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SUMMARY

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Washington, D.C. – The fiscal year 2023 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations bill provides \$61.758 billion, which is an increase of \$3.76 billion above fiscal year 2022. An additional \$14.5 billion is provided in emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to urgent humanitarian and security needs in Ukraine and in countries impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Key Points & Highlights

Humanitarian Assistance

The bill provides \$8.37 billion to assist tens of millions of refugees and internally displaced persons displaced as a result of conflict and natural disasters in Ukraine, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, across the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa, Venezuela, and elsewhere, which is \$253 million above fiscal year 2022. An additional \$920 in emergency funding is provided for humanitarian needs in Ukraine and in countries impacted by the situation in Ukraine and for assistance for other vulnerable populations and communities.

Global Health Programs

Global Health Security: The bill includes \$900 million, an increase of \$200 million above fiscal year 2022, to support global health security programs to build the capacity of countries to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

HIV/AIDS: The bill includes a total of \$6.725 billion to combat HIV/AIDS, an increase of \$445 million above fiscal year 2022, including \$4.395 billion for Department of State programs in support of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR); \$2.0 billion for a U.S. contribution to the Global Fund; and \$330 million for USAID’s HIV/AIDS programs.

Tuberculosis: The bill includes \$394.5 million, an increase of \$23.5 million above fiscal year 2022, for tuberculosis programs.

Malaria: The bill includes \$795 million, an increase of \$20 million above fiscal year 2022, for malaria programs.

Polio: The bill includes \$85 million, an increase of \$10 million above fiscal year 2022, for programs to combat polio.

Family Planning/Reproductive Health: The bill includes \$575 million, consistent with prior year levels, for bilateral family planning/reproductive health programs to support access to voluntary family planning services and other related health care. An additional \$32.5 million is provided for a U.S. contribution to UNFPA.

Environment and Energy Programs

The bill includes \$385 million to support **biodiversity conservation programs**; \$260 million to support **clean energy programs**; \$270 million for **adaptation programs**; \$185 million for **sustainable landscapes programs**; and \$125 million for a U.S. contribution to the **Clean Technology Fund**, which aims to modernize the energy sector in developing countries. Authorization is also included for U.S. contributions to the Adaptation Fund and Least Developed Countries Fund.

Protecting Human Rights

The bill continues conditions on aid to foreign governments where there is a history of abuses by security forces, including Sri Lanka, Egypt, Nepal, and Central America. \$320 million in military aid for **Egypt** is conditioned on the Government of Egypt taking sustained and effective steps to strengthen the rule of law, release political prisoners, protect fundamental rights, and hold accountable those who violate them.

In addition, the bill includes \$20 million to support **forensic anthropology** programs to locate and identify the remains of victims of armed conflict and crimes against humanity.

The bill directs the Secretary of State to deny visas to foreign officials who have been involved in significant corruption or a gross violation of human rights, including the unjust or wrongful detention of journalists and civil society leaders, and to refer such cases to the Treasury Department for possible further sanctions.

Key Initiatives and Accounts

Democracy Programs: The bill provides \$2.9 billion for democracy programs, which is \$300 million above fiscal year 2022, for democracy programs to strengthen governance; freedom of expression, association, assembly, and religion; human rights; independence of the media; and the rule of law.

State Department Operations: The bill includes \$9.46 billion for State Department operations, including \$3.8 billion for Worldwide Security Protection, which is 284.4 million above fiscal

year 2022. This funding will support new Foreign Service and Civil Service positions, diversity and inclusion program, and other operational expenses. An additional \$60 million in emergency funding is provided for operational requirements in Ukraine and in the region.

USAID Operations: The bill includes \$2.0 billion for USAID operating expenses, which is \$108.3 million above fiscal year 2022. This funding will support new Foreign Service and Civil Service positions and operational expenses, enabling the agency to continue to respond to complex global challenges. An additional \$5 million in emergency funding is provided for operational requirements in Ukraine and in the region.

Educational and Cultural Exchanges: The bill provides \$777.5 million for Educational and Cultural Exchange programs, which is \$24.5 million above fiscal year 2022. This funding provides support for flagship exchange programs such as Fulbright and Young Leaders' Initiatives.

Global Internet Freedom: The bill provides \$90.5 million to promote Internet freedom globally, particularly in countries whose governments restrict freedom of expression and access to information.

Civil Society, Journalists, and Freedom of Expression: The bill includes \$50 million for programs to support independence of the media and freedom of expression, and to protect civil society activists and journalists who are threatened and harassed.

Global Fragility Act Implementation: The bill supports implementation of the Global Fragility Act, including \$135 million for the Prevention and Stabilization Fund and \$60 million for the Complex Crises Fund.

Contributions to International Organizations: The bill fully funds U.S. assessed contributions to support the regular budget of the UN and other international organizations.

Education Programs: The bill provides \$970 million for basic education programs and \$285 million for higher education programs, including \$35 million for partnerships between U.S. and foreign higher education institutions.

Embassy Security: The bill provides \$5.7 billion to meet the full cost of the State Department's share for embassy construction and maintenance and to protect U.S. diplomats and development personnel abroad.

Arctic Region: The bill provides funding to support the Ambassador-at-Large for the Arctic Region, and a fellowship program between Arctic communities from North America and Greenland, and other activities to support U.S. engagement in the Arctic region.

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC): The bill includes \$1 billion for the DFC, which is \$302 million above fiscal year 2022, including \$220 million for administrative expenses and \$780 million for DFC programs.

Millennium Challenge Corporation: The bill includes \$930 million for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, which is \$18 million above fiscal year 2022.

Other Agencies: The bill increases funding for the following independent agencies, including the U.S. Institute of Peace (\$55 million), Peace Corps (\$430.5 million), Inter-American Foundation (\$47 million), and U.S. African Development Foundation (\$45 million).

Supporting Allies and Countering Malign Influence

Israel: The bill provides \$3.3 billion for military aid for Israel, which is equal to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and fiscal year 2022.

Jordan: The bill provides \$1.65 billion in economic and military aid to Jordan, in addition to humanitarian aid for Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan, which is equal to fiscal year 2022.

Colombia: The bill provides \$487.4 million, \$16 million above fiscal year 2022, for economic and security programs in Colombia, including \$40 million to enhance rural security in municipalities with high levels of illicit activities.

Central America: The bill provides \$100 million for locally-led development programs in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras and \$70 million for programs to reduce violence against women and girls.

Vietnam: The bill provides \$197 million to support war legacy programs in Vietnam including to clear unexploded ordnance, clean up sites contaminated from Agent Orange, and assist people with war-related disabilities, and to expand programs to combat climate change, support higher education, and strengthen security cooperation.

Countering Russian Influence Fund: The bill provides \$300 million, an increase of \$5 million above fiscal year 2022, to counter Russian influence and aggression by promoting good governance, energy independence, and economic stability in countries under pressure from Russia, and ensuring our allies can protect their territorial integrity.

Countering PRC Influence Fund: The bill provides \$325 million, which is \$25 million above fiscal year 2022, to counter the influence of the PRC and the Chinese Communist Party, which are in addition to other funds in the act to counter PRC malign influence.

Pacific Islands Countries: The bill provides \$150 million to expand diplomatic engagement, development, and security cooperation with the Pacific Islands countries.

U.S. Agency for Global Media: The bill provides \$884.7 million for the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), which is \$24.7 million above fiscal year 2022. The funds will strengthen USAGM's mission to inform, engage, and connect with audiences around the world in support of freedom and democracy, including new tools to circumvent Russian attempts to censor broadcasting into Eastern Europe and modernize the agency's infrastructure, research, and analytics capabilities. #####