International Affairs Budget Update

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I. Senate Appropriators Unveil FY27 State-Foreign Operations Bill

This week, the Senate Appropriations Committee unveiled its Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) bill that funds the vast majority of the International Affairs Budget. Released by the Committee's Republican majority, the bill represents an initial proposal as lawmakers negotiate a path forward on federal government spending after the current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires on December 11.

In total, the bill provides $50.11 billion for America's diplomatic and international assistance agencies and programs – 0.2% (+ $96 million) above the FY26 enacted level.

Adding in funding for international food assistance provided through the Senate FY27 Agriculture Appropriations bill and the small amount of funding for international programs provided through the Senate FY27 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill, the **FY27 International Affairs Budget receives a total of $51.4 billion.** This represents a 0.1% (+$34 million) increase compared to the FY26 enacted level, and is 7% (+$3.3 billion) above the House-approved level and 46% (+$16.2 billion) above the Administration's FY27 request.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET SNAPSHOT

	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Enacted	FY27 Request	FY27 House	FY27 Senate
Non-Emergency	$58.6 billion	$51.3 billion	$35.1 billion	$48.1 billion	$51.4 billion
Base Emergency	$2.5 billion	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total	**$61.1 billion**	**$51.3 billion**	**$35.1 billion**	**$48.1 billion**	**$51.4 billion**

Select Highlights

Below are select highlights of programmatic funding levels in the FY27 Senate SFOPS bill and explanatory statement. Unless otherwise noted, comparisons are to the FY26 enacted level.

In the coming days, USGLC will release a comprehensive analysis comparing the House and Senate proposals alongside the Administration's request for the FY27 International Affairs Budget.

- **International Security Assistance:** Provides $8.7 billion for international security assistance, a 2% (+$144 million) increase over the FY26 enacted level.
- **Peacekeeping:** Increases funding for UN peacekeeping by 4% (+$46 million), while reducing funding for non-UN peacekeeping operations by 30% (-$100 million).
- **Development Finance and Export Agencies:** Increases funding for the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and the Export-Import Bank by 1% (+$12 million) and 6% (+$10 million),

respectively, above FY26 enacted levels. Sustains funding for the U.S. Trade and Development Agency at the FY26 enacted level.

- **Humanitarian Assistance:** Provides $5.1 billion for humanitarian assistance, a 7% (-$400 million) cut from the FY26 enacted level.
- **Economic and Development Assistance:** Includes a total of $8.25 billion for economic and development assistance, 0.5% (+$38 million) above the FY26 enacted level. Of note, the National Security Investment Programs (NSIP) account sees a 2% (+$123 million) increase while the Democracy Fund is cut by 51% (-$105 million). The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is sustained at its FY26 enacted level and the Peace Corps receives a 5% (+$21 million) boost.
- **Global Health:** Provides $9.7 billion for Global Health Programs, a 3% (+$283 million) increase over the FY26 enacted level. This additional funding is used to provide a 23% increase for the Global Fund—sufficient to cover one-third of the $4.6 billion U.S. pledge for the organization's Eighth Replenishment. All other global health accounts are maintained at their FY26 enacted levels.
- **Multilateral Assistance:** Reduces funding for U.S. assessed contributions to the UN and other international organizations by 6% (-$89 million). Zeroes out the International Organizations and Programs (IO&P) account – which covers voluntary contributions to a range of international organizations – but provides funds under the NSIP account for a limited number of entities typically funded under IO&P, including $142 million for UNICEF. Funding for U.S. contributions to the World Bank and other international financial institutions (IFIs) is reduced by 10% (-$149 million).
- **Civilian Capacity and Operations:** Increases funding for Diplomatic Programs (DP), which funds State Department staffing and operations, by 14% (+$1.3 billion) above the FY26 enacted level.

II. Senate FY27 Agriculture Bill Released

Last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee also released its FY27 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which provides funding for two critical international food assistance programs. The Senate bill rejects the Administration's proposal to zero out international food assistance funding in FY27. Specifically, the bill:

- Increases funding for Food for Peace by 15% (+$180 million) compared to the FY26 enacted level.
- Sustains funding for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program at the FY26 enacted level of $240 million.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS SNAPSHOT

	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Enacted	FY27 Request	FY27 House	FY27 Senate
Food for Peace	$1.62 billion	$1.2 billion	$0	$900 million	$1.38 billion
McGovern-Dole	$240 million	$240 million	$0	$240 million	$240 million
Total	**$1.86 billion**	**$1.44 billion**	**$0**	**$1.14 billion**	**$1.62 billion**