

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23
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At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12 . STRATEGY TO IMPROVE DEFENSE INSTITUTIONS**
2 **AND SECURITY SECTOR FORCES IN NIGERIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-
5 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
6 that contains a comprehensive strategy to support im-
7 provements in defense institutions and security sector
8 forces in Nigeria.

9 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
10 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of the threats posed by ter-
12 rorist and other militant groups operating in Nige-
13 ria, including Boko Haram, ISIS-WA, and Niger
14 Delta militants, as well as a description of the ori-
15 gins, strategic aims, tactical methods, funding
16 sources, and leadership structures of each such orga-
17 nization.

18 (2) An assessment of efforts by the Government
19 of Nigeria to improve civilian protection, account-

1 ability for human rights violations, and transparency
2 in the defense institutions and security sector forces.

3 (3) A description of the key international and
4 United States diplomatic, development, intelligence,
5 military, and economic resources available to address
6 instability across Nigeria, and a plan to maximize
7 the coordination and effectiveness of these resources
8 to counter the threats posed by Boko Haram, ISIS-
9 WA, and Niger Delta militants.

10 (4) An assessment of efforts undertaken by the
11 security forces of the Government of Nigeria to im-
12 prove the protection of civilians in the context of—

13 (A) ongoing military operations against
14 Boko Haram in the northeast region;

15 (B) addressing farmer-herder land disputes
16 in the Middle Belt;

17 (C) renewed militant attacks on oil and
18 gas infrastructure in the Delta; and

19 (D) addressing pro-Biafra protests in the
20 southeast region.

21 (5) An assessment of the effectiveness of the
22 Civilian Joint Task Force that has been operating in
23 parts of northeastern Nigeria in order to ensure that
24 underage youth are not participating in government-
25 sponsored vigilante activity in violation of the Child

1 Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–
2 340).

3 (6) An assessment of the options for the Gov-
4 ernment of Nigeria to eventually incorporate the Ci-
5 vilian Joint Task Force into Nigeria’s military or
6 law enforcement agencies or reintegrate its members
7 into civilian life.

8 (7) A plan for the United States to work with
9 the Nigerian security forces and judiciary to trans-
10 parently investigate allegations of human rights vio-
11 lations committed by the security forces of the Gov-
12 ernment of Nigeria that have involved civilian cas-
13 ualties, including a plan to undertake tangible meas-
14 ures of accountability following such investigations
15 in order to break the cycle of conflict.

16 (8) A plan for the United States to work with
17 the Nigerian defense institutions and security sector
18 forces to improve detainee conditions.

19 (9) A plan to work with the Nigerian military,
20 international organizations, and nongovernmental
21 organizations to demilitarize the humanitarian re-
22 sponse to the food insecurity and population dis-
23 placement in northeastern Nigeria.

24 (10) Any other matters the President considers
25 appropriate.

1 (c) UPDATES.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 on which the report required under subsection (a) is sub-
3 mitted to the appropriate congressional committees, and
4 annually thereafter for 5 years, the President shall submit
5 to the appropriate congressional committees an update of
6 the report containing updated assessments and evalua-
7 tions on progress made on the plans described in the re-
8 port, including—

9 (1) updated assessments on the information de-
10 scribed in paragraphs (2), (4), and (6) of subsection
11 (a); and

12 (2) descriptions of the steps taken and out-
13 comes achieved under each of the plans described in
14 paragraphs (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection (a),
15 as well as assessments of the effectiveness and de-
16 scriptions of the metrics used to evaluate effective-
17 ness for each such plan.

18 (d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
19 and the updates required under (c) shall be submitted in
20 unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

21 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
23 sional committees” means—

24 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
25 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on

1 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
2 ligence of the Senate; and
3 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
5 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-
6 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
7 tives.

