

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–57
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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . CLARIFICATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO**
2 **MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE INFORMA-**
3 **TION ENVIRONMENT.**

4 (a) RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRINCIPAL INFORMATION
5 OPERATIONS ADVISOR OF THE DoD.—Paragraph (4) of
6 section 397(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 “(4) Coordination with relevant diplomatic mis-
9 sions and bureaus of the Department of State in ac-
10 cordance with section 1631 (b) of the National De-
11 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, and
12 with the Global Engagement Center to support the
13 purpose of the Center (as set forth by section
14 1287(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization
15 Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 22
16 U.S.C. 2656 note)), as well as with other relevant
17 Federal departments and agencies.”.

18 (b) AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF DE-
19 FENSE.—Subsection (b) of section 1631 of the National

1 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public
2 Law 116–92) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 lowing new paragraphs:

4 “(3) Military operations described in this subsection
5 that are conducted outside an area in which the Armed
6 Forces have been introduced into ongoing hostilities shall
7 be coordinated with the chief of mission for each country
8 in which a targeted audience can be reasonably expected
9 to be affected and the concurrence of the chief of mission
10 shall be required as a prerequisite to execution of oper-
11 ations in such areas, except—

12 “(A) when otherwise directed by the Secretary
13 of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of
14 State; or

15 “(B) in the case of an operation that is to be
16 executed in multiple countries such that coordination
17 with all relevant chiefs of mission is impractical or
18 in countries in which no United States diplomatic
19 mission exists, when conducted with the concurrence
20 of the Secretary of State and in coordination with
21 relevant Department of State regional bureaus and
22 other relevant Federal departments and agencies.

23 “(4) With respect to the military operations described
24 in this subsection, the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
25 retary of State shall—

1 “(A) designate a point of contact in each rel-
2 evant combatant command and bureau, respectively,
3 and establish consistent processes for exchanging in-
4 formation related to concurrence and coordination
5 regarding such operations so as to obtain timely con-
6 currence; and

7 “(B) seek to jointly formulate such operations
8 to help ensure timely concurrence where appro-
9 priate.”.

