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To amend title 13, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Commerce to prepare annual assessments of the progress being made by the independent states of the former Soviet Union and the Baltic states in establishing a free market economy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAWYER introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Post Office and Civil Service and Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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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 TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Statis-
5 tical Information and Analysis Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Both the public and private sectors in the
2 United States would benefit from the collection,
3 analysis, and dissemination of reliable statistical in-
4 formation about the independent states of the
5 former Soviet Union and the Baltic states.

6 (2) Statistical information about the independ-
7 ent states of the former Soviet Union and the Baltic
8 states can be used in policy development on issues
9 ranging from domestic and foreign trade to inter-
10 national population growth, health, and the environ-
11 ment. United States Government statistical agencies
12 could use data collected in the independent states
13 and the Baltic states to develop statistical compari-
14 sons between the United States and the rest of the
15 world.

16 (3) Reliable economic statistical information
17 can also assist United States businesses in identify-
18 ing trade and investment opportunities in the inde-
19 pendent states of the former Soviet Union and the
20 Baltic states.

21 (4) Reliable information is needed about eco-
22 nomic performance at both the macro and micro-eco-
23 nomic levels as the independent states of the former
24 Soviet Union and the Baltic states make the transi-

1 tion from a centrally planned economy to a free
2 market economy.

3 (5) Reliable economic statistical information is
4 especially important in evaluating the effectiveness
5 of assistance provided to the independent states of
6 the former Soviet Union and the Baltic states by the
7 United States Government, by nongovernmental
8 organizations, and by international financial
9 institutions.

10 (6) Such evaluations would be facilitated by an-
11 nual reports, prepared by the Secretary of Com-
12 merce with the assistance of United States Govern-
13 ment statistical agencies, assessing the progress
14 being made by the independent states of the former
15 Soviet Union and the Baltic states in establishing a
16 free market economy.

17 (7) United States Government statistical agen-
18 cies (such as the Bureau of the Census of the De-
19 partment of Commerce, the Bureau of Labor Statis-
20 tics of the Department of Labor, the Bureau of Eco-
21 nomic Analysis of the Department of Commerce, and
22 the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the
23 Department of Agriculture) have been involved in
24 providing statistical assistance to foreign countries
25 for more than 40 years.

1 (8) United States Government statistical agen-
2 cies have set the standard for modern statistical
3 methodology used throughout the world.

4 (9) United States Government statistical agen-
5 cies have the personnel, facilities, expertise, and
6 other resources to provide training and other tech-
7 nical assistance to the independent states of the
8 former Soviet Union and the Baltic states with re-
9 spect to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of
10 economic statistical data. In addition, to the extent
11 that the independent states or Baltic states use non-
12 standard collection methods, United States Govern-
13 ment statistical agencies have the ability to rec-
14 oncile discrepant data, thereby increasing its useful-
15 ness.

16 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC STATISTICAL ANALYSIS REGARDING**
17 **INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SO-**
18 **VIET UNION AND BALTIC STATES.**

19 (a) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 13.—Title 13 of the
20 United States Code is amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

1 **“CHAPTER 11—ECONOMIC STATISTICAL ANALY-**
2 **SIS REGARDING INDEPENDENT STATES OF**
3 **THE FORMER SOVIET UNION AND BALTIC**
4 **STATES**

“Sec.

“501. Preparation and publication of analysis.

“502. Definitions.

5 **“§ 501. Preparation and publication of analysis**

6 “(a) The Secretary shall prepare and submit to the
7 Congress each year a report analyzing the progress being
8 made by the the independent states of the former Soviet
9 Union and the Baltic states in establishing a free market
10 economy.

11 “(b) In preparing the reports required by subsection
12 (a), the Secretary shall draw upon the information col-
13 lected and the analysis performed under the auspices of
14 the International Statistical Assistance Coordinating Com-
15 mittee established pursuant to section 4 of the Inter-
16 national Statistical Information and Analysis Coordina-
17 tion Act of 1993.

18 “(c) The first report pursuant to subsection (a) shall
19 be submitted as soon as reliable economic statistical infor-
20 mation is available about the independent states of the
21 former Soviet Union and the Baltic states, but not later
22 than 5 years after the date of enactment of this chapter.

23 **“§ 502. Definitions**

24 “As used in this chapter—

1 “(1) the term ‘independent states of the former
2 Soviet Union’ means Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,
3 Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia,
4 Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan;
5 and

6 “(2) the term ‘Baltic states’ means Estonia,
7 Latvia, and Lithuania.”.

8 (b) AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF CHAPTERS.—The
9 table of chapters at the beginning of title 13, United
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
11 ing new item:

**“11. Economic statistical analysis regarding independent
states of the former Soviet Union and Bal-
tic states 501”.**

12 **SEC. 4. INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL ASSISTANCE CO-**
13 **ORDINATING COMMITTEE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—The
15 President shall establish an interagency committee to be
16 known as the “International Statistical Assistance Coordi-
17 nating Committee” (hereinafter in this Act referred to as
18 the “Coordinating Committee”). The Coordinating Com-
19 mittee shall consist of a representative of each of the fol-
20 lowing:

- 21 (1) The Office of Management and Budget.
22 (2) The Bureau of the Census of the Depart-
23 ment of Commerce.

1 (3) The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the De-
2 partment of Labor.

3 (4) The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the
4 Department of Commerce.

5 (5) The National Agricultural Statistics Service
6 of the Department of Agriculture.

7 (6) The Agency for International Development.

8 (b) FUNCTIONS.—Consistent with section 104(a) of
9 the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democ-
10 racies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 (relating
11 to Department of State coordination of assistance to the
12 independent states of the former Soviet Union), the Co-
13 ordinating Committee—

14 (1) shall determine priorities for providing
15 training and other technical assistance to develop ca-
16 pabilities to monitor economic performance in the
17 independent states of the former Soviet Union and
18 the Baltic states through the collection, analysis,
19 and dissemination of economic statistical data;

20 (2) shall use the expertise of its constituent
21 agencies in providing such assistance;

22 (3) shall be responsible for coordinating such
23 assistance with comparable assistance provided or
24 coordinated by international or multilateral organi-
25 zations or agencies; and

1 those republics and states through the collection, analysis,
2 and dissemination of economic statistical data.

3 (b) INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL ASSISTANCE CO-
4 ORDINATING COMMITTEE.—The assistance required by
5 subsection (a) shall be coordinated through the Coordinat-
6 ing Committee and shall otherwise be provided in accord-
7 ance with section 4(b).

8 (c) FUNDING.—It is the sense of the Congress that
9 at least \$3,000,000 of the funds allocated for each of the
10 fiscal years 1994 through 1998 for United States eco-
11 nomic assistance to encourage the development of a free-
12 market economic system in the independent states of the
13 former Soviet Union and the Baltic states should be used
14 for training and other technical assistance pursuant to
15 this section.

16 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

17 As used in this Act—

18 (1) the term “independent states of the former
19 Soviet Union” means Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,
20 Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia,
21 Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan;
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