

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

1 SEC. 17_. OFFICE OF SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established in the
3 Department of State an Office of Subnational Diplomacy
4 (referred to in this section as the “Office”). The Office
5 shall enable the Department’s work with subnational gov-
6 ernments (state, county, city, and municipal) within the
7 United States to improve the ability of subnational govern-
8 ments to attract foreign investment, counter foreign ma-
9 lign influence within the United States, and contribute to
10 the foreign policy priorities of the United States.

11 (b) HEAD OF OFFICE.—The head of the Office shall
12 be the Special Representative for Subnational Diplomacy.
13 The head of the office shall report through the Assistant
14 Secretary for Commercial Diplomacy to the Under Sec-
15 retary of Economic Affairs.

16 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Special Representative
17 for Subnational Diplomacy shall carry out the following:

18 (1) Advise the Undersecretary of Economic Af-
19 fairs on subnational engagements within the United

1 States and serve as the principal official on such
2 matters within the Department.

3 (2) Coordinate the Department's support for
4 local and municipal governments' engagements with
5 foreign governments.

6 (3) Advise subnational government officials on
7 the potential risks of engagements with countries of
8 concern and share best practices to build resilience
9 against foreign political interference and malign in-
10 fluence.

11 (4) Assist subnational governments in the fol-
12 lowing areas:

13 (A) Attracting or bidding to host major
14 international events.

15 (B) Tracking foreign direct investment at
16 the county and municipal levels to highlight
17 trends and opportunities.

18 (C) Attracting foreign direct investment
19 and other forms of economic cooperation.

20 (D) Building the capacity and knowledge
21 of subnational government staff who have re-
22 sponsibility for engaging with foreign countries.

23 (E) Advancing sports diplomacy with for-
24 eign countries and entities.

1 (F) Implementing programs to cooperate
2 with foreign governments and entities on policy
3 priorities or managing shared resources.

4 (G) Understanding the local implications
5 of foreign policy developments or policy
6 changes.

7 (5) Support the economic interests of the
8 United States through subnational engagements, in
9 consultation and coordination with other relevant
10 agencies.

11 (6) Advise and inform local officials as they ne-
12 gotiate agreements and memoranda of under-
13 standing with foreign governments related to sub-
14 national engagements and priorities.

15 (7) Coordinate subnational engagements with
16 associations of subnational elected leaders, including
17 the United States Conference of Mayors, National
18 Governors Association, National League of Cities,
19 and similar associations.

