

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54
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At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 13__ . REPORT ON INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the As-
5 sistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East
6 Asian and Pacific Affairs, in coordination with the
7 Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of South
8 and Central Asian Affairs, and Assistant Adminis-
9 trator for the Bureau for Asia of the United States
10 Agency for International Development (USAID),
11 shall submit to the congressional foreign affairs
12 committees a report that contains a 2-year strategy
13 assessing the resources and activities required to
14 achieve the policy objectives described in subsection
15 (c).

16 (2) SUBMISSION AND UPDATE.—The report and
17 strategy required by this subsection shall—

18 (A) be submitted at the same time as the
19 submission of the budget of the President (sub-

1 mitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of
2 title 31, United States Code) for fiscal year
3 2024; and

4 (B) be updated and submitted at the same
5 time as the submission of the budget of the
6 President (submitted to Congress pursuant to
7 section 1105 of title 31, United States Code)
8 for fiscal years 2026, 2028, and 2030.

9 (b) CRITERIA.—The report and strategy required in
10 subsection (a) shall be developed in accordance with the
11 following criteria:

12 (1) It shall reflect the objective, autonomous,
13 and independent assessment of the activities, re-
14 sources, and costs required to achieve objectives de-
15 tailed in subsection (c) by the principals, the subor-
16 dinate and parallel offices providing input into the
17 assessment.

18 (2) It shall cover a period of five fiscal years,
19 beginning with the fiscal year following the fiscal
20 year in which the report is submitted.

21 (3) It shall incorporate input from U.S. Amba-
22 sadors in the Indo-Pacific region provided explicitly
23 for the required report.

24 (4) It may include information gathered
25 through consultation with program offices and sub-

1 ject matter experts in relevant functional bureaus, as
2 deemed necessary by the principals.

3 (5) It shall not be subject to fiscal guidance or
4 global strategic tradeoffs associated with the annual
5 President's budget request.

6 (c) POLICY OBJECTIVES.—The report and strategy
7 required in subsection (a) shall assess the activities and
8 resources required to achieve the following policy objec-
9 tives:

10 (1) Implement the Interim National Security
11 Strategic Guidance, or the most recent National Se-
12 curity Strategy, with respect to the Indo-Pacific re-
13 gion.

14 (2) Implement the 2022 Indo-Pacific Strategy,
15 or successor documents, that set forth the U.S. Gov-
16 ernment strategy toward the Indo-Pacific region.

17 (3) Implement the State-USAID Joint Stra-
18 tegic Plan with respect to the Indo-Pacific region.

19 (4) Enhance meaningful diplomatic and eco-
20 nomic relations with allies and partners in the Indo-
21 Pacific and demonstrate an enduring U.S. commit-
22 ment to the region.

23 (5) Secure and advance U.S. national interests
24 in the Indo-Pacific, including through countering the

1 malign influence of the Government of the People's
2 Republic of China.

3 (d) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report and
4 strategy required under subsection (a) shall include the
5 following:

6 (1) A description of the Bureaus' bilateral and
7 multilateral goals for the period covered in the re-
8 port that the principals deem necessary to accom-
9 plish the objectives outlined in subsection (c),
10 disaggregated by country and forum.

11 (2) A timeline with annual benchmarks for
12 achieving the objectives described in subsection (c).

13 (3) An assessment of the sufficiency of U.S.
14 diplomatic personnel and facilities currently available
15 in the Indo-Pacific region to achieve the objectives
16 outlined in subsection (c), through consultation with
17 U.S. embassies in the region. The assessment shall
18 include:

19 (A) A list, in priority order, of locations in
20 the Indo-Pacific region that require additional
21 diplomatic personnel or facilities.

22 (B) A description of locations where the
23 United States may be able to collocate diplo-
24 matic personnel at allied or partner embassies
25 and consulates.

1 (C) A discussion of embassies or con-
2 sulates where diplomatic staff could be reduced
3 within the Indo-Pacific region, where appro-
4 priate.

5 (D) A detailed description of the fiscal and
6 personnel resources required to fill gaps identi-
7 fied.

8 (4) A detailed plan to expand U.S. diplomatic
9 engagement and foreign assistance presence in the
10 Pacific Island nations within the next five years, in-
11 cluding a description of “quick impact” programs
12 that can be developed and implemented within the
13 first fiscal year of the period covered in the report.

14 (5) A discussion of the resources needed to en-
15 hance U.S. strategic messaging and spotlight coer-
16 cive PRC behavior.

17 (6) A detailed description of the resources and
18 policy tools needed to expand the United States abil-
19 ity to offer high-quality infrastructure projects in
20 strategically significant parts of the Indo-Pacific re-
21 gion, with a particular focus on expanding invest-
22 ments in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands.

23 (7) A gap assessment of security assistance by
24 country, and of the resources needed to fill those
25 gaps.

1 (8) A description of the resources and policy
2 tools needed to facilitate continued private sector in-
3 vestment in partner countries in the Indo-Pacific.

4 (9) A discussion of any additional bilateral or
5 regional assistance resources needed to achieve the
6 objectives outlined in subsection (c), as deemed nec-
7 essary by the principals.

8 (e) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
9 shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may in-
10 clude a classified annex.

11 (f) AVAILABILITY.—Not later than February 1 each
12 year, the Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific
13 Affairs shall make the report and strategy available to the
14 Secretary of State, the Administrator of the USAID, the
15 Deputy Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State
16 for Management and Resources, the Deputy Adminis-
17 trator for Policy and Programming, the Deputy Adminis-
18 trator for Management and Resources, the Under Sec-
19 retary of State for Political Affairs, the Director of the
20 Office of Foreign Assistance at the Department of State,
21 the Director of the Bureau of Foreign Assistance at the
22 USAID, and the Director of Policy Planning.

23 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) INDO-PACIFIC REGION.—The term “Indo-
25 Pacific region” means the countries under the juris-

1 diction of the Bureau for East Asian and Pacific Af-
2 fairs, as well as the countries of Bangladesh, Bhu-
3 tan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri
4 Lanka.

5 (2) FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES.—The term
6 “foreign affairs committees” means the Committee
7 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;
8 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
9 the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, Re-
10 lated Programs of the Committee on Appropriations
11 of the House of Representatives; and the Sub-
12 committee on State, Foreign Operations, and Re-
13 lated Programs of the Committee on Appropriations
14 of the Senate.

15 (3) PRINCIPALS.—The term “principals” means
16 the Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of
17 East Asian and Pacific Affairs, the Assistant Sec-
18 retary of State for the Bureau of South and Central
19 Asian Affairs, and the Assistant Administrator for
20 the Bureau for Asia of the United States Agency for
21 International Development.

