US ENERGY SECURITY PACTS

A Fast and Lean Approach to Reasserting US Interests through Global Energy Investment

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Summary

Investing in the energy security of key allies directly benefits US national security and US firms. By reducing countries' energy dependence on geostrategic competitors, diversifying supply chains, bolstering economic stability, and protecting energy assets under immediate threat, international energy investments deliver a safer, stronger, more prosperous United States.

But US capacity to make such investments is hamstrung. The biggest barriers include a severe shortage of early-stage project support; too little capacity to invest in enabling infrastructure; fragmentation of tools across multiple US agencies; and a lack of prerequisite in-country reforms.

'Energy Security Pacts' match the urgency of the moment and the Trump Administration's ambitions. This administration can achieve key national security goals by directing the State Department, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and the Department of Energy (DOE), among other key agencies, to align their tools in pursuit of energy security in strategic priority countries.

Implementation of Energy Security Pacts would follow a five-step process:

1. **Choose a strategically important partner country** with energy security needs that impact areas of US interest, the willingness to advance key reforms, and the resources to invest alongside the US.
2. **Conduct a joint US-Partner Country analysis** on the primary constraints to energy security, drawing on MCC's constraints-to-growth analysis.
3. **Negotiate and agree to an Energy Security Pact** of joint investments in key energy security solutions supported by tools and resources from the US Government and anchored, where appropriate, by an MCC Energy Compact.
4. **Implement investments** by relevant US agencies, overseen by agency political leadership and the White House.
5. **Report results** to the White House and Congress.

The model is designed to be negotiated and begin implementation within 6-12 months. This approach to Energy Security Pacts can be adapted as we learn more through the first pilot investments.

Building on **executive political momentum, the successful passage of the House DOMINANCE Act in June 2026, and the pending Senate Energy Security Pacts Act**, next steps are:

1. Congress passes the Energy Security Pacts Act into law.
2. White House and US agencies prepare to implement an Energy Security Pact (even if Congress does not pass the Act this term).
3. Outside groups continue to build support for an energy secure future.