

The report should include an inventory of both rotary and fixed wing aircraft left behind in Afghanistan as well as the number of aircraft that were returned to the United States.

The report should also include a plan from the Department to recoup or reduce the United States aircraft that are in the hands of the Taliban.

#### **SIGAR Performance Evaluation of the Afghan National Security and Defense Forces**

The committee recognizes the value of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction's assessments of United States engagement in Afghanistan. The committee also notes the Afghan National Security and Defense Forces (ANDSF)'s inability to defend Afghanistan following the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel. Therefore, the committee directs the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction to conduct an evaluation of the performance of the ANDSF for the period between February 2020 and August 2021. The committee also directs the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Secretary of Defense by March 1, 2022, on the findings of such evaluation, including why the ANDSF proved unable to defend Afghanistan from the Taliban following the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel; the impact of the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel had on the performance of the ANDSF; elements of the U.S. military's efforts since 2001 to provide training, assistance, and advising to the ANDSF that impacted the ANDSF's performance following the U.S. military withdrawal; the current status of U.S.-provided equipment to the ANDSF; the current status of U.S.-trained ANDSF personnel; and any other matters the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction deems appropriate. The report shall be provided in unclassified form, but may include a classified appendix.

Provided further, the Secretary of Defense shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, furnish all such information or assistance to the Special Inspector General as the Special Inspector General may request for the purpose of conducting the evaluation required by this section.

#### **Special Inspector General of Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) Evaluation of Performance of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF)**

The Committee recognizes the work of SIGAR with respect to U.S. military engagement in Afghanistan and directs the agency to conduct an evaluation of performance of the Afghan National Security and Defense Forces for the period between February 2020 and August 2021. The report shall include, and is not limited to, findings towards the following questions:

(1) Why the ANDSF proved unable to defend Afghanistan from the Taliban following the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel.

(2) The impact the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel had on the performance of the ANDSF;

(3) Elements of the U.S. military's efforts since 2001 to provide training, assistance, and advising to the ANDSF that impacted the ANDSF's performance following the U.S. military withdrawal;

(4) The current status of U.S.-provided equipment to the ANDSF;

(5) The current status of U.S.-trained ANDSF personnel; and

(6) Any other matters the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction deems appropriate;

The committee also directs SIGAR to submit a report of these findings to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Secretary of Defense by February 1, 2022. The report shall be provided in unclassified form but may include a classified appendix.

Further, the Secretary of Defense shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, furnish all such information or assistance to the Special Inspector General as the Special Inspector General may request for the purpose of conducting the evaluation required by this section.

#### Special Operations Forces Cooperation with Israel

The committee recognizes that allies and partners are a crucial component of U.S. national security. The committee also recognizes that strong relationships between U.S. Special Operations Forces (USSOF) and the corresponding forces of our allies and partners serve as an important anchor in addressing complex threats. The committee notes that the challenges presented by state and non-state actors in the Middle East and the Levant underscore the need for reliable relationships, including interoperable relationships if feasible, in which USSOF can partner to deter and challenge those threats.

Therefore, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, in coordination with the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by December 31, 2021, on all current, developing, and planned cooperative and collaborative activities and initiatives between USSOF and Israeli special operations forces.

#### Status of Operation Atlantic Resolve

The committee believes it is important for the Department of Defense and Congress to be definitionally clear on the official status of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 5, 2022, a determination in writing as to whether or not Operation Atlantic Resolve officially constitutes a named operation or not, along with an assessment of the legal and policy implications of that status.

#### Strategy for Preserving the Rights of Women and Girls in Afghanistan

The committee is concerned about the impact of the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan on Afghan women and girls. The committee notes that the U.S. military has many capabilities that could be used to support regional security partners. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination and