

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54
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At the appropriate place in title LVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STATEMENT OF POLICY AND REPORT ON ENGAG-**
2 **ING WITH NIGER.**

3 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
4 United States to—

5 (1) continue to support Niger’s efforts to ad-
6 vance democracy, good governance, human rights,
7 and regional security within its borders through bi-
8 lateral assistance and multilateral initiatives;

9 (2) enhance engagement and cooperation with
10 the Nigerien government at all levels as a key com-
11 ponent of stabilizing the Sahel, where frequent coups
12 and other anti-democratic movements, food insecu-
13 rity, violent extremism, and armed conflict threaten
14 to further weaken governments throughout the re-
15 gion; and

16 (3) work closely with partners and allies
17 throughout the international community to elevate
18 Niger, which experienced its first democratic transi-
19 tion of power in 2021, as an example of

1 transitioning from longstanding military governance
2 and a cycle of coups to a democratic, civilian-led
3 form of government.

4 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of State, in consultation with the heads of relevant depart-
7 ments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate con-
8 gressional committees a report on interagency efforts to
9 enhance United States engagement with Niger as a key
10 component of the United States Strategy toward the
11 Sahel. Such report shall also include the following infor-
12 mation with respect to the 2 fiscal years preceding the
13 date of the submission of the report:

14 (1) A description of United States efforts to
15 promote democracy, political pluralism, fiscal trans-
16 parency and other good governance initiatives,
17 human rights and the rule of law, and a robust and
18 engaged civil society.

19 (2) A full, detailed breakdown of United States
20 assistance provided to help the Nigerien Government
21 develop a comprehensive national security strategy,
22 including to counter terrorism, regional and
23 transnational organized crime, intercommunal vio-
24 lence, and other forms of armed conflict, criminal

1 activity, and other threats to United States and
2 Nigerien national security.

3 (3) An analysis of relevant resources at United
4 States Embassy Niamey, including whether staff in
5 place by the end of the current fiscal year will be
6 sufficient to meet various country and regional stra-
7 tegic objectives.

8 (4) An overview of foreign partner support for
9 Niger's intelligence and security sector.

10 (5) A detailed description of United States and
11 international efforts to address food insecurity in
12 Niger, including that which is caused by deforest-
13 ation, desertification, and other climate change-re-
14 lated issues.

15 (6) A breakdown of United States funds obli-
16 gated for humanitarian assistance in Niger, and an
17 analysis of how the security situation in Niger has
18 affected humanitarian operations and diplomatic en-
19 gagement throughout the country.

20 (7) An assessment of foreign malign influence
21 in Niger, with a specific focus on the People's Re-
22 public of China, the Russian Federation, and their
23 proxies.

1 (c) FORM.—The report required by section (b) shall
2 be submitted in unclassified form and may include a clas-
3 sified annex.

4 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
5 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

- 7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
8 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
9 Representatives; and
10 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
11 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
12 fairs of the Senate.

