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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 2. REPORT ON EXPANSION OF SECURITY COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31, 2020, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the current status of security cooperation and assistance with Pacific Island countries and the feasibility of expanding such cooperation and assistance. At a minimum, the report shall include the following foreign countries:

(1) Papua New Guinea.
(2) Vanuatu.
(3) The Solomon Islands.
(4) Fiji.
(5) The Federated States of Micronesia.
(6) Palau.
(7) Kiribati.
(9) Nauru.

(10) Tonga.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by subsection (a) should include the following:

(1) An identification of elements of the theater campaign plan of the geographic combatant command concerned and the interagency integrated country strategy that will be advanced by expansion of security cooperation and assistance programs and activities with countries identified in subsection (a).

(2) An assessment of each country’s capabilities, a description of each country’s capability enhancement priorities, and a discussion of United States security cooperation and assistance authorities (to include the Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative under section 333 of title 10, United States Code, International Military Education and Training, Foreign Military Financing, International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement, and the transfer of excess defense articles) and how such authorities may be utilized to enhance the priority capabilities of each such country.

(3) A description of absorption capacity and sustainability issues for each foreign country and a plan to resolve such issues.
(4) An identification of the estimated annual cost for such assistance and training for fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2025.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.