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of Global Criminal Justice, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. OMAR (for herself, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. CARSON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BUSH, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. LEE of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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of an Office of Global Criminal Justice, and for other  
purposes.

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 “Global Criminal Jus-  
5 tice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF GLOBAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There should be established with-  
8 in the Department of State an Office of Global Criminal  
9 Justice (referred to in this section as the “Office”), which

1 may be placed within the organizational structure of the  
2 Department at the discretion of the Secretary.

3 (b) DUTIES.—The Office should carry out the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 (1) Advise the Secretary of State and other rel-  
6 evant senior officials on issues related to atrocities,  
7 including war crimes, crimes against humanity, and  
8 genocide.

9 (2) Assist in formulating United States policy  
10 on the prevention of, responses to, and account-  
11 ability for atrocities.

12 (3) Coordinate, as appropriate and with other  
13 relevant Federal departments and agencies, United  
14 States Government positions relating to the inter-  
15 national and hybrid courts currently prosecuting  
16 persons suspected of atrocities around the world.

17 (4) Work with other governments, international  
18 organizations, and nongovernmental organizations,  
19 as appropriate, to establish and assist international  
20 and domestic commissions of inquiry, fact-finding  
21 missions, and tribunals to investigate, document,  
22 and prosecute atrocities around the world.

23 (5) Coordinate, as appropriate and with other  
24 relevant Federal departments and agencies, the de-  
25 ployment of diplomatic, legal, economic, military,

1       and other tools to help collect evidence of atrocities,  
2       judge those responsible, protect and assist victims,  
3       enable reconciliation, prevent and deter atrocities,  
4       and promote the rule of law.

5           (6) Provide advice and expertise on transitional  
6       justice mechanisms to United States personnel oper-  
7       ating in conflict and post-conflict environments.

8           (7) Act as a point of contact for international,  
9       hybrid, and domestic tribunals exercising jurisdiction  
10      over atrocities committed around the world.

11          (8) Represent the Department on any inter-  
12      agency whole-of-government coordinating entities ad-  
13      dressing genocide and other atrocities.

14          (9) Perform any additional duties and exercise  
15      such powers as the Secretary of State may prescribe.

16      (c) SUPERVISION.—If established, the Office shall be  
17      led by an Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Jus-  
18      tice who is nominated by the President and appointed by  
19      and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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