

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–8**  
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At the end of title XVII, add the following:

1     **Subtitle C—American Decade of**  
2                     **Sports Act**

3     **SEC. 1731. SHORT TITLE.**

4         This Act may be cited as the “American Decade of  
5 Sports Act”.

6     **SEC. 1732. MEGA-DECADE SPORTS DIPLOMACY STRATEGY.**

7         (a) SUBMISSION.—

8             (1) INITIAL STRATEGY.—Not later than 120  
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
10 Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Af-  
11 fairs of the Department of State shall submit to the  
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives and Committee on Foreign Relations of  
14 the Senate a 5-year sports diplomacy strategy to  
15 strategically leverage the major sporting events  
16 being hosted in the United States to enhance United  
17 States soft power, diplomatic relationships, and glob-  
18 al leadership.

1           (2) SUBSEQUENT STRATEGY.—Not later than 5  
2       years after the date on which the initial strategy is  
3       submitted pursuant to paragraph (1), the Assistant  
4       Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs shall  
5       submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
6       House of Representatives and Committee on Foreign  
7       Relations of the Senate a subsequent 5-year sports  
8       diplomacy strategy in accordance with the require-  
9       ments of this section.

10       (b) ELEMENTS.—The elements of each strategy re-  
11      quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

12           (1) A description of the Department of State's  
13       diplomatic objectives and metrics of success related  
14       to the mega-decade of sports.

15           (2) A plan to partner with local host cities, di-  
16       aspora communities, creatives, athletes, the sports  
17       industry, private sector entities, human rights orga-  
18       nizations, and civil society stakeholders surrounding  
19       the competitions for the purpose of showcasing  
20       United States national strengths and forging new  
21       diplomatic connections.

22           (3) A plan to coordinate internally within the  
23       Department of State to leverage sporting events to  
24       advance various diplomatic lines of effort, including  
25       by—

1 (A) integrating sports diplomacy into re-  
2 gional bureaus' bilateral engagements and ef-  
3 forts to pursue new areas of cooperation with  
4 foreign partners;

5 (B) integrating sports into public diplo-  
6 macy to reach new foreign audiences that might  
7 not otherwise engage with United States embas-  
8 sies abroad; and

9 (C) leveraging sports diplomacy to advance  
10 commercial diplomacy.

11 (4) A plan to ensure an expeditious and secure  
12 visa process for athletes and their families and sup-  
13 port staff and eligible international visitors planning  
14 to travel to the United States to attend the games,  
15 including reducing visa appointment wait times.

16 (5) A description of the financial and personnel  
17 support needed to implement the 5-year sports diplo-  
18 macy strategy.

19 (6) Any plans to deploy domestic public diplo-  
20 macy resources, such as the Cultural Unit and For-  
21 eign Press Center established during the 1984  
22 Olympic Games, to enable foreign visitors to engage  
23 with American culture and values.

24 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each strategy required  
25 by subsection (a) shall be made publicly available on an

1 Internet website of the Department of State not later than  
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
3 again 5 years later.

4 (d) CONSULTATION.—Prior to the submission of each  
5 strategy required by subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-  
6 retary for Educational and Cultural Affairs shall consult  
7 with the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
8 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations  
9 of the Senate on the elements of the strategy and every  
10 180 days thereafter provide information on the implemen-  
11 tation of each strategy until December 31, 2034.

12 **SEC. 1733. REQUIREMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF SPORTS DI-**  
13 **PLOMACY TO CARRY OUT THE MEGA-DECADE**  
14 **OF SPORTS DIPLOMACY STRATEGY.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—No later than 90 days after the  
16 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall rename  
17 the sports diplomacy division of the Department of State  
18 as the Office of Sports Diplomacy. The Office shall report  
19 directly to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional  
20 and Cultural Exchanges in the Bureau of Educational and  
21 Cultural Affairs. The Office shall be responsible for man-  
22 aging sports diplomacy exchange programs and imple-  
23 menting each strategy required by section 1732(a), includ-  
24 ing by carrying out the following:

1           (1) Coordinating implementation of the strategy  
2           across relevant bureaus, directorates, and offices of  
3           the Department of State.

4           (2) Working with host cities and their social,  
5           political, and economic partners to identify new ave-  
6           nues for engagement with foreign entities.

7           (3) Engaging local diaspora communities to  
8           deepen people-to-people connections with foreign  
9           visitors and officials.

10          (4) Partnering with the United States sports  
11          industry, major sports leagues, and individual ath-  
12          letes to promote new international sports partner-  
13          ships and sports diplomacy programs.

14          (5) Collaborating with host cities' international  
15          trade and tourism offices to deepen economic and  
16          commercial ties with foreign nations.

17          (6) Elevating American arts, film, and music  
18          creators to promote cultural exchange and connec-  
19          tion with foreign visitors.

20          (7) Coordinating with internal Department and  
21          interagency stakeholders to ensure efficient and ex-  
22          peditious processing of visas for eligible international  
23          visitors, broadcasters, athletes, and support staff in-  
24          terested in attending the games.

1 (b) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES.—The  
2 Secretary of State shall, not later than 180 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, and until December 31,  
4 2034, assign to the Office of Sports Diplomacy established  
5 under subsection (a) not less than 3 additional full-time  
6 equivalent staff dedicated to implementing each strategy  
7 required by section 1732(a). Such staff shall not be dual-  
8 hatted, and shall be assigned to the Office by considering  
9 mechanisms, including—

10 (1) the use of existing flexible hiring authori-  
11 ties, including Domestic Employees Teleworking  
12 Overseas (DETOs); and

13 (2) the realignment of existing personnel.

14 **SEC. 1734. IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.**

15 Not later than 1 year after the submission of the  
16 strategy required in section 1732(a), and annually there-  
17 after until December 31, 2034, the Secretary of State  
18 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
20 Relations of the Senate a report on the progress toward  
21 achieving the objectives of this Act.

22 **SEC. 1735. DEFINITION.**

23 In this subtitle, the terms “mega-decade of sports”  
24 and “American decade of sports” mean the major inter-  
25 national sporting competitions hosted in the United States

1 between 2024 and 2034, including the 2024 Copa Amer-  
2 ica, 2025 Club World Cup, 2026 FIFA World Cup, 2028  
3 Summer Olympics and Paralympics, the 2031 Men's and  
4 2033 Women's Rugby World Cup, and the 2034 Winter  
5 Olympics and Paralympics.

