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# H. R. 9172

To establish the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative to promote bilateral counterdrug interdiction efforts with the governments of specified countries, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SALAZAR (for herself, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. STANTON, Mr. McCORMICK, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMÉR, and Ms. SPANBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To establish the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative to promote bilateral counterdrug interdiction efforts with the governments of specified countries, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Destruction Initiative  
5 for Stored Precursors Overseas and Safe Enforcement  
6 Act” or the “DISPOSE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
4 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
7 the Senate;

8 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
9 Senate;

10 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
11 the House of Representatives; and

12 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
13 House of Representatives.

14 (2) **BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.**—

15 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in  
16 subparagraph (B), the term “beneficiary coun-  
17 tries” means Colombia, Mexico, and Peru.

18 (B) **UPDATES.**—The Secretary of State, in  
19 consultation with the Attorney General and the  
20 Secretary of Defense, may add or remove 1 or  
21 more countries from the list of beneficiary  
22 countries under subparagraph (A) after pro-  
23 viding written notification of such changes to  
24 the appropriate congressional committees.

25 (3) **LISTED CHEMICAL.**—The term “listed  
26 chemical” has the meaning given such term in sec-

1       tion 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
2       U.S.C. 802).

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF PRECURSOR CHEMICAL DE-**  
4 **STRUCTION INITIATIVE.**

5       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State, in co-  
6 ordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney  
7 General, may carry out the “Precursor Chemical Destruc-  
8 tion Initiative” in beneficiary countries to achieve the pur-  
9 poses described in subsection (b).

10       (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes described in this sub-  
11 section are—

12           (1) improving and increasing rates of seizure  
13 and destruction of listed chemicals in beneficiary  
14 countries;

15           (2) alleviating the backlog of seized listed  
16 chemicals and disposing the hazardous waste gen-  
17 erated by illicit drug trafficking in beneficiary coun-  
18 tries in an environmentally safe and effective man-  
19 ner;

20           (3) ensuring that seized listed chemicals are not  
21 reintroduced into the illicit drug production stream  
22 within beneficiary countries;

23           (4) freeing up storage space for future listed  
24 chemical seizures within beneficiary countries; or

1           (5) reducing the negative environmental impact  
2           of listed chemicals.

3 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN; PROGRESS UPDATES.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
6 in coordination with the Attorney General and the Sec-  
7 retary of Defense, shall submit an implementation plan  
8 to the appropriate congressional committees that includes  
9 a timeline and stated objectives for actions to be taken  
10 in beneficiary countries in support of the Precursor Chem-  
11 ical Destruction Initiative.

12           (b) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan required  
13 under subsection (a) shall include—

14           (1) a multi-year strategy with a timeline, over-  
15 view of objectives, budgetary projections, and antici-  
16 pated outcomes for the region and for each bene-  
17 ficiary country;

18           (2) specific, measurable benchmarks to track  
19 the progress of the Precursor Chemical Destruction  
20 Initiative towards accomplishing the outcomes re-  
21 ferred to in paragraph (1);

22           (3) a plan for the delineation of the roles to be  
23 carried out by the Department of State, the Depart-  
24 ment of Justice, the Department of Defense, and  
25 any other Federal department or agency in carrying

1 out the Precursor Chemical Destruction Initiative;  
2 and

3 (4) a plan for addressing security and govern-  
4 ment corruption and providing updates to the appro-  
5 priate congressional committees on the results of  
6 such efforts.

7 (c) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than 1  
8 year after the submission of the implementation plan pur-  
9 suant to subsection (a), and annually thereafter, the Sec-  
10 retary of State, in coordination with the Attorney General  
11 and the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appro-  
12 priate congressional committees a written description of  
13 the results achieved by the Precursor Chemical Destruc-  
14 tion Initiative, including—

15 (1) the implementation of the strategy and  
16 plans described in subsection (a);

17 (2) compliance with, and progress related to,  
18 meeting the benchmarks referred to in subsection  
19 (b)(2); and

20 (3) the type and quantity of listed chemicals de-  
21 stroyed by each beneficiary country.

22 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

23 The Secretary of State shall use amounts otherwise  
24 appropriated for International Narcotics Control and Law

- 1 Enforcement programs managed by the Department of
- 2 State to carry out this Act.

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