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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Saving Us from Pan-
5 demic Era Resistance by Building a Unified Global Strat-
6 egy Act of 2021” or the “SUPER BUGS Act of 2021”.

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SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DRUGS TO ADDRESS PANDEMICS.

(a) Strategy.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall—

(A) formulate a strategy for entering into agreements with foreign countries to help to develop and commercialize (including through contracts with the private sector) new drugs to address pandemics, including antimicrobial drugs; and

(B) submit such strategy to the Congress.

(2) Contents.—The strategy under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) provide for the harmonization of agreements and contracts described in paragraph (1)(A);

(B) allow such countries to emphasize national or regional issues of importance; and

(C) provide for collaboration among such countries, so as to allocate joint or individual responsibility across such countries for the development and commercialization of particular drugs.
(b) AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall seek to enter into agreements with foreign countries to implement the strategy under subsection (a).

c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “antimicrobial drug” means—

(1) an antibiotic drug, as defined in section 201(jj) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(jj)); or

(2) a biological product, as defined in section 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(i)), that exhibits antimicrobial activity.