AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007”.

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(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous Christians in Iraq welcome the opportunity following Iraq’s liberation to move beyond the days of repression and persecution and toward greater prosperity by cooperating in the development of a democratic, pluralistic state.

(2) Religious and ethnic discrimination has driven half of Iraq’s indigenous Christians into diaspora since the 1960s and now threatens to create a mass exodus, thereby depriving Iraq of one of its oldest and most distinctive ethnic communities.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) all relevant departments and agencies of the Government of the United States should pay special attention to the welfare of ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous Christians in Iraq in order to prevent a mass exodus that would detrimentally affect the preservation of diversity in the Middle East and the promotion of general tolerance for others; and

(2) the President, acting through the Administrator of the United States Agency for International...
Development, should allocate funds specifically for
the promotion of the welfare, education, and resettlement of ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous
Christians in Iraq where they may be currently prevented from returning to their homes.

TITLE XI—REPORTING
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SEC. 1101. TRANS-SAHARA COUNTER-TERRORISM INITIATIVE.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that efforts by the Government of the United States to expand the Pan Sahel Initiative into a robust counter-terrorism program in the Saharan region of Africa, to be known as the “Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Initiative”, should be strongly supported.

(b) Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed strategy, in classified form, regarding the plan of the Government of the United States to expand the Pan Sahel Initiative into a robust counter-terrorism program in the Saharan region of Africa, to be known as the “Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Initiative”.

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