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**House Report 108-060 - UNITED STATES LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS,
AND MALARIA ACT OF 2003**

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ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SECTION 1. (a) * * *

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(f) *HIV/AIDS RESPONSE COORDINATOR-*

(1) *IN GENERAL-* There shall be established within the Department of State in the immediate office of the Secretary of State a Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Coordinator shall report directly to the Secretary.

(2) *AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES; DEFINITIONS-*

(A) *AUTHORITIES-* The Coordinator, acting through such nongovernmental organizations (including faith-based and community-based organizations) and relevant executive branch agencies as may be necessary and appropriate to effect the purposes

of this section, is authorized--

(i) to operate internationally to carry out prevention, care, treatment, support, capacity development, and other activities for combatting HIV/AIDS;

(ii) to transfer and allocate funds to relevant executive branch agencies; and

(iii) to provide grants to, and enter into contracts with, nongovernmental organizations (including faith-based and community-based organizations) to carry out the purposes of section.

(B) DUTIES-

(i) IN GENERAL- The Coordinator shall have primary responsibility for the oversight and coordination of all resources and international activities of the United States Government to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic, including all programs, projects, and activities of the United States Government relating to the HIV/AIDS pandemic under the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 or any amendment made by that Act.

(ii) SPECIFIC DUTIES- The duties of the Coordinator shall specifically include the following:

(I) Ensuring program and policy coordination among the relevant executive branch agencies and nongovernmental organizations, including auditing, monitoring, and evaluation of all such programs.

(II) Ensuring that each relevant executive branch agency undertakes programs primarily in those areas where the agency has the greatest expertise, technical capabilities, and potential for success.

(III) Avoiding duplication of effort.

(IV) Ensuring coordination of relevant executive branch agency activities in the field.

(V) Pursuing coordination with other countries and international organizations.

(VI) Resolving policy, program, and funding disputes among the relevant executive branch agencies.

(VII) Directly approving all activities of the United States (including funding) relating to combatting HIV/AIDS in each of Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and other countries designated by the President, which other designated countries may include those countries in which the United States is implementing HIV/AIDS programs as of the date of the enactment of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS,

Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003.

(VIII) Establishing due diligence criteria for all recipients of funds section and all activities subject to the coordination and appropriate monitoring, evaluation, and audits carried out by the Coordinator necessary to assess the measurable outcomes of such activities.

(C) DEFINITIONS- In this paragraph:

(i) AIDS- The term `AIDS' means acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

(ii) HIV- The term `HIV' means the human immunodeficiency virus, the pathogen that causes AIDS.

(iii) HIV/AIDS- The term `HIV/AIDS' means, with respect to an individual, an individual who is infected with HIV or living with AIDS.

(iv) RELEVANT EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES- The term `relevant executive branch agencies' means the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Public Health Service), and any other department or agency of the United States that participates in international HIV/AIDS activities pursuant to the authorities of such department or agency or this Act.

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