-Import Bank (EXIM) Program and Operating Accounts. The Administration urges the Congress to consider redirecting resources spent on wasteful programs to support a higher topline for EXIM, which is a critical tool in the Administration's America First foreign policy. The FY 2027 Budget requests $358 million for EXIM, which is $204 million above the FY 2026 enacted level. This would support: $15 billion in new authorizations; roughly 80,000 American jobs; and $19.6 billion in U.S. export value.

Apportionment Authority. The Administration appreciates that the bill removes language from the FY 2026 enacted bill that undermined the President's apportionment authority, and the Administration expects that the language will not be included in the final enacted bill.

<u>Constitutional Concerns</u>

Certain provisions of the bill raise separation of powers concerns, including by conditioning the Executive authority to take certain actions on receiving the approval of the House and Senate

Committees. Other provisions of the bill raise constitutional concerns, including by interfering with the President's authority to determine the command of the armed forces, to recognize territorial sovereignty, and to conduct diplomacy.

The Administration looks forward to working with the Congress to provide more input as the FY 2027 appropriations process unfolds.

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