

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36**  
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_.** **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH NEGOTIATIONS**  
2 **SUPPORT UNIT WITHIN DEPARTMENT OF**  
3 **STATE.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH.**—The Secretary of  
5 State may establish within the Department of State a unit  
6 to be known as the “Negotiations Support Unit” respon-  
7 sible for carrying out the functions described in subsection  
8 (b), as appropriate.

9 (b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The functions described in this  
10 paragraph are the following:

11 (1) Serving as a permanent institutional hub  
12 and resource for negotiations and peace process ex-  
13 pertise and knowledge management.

14 (2) Advising the Secretary of State, other rel-  
15 evant senior officials, members of the Foreign Serv-  
16 ice, and employees of the Department of State on  
17 the substance, process, and strategy of negotiations,  
18 mediation, peace processes, and other complex polit-

1 ical negotiations from strategy and planning to im-  
2 plementation.

3 (3) Supporting the development and implemen-  
4 tation of United States policy related to complex po-  
5 litical negotiations and peace processes, including  
6 those led by multilateral and international partners.

7 (4) Advising on mediation and negotiations pro-  
8 grams to implement United States policy.

9 (5) Supporting training for Foreign Services  
10 Officers and civil servants on tailored negotiation  
11 and mediation skills.

12 (6) Working with other governments, inter-  
13 national organizations, and nongovernmental organi-  
14 zations, as appropriate, to support the development  
15 and implementation of United States policy on peace  
16 processes and complex political negotiations.

17 (7) Any additional duties the Secretary of State  
18 may prescribe.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
20 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for the estab-  
21 lishment of the Negotiations Support Unit under this sec-  
22 tion.

