

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-13
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At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title XIII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 13 ____ . POLITICAL WARFARE DEFENSE ASSESSMENT**
2 **ACT.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall conduct
5 a review and submit to the appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees a report on the capabilities of the United States
7 to conduct and respond to gray zone campaigns.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report shall set forth the fol-
9 lowing with respect to each covered agency:

10 (1) The capabilities, offices, and units that are
11 especially suited to gray zone operations and a de-
12 scription of the roles each can play.

13 (2) A list of activities that are currently being
14 undertaken to respond to adversary gray zone cam-
15 paigns.

16 (3) Any proposed necessary investments to sig-
17 nificantly increase their capability to mitigate gray
18 zone threats, the rationale for each, and expected
19 cost.

1 (4) Recommendations for addressing gaps with-
2 in covered agencies, between covered agencies, and
3 in the interagency coordination of elements of cov-
4 ered agencies, identified in the course of the review
5 conducted, including a discussion of the manner and
6 extent to which such recommendations will be suffi-
7 cient to achieve United States gray zone objectives
8 and to counter adversary gray zone campaigns.

9 (5) A description of the institutional reforms
10 undertaken or planned to be undertaken to address
11 the gaps identified pursuant to paragraph (4) to bet-
12 ter enable effective gray zone campaigns.

13 (6) A description of any proposed institutional
14 reform, including for which the President requires
15 additional statutory authority and a justification for
16 such additional authority.

17 (7) A description of the process for determining
18 political warfare tolerance, including for—

19 (A) determining which adversary gray zone
20 activities are unacceptable;

21 (B) communicating these positions to ad-
22 versaries; and

23 (C) establishing and regularly reviewing
24 protocols with allies and partners to respond to
25 such activities.

1 (c) SUBDIVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COV-
2 ERED AGENCIES.—In addition to the elements described
3 in subsection (b) with respect to the agency as a whole,
4 the report required under subsection (a) shall also include
5 specifically disaggregated information on the following:

6 (1) With respect to the section of the report re-
7 lating to the Department of Defense, the informa-
8 tion described in subsections (b)(1) through (b)(5)
9 with respect to each military service and regional
10 combatant command, as appropriate.

11 (2) With respect to the section of the report re-
12 lating to the Department of State, an identification
13 of 25 priority countries at the front lines of adver-
14 sary gray zone aggression and a discussion of the
15 questions posed by subsections (b)(1) through (b)(3)
16 developed in consultation with relevant embassy
17 country teams and the Global Engagement Center.

18 (d) FORM.—The report described in this section shall
19 be submitted in unclassified format and may contain a
20 classified annex.

21 (e) COVERED AGENCIES DEFINED.—For purposes of
22 the review and report described in subsection (a), the term
23 “covered agencies” means the following:

24 (1) The Department of State.

25 (2) The Department of Defense.

1 (3) The Department of Commerce.

2 (4) The Department of Justice.

3 (5) The Department of Homeland Security.

4 (6) The Department of the Treasury.

5 (7) The Office of the Director of National Intel-
6 ligence.

7 (8) The Central Intelligence Agency.

8 (9) The National Security Agency.

9 (10) The United States International Develop-
10 ment Finance Corporation.

11 (11) The United States Agency for Global
12 Media.

13 (12) The United States Trade Representative.

14 (f) ANNUAL BRIEFING ON BUDGETING FOR EFFEC-
15 TIVE GRAY ZONE COMPETITION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of
17 Management and Budget, the Secretary of State,
18 the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of Na-
19 tional Intelligence shall provide an annual, classified
20 briefing to the appropriate congressional committees
21 in which such officials shall provide an explanation
22 of the manner in which the funding levels proposed
23 in the budget submitted with respect to the upcom-
24 ing fiscal year will be sufficient to respond to adver-

1 sarial gray zone campaigns and to achieve United
2 States gray zone objectives.

3 (2) TIMING.—The briefing described in para-
4 graph (1) shall be provided not later than 14 days
5 after submission of the materials in support of the
6 budget of the President (submitted to Congress pur-
7 suant to section 1105 of title 31, United States
8 Code) for a fiscal year.

9 (g) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
10 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
11 gressional committees” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-
13 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-
14 mittee on Armed Services, the Committee on the Ju-
15 diciary, the Committee on Financial Services, the
16 Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Com-
17 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives; and

19 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
20 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on
21 Armed Services, the Committee on the Judiciary, the
22 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
23 fairs, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

- 1 Transportation, and the Committee on Homeland
- 2 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

