

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF EASTERN FLANK NATO**
2 **REGIONAL SOC AND CSIRT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 10 of part II of the For-
4 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2349cc et seq.)
5 is amended by inserting after section 592 the following
6 new section:

7 **“SEC. 592A. ESTABLISHMENT OF EASTERN FLANK NATO RE-**
8 **GIONAL SOC AND CSIRT PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Pursuant to the authorities
10 provided by section 592, the Secretary of State shall estab-
11 lish a program to support regional Security Operations
12 Centers and Computer Security Incident Response Teams
13 in the territories of eastern flank NATO allies for the pur-
14 poses of—

15 “(1) providing immediate response capabilities
16 and facilitating national and local collaboration;

17 “(2) enabling effective mitigation of potentially
18 devastating cyberattacks; and

1 “(3) facilitating information sharing and cyber-
2 security workforce development.

3 “(b) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—The Secretary
4 shall seek to consult with the national cyber defense au-
5 thorities of eastern flank NATO allies to select strategi-
6 cally important locations with pre-existing capacity to host
7 the teams established pursuant to subsection (a), based
8 on—

9 “(1) demonstrated willingness to continue to
10 maintain the resourcing of such teams;

11 “(2) vulnerability to state-sponsored cyber at-
12 tacks;

13 “(3) existing cybersecurity infrastructure gaps
14 and capacity needs; and

15 “(4) strategic importance to NATO collective
16 defense on the eastern flank, especially the ability of
17 United States forces to move with and through the
18 territories of such allies to conduct operations vital
19 to American interests.

20 “(c) COORDINATION WITH NATO.—In carrying out
21 the program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall co-
22 ordinate with NATO to—

23 “(1) ensure that the program complements and
24 does not duplicate existing NATO cyber defense ini-
25 tiatives, including—

1 “(A) the NATO Cooperative Cyber
2 Defence Centre of Excellence;

3 “(B) the NATO Cyber Security Centre;

4 “(C) the NATO Integrated Cyber Defence
5 Centre;

6 “(D) the NATO Cyberspace Operations
7 Centre; and

8 “(E) any other NATO or allied nation
9 cyber defense capacity building programs;

10 “(2) ensure that Security Operations Centers
11 and Computer Security Incident Response Teams
12 focus on national-level and regional capacity building
13 within eastern flank NATO allies;

14 “(3) fill identified gaps rather than duplicate
15 existing capabilities; and

16 “(4) leverage alliance resources and NATO cen-
17 ters of excellence.

18 “(d) APPLICATION.—Regions within eastern flank
19 NATO allies seeking support through the program estab-
20 lished under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary
21 an application describing the manner in which the region
22 will make use of such support, at such time, in such man-
23 ner, and containing such information as the Secretary may
24 require.

1 “(e) EXISTING RESOURCES AND COORDINATION.—In
2 carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Sec-
3 retary shall use existing resources within the Department,
4 and may coordinate with—

5 “(1) the Department of Defense to use existing
6 Cyber Command resources, personnel on rotation,
7 and subject matter experts already deployed or
8 scheduled for deployment to European Command;

9 “(2) the Department of Homeland Security to
10 use expertise from the Cybersecurity and Infrastruc-
11 ture Security Agency;

12 “(3) NATO centers of excellence to leverage al-
13 liance resources; and

14 “(4) host countries to provide facilities, local
15 personnel, and operational support to minimize
16 United States resource requirements.

17 “(f) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—The Sec-
18 retary is authorized to facilitate partnerships between host
19 countries and United States cybersecurity firms on a vol-
20 untary or cost-sharing basis.

21 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘Security Operations Center’
23 means a centralized operational hub that provides
24 continuous monitoring and detection of cyber threats
25 against the host country, as well as analysis and re-

1 sponse to cybersecurity incidents against public and
2 private sector entities.

3 “(2) The term ‘Computer Security Incident Re-
4 sponse Team’ means a centralized operational hub
5 consisting of an emergency computer response team
6 with analysts equipped and resourced to identify
7 cyber vulnerabilities, respond to cyber incidents, and
8 counter cyber threats against the host country’s na-
9 tional security apparatus as well as the private sec-
10 tor.

11 “(3) The term ‘eastern flank NATO ally’
12 means—

13 “(A) Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Latvia,
14 Lithuania, Poland, and Romania; and

15 “(B) any other NATO country that the
16 Secretary of State determines is appropriate.

17 “(4) The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
18 mittees’ means the Committee on Foreign Relations
19 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
20 of the House of Representatives.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect 180 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act.

24 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18
25 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary of State shall submit to the relevant congres-
2 sional committees an interim report on the status of the
3 Secretary's actions taken to carry out the program estab-
4 lished pursuant to the amendment made by subsection (a),
5 including—

6 (1) an identification of the eastern flank NATO
7 allies and regions receiving support through the pro-
8 gram;

9 (2) the status of Security Operations Centers
10 and Computer Security Incident Response Teams es-
11 tablished or under development as of the date of the
12 submission of the report;

13 (3) coordination with NATO cyber defense ini-
14 tiatives and measures taken to avoid duplication;
15 and

16 (4) challenges encountered in program imple-
17 mentation.

