

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–19
OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. __. EUROPEAN CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR COUN-**
2 **TERING HYBRID THREATS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts authorized to be
4 appropriated by this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall
5 provide \$2,000,000 for the European Center of Excellence
6 for Countering Hybrid Threats (in this section referred
7 to as the “Center”) to—

8 (1) enhance the ability of military forces and ci-
9 vilian personnel of countries participating in the
10 Center to engage in joint hybrid warfare exercises or
11 coalition or international military operations; and

12 (2) improve interoperability between the armed
13 forces and the military forces of friendly foreign
14 countries in the area of hybrid warfare.

15 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
17 Defense shall—

18 (1) certify to the Committee on Armed Services
19 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services

1 of the House of Representatives that the Secretary
2 of Defense has assigned executive agent responsibil-
3 ities for the Center to an appropriate organization
4 within the Department of Defense; and

5 (2) detail the steps being undertaken to
6 strengthen the role of the Center in fostering hybrid
7 warfare defense capabilities and coordination within
8 NATO and the European Union.

9 (c) FUNDING.—

10 (1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts
11 set forth in the funding tables in division D, the
12 amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301
13 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as
14 specified in the corresponding funding table in sec-
15 tion 4301, for Office of the Secretary of Defense, is
16 hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

17 (2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set
18 forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount
19 authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for re-
20 search, development, test, and evaluation, as speci-
21 fied in the corresponding funding table in section
22 4201, for Advanced Innovative Technology, is hereby
23 reduced by \$2,000,000.

