H. R. ______

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. ______ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEBT TREATMENT FOR COUNTRIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OR ARE UNITED NATIONS LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

(a) POLICY STATEMENT.—It is the policy of the United States to coordinate with the international commu-
(a) Capacity to Provide Debt Treatment. — The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall—

(1) engage with international financial institutions and other bilateral official creditors to advance policy discussions on restructuring, rescheduling, or canceling the sovereign debt of countries that are eligible for assistance from the International Development Association or are United Nations Least-Developed Countries through the Common Framework or the DSSI; and

(2) instruct the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund and the United States Executive Director at the World Bank to use the voice and vote of the United States to advance the efforts described in paragraph (1).
(c) Transfer Authority.—Of the funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2), and in prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs, an amount not to exceed $52,000,000 may be transferred to the “Department of the Treasury, Debt Restructuring” account, to remain available until expended, for the costs, as defined in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a(5)), of modifying loans and loan guarantees for, or credits extended to, such countries as the President may determine, including the costs of selling, reducing, or cancelling amounts owed to the United States, pursuant to the Common Framework, and for reducing interest rates paid by any country eligible for the DSSI: Provided, That such amounts may be used notwithstanding the provisions of section 504(e) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661c(e)) or any other provision of law.

(d) Reporting Requirement.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until the end of the COVID–19 pandemic, as determined by the World Health Organization, the Secretary of the Treasury, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the committees specified in subsection (e) a report that describes—
(1) actions that have been taken to advance debt treatment for countries that are eligible for assistance from the International Development Association or are United Nations Least-Developed Countries that request treatment under the Common Framework or the DSSI to respond to the COVID–19 pandemic in coordination with international financial institutions, the Group of 7 (G7), the Group of 20 (G20), Paris Club members, and the Institute of International Finance;

(2) mechanisms that have been utilized and mechanisms that are under consideration to provide the debt treatment described in paragraph (1);

(3) any United States policy concerns regarding debt relief to specific countries;

(4) the transparency measures established or proposed to ensure that funds saved through the debt treatment under the Common Framework or the DSSI described in paragraph (1) will be used for activities—

(A) that respond to the health, economic, and social consequences of the COVID–19 pandemic; and

(B) that are consistent with the interests and values of the United States; and
(5) policy options available to the United States Government to support and advance debt relief from the official creditors of Sudan.

(e) COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The committees specified in this subsection are—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Financial Services, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.