

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-13
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At the appropriate place in title LX of division E,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STRATEGY AND REPORTING RELATED TO**
2 **UNITED STATES ENGAGEMENT IN SOMALIA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
5 and the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Ad-
6 ministrator of the United States Agency for International
7 Development and other relevant Federal department and
8 agencies, shall develop and submit a strategy for advanc-
9 ing United States diplomatic, humanitarian, development,
10 counterterrorism, and regional security priorities in Soma-
11 lia that includes a detailed outline of United States na-
12 tional security interests and policy objectives in Somalia.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
14 (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) An assessment of the United States diplo-
16 matic and defense footprint in Somalia and a related
17 plan to continue diplomatic, humanitarian, develop-
18 ment, counterterrorism and security cooperation
19 with the federal Government of Somalia, and re-

1 regional security cooperation with partners and allies
2 in the region, including consideration of the impact
3 of reducing the presence of the United States Armed
4 Forces, African Union Mission in Somalia
5 (AMISOM) forces, and other foreign forces contrib-
6 uting to security in Somalia.

7 (2) A comprehensive assessment of the terrorist
8 threat in Somalia posed by al-Shabaab and the So-
9 malia-based Islamic State affiliate ISIS-Somalia, in-
10 cluding each group's:

11 (A) capacity to strike the United States
12 homeland and United States persons and inter-
13 ests in the region or elsewhere, and the threat
14 posed to other countries in the East Africa re-
15 gion and beyond;

16 (B) major sources of revenue and capacity
17 to raise funds and recruit from the United
18 States and elsewhere, including illicit and licit
19 activities used to fund operations and financial
20 flows originating from outside of Somalia; and

21 (C) connectivity to and relationship with
22 other terrorist affiliates, including linkages to
23 Al Qaida and the Islamic State, and their re-
24 spective senior leaders.

1 (3) An overview of ongoing and planned efforts,
2 including a detailed breakdown of United States for-
3 eign assistance, to—

4 (A) build the capacity of the federal Gov-
5 ernment of Somalia, federal members states,
6 and their respective civilian security, defense,
7 criminal justice and law enforcement, financial,
8 and other institutions, including through sup-
9 port for completing the constitutional review
10 process;

11 (B) degrade Al-Shabaab and ISIS in So-
12 malia, counter terrorist financing and recruit-
13 ment, rehabilitate and reintegrate terrorist
14 fighters, improve border security, judicial capac-
15 ity, and anti-corruption efforts, and political,
16 economic, and social reforms in Somalia, includ-
17 ing an evaluation of the effectiveness of these
18 activities to date; and

19 (C) provide emergency and non-emergency
20 humanitarian and development assistance
21 throughout Somalia, including an overview of
22 the United States's use of third party moni-
23 toring, partner vetting, and other risk mitiga-
24 tion measures for the provision of assistance in

1 security restrictive environments, as appro-
2 priate.

3 (4) A plan to enhance diplomatic engagement
4 and other initiatives in Somalia to address pro-
5 tracted political crises and tensions between the fed-
6 eral Government of Somalia and its member states,
7 delayed electoral processes, and increasing govern-
8 ance challenges, including an assessment of Soma-
9 lia's internal and regional political dynamics and the
10 role of United States and other foreign partner en-
11 gagement on these dynamics.

12 (5) An analysis of foreign influence over the
13 federal Government of Somalia and federal member
14 states, including external actor objectives and an as-
15 sessment of non-United States financial assistance
16 and financial contributions to Somali officials and
17 institutions.

18 (6) An analysis of the economic situation in So-
19 malia, including ongoing debt relief efforts, remain-
20 ing external debt, efforts to improve revenue sharing
21 among the central government and member states
22 and advance other economic reforms, and measures
23 such as domestic and international sanctions de-
24 signed to hold accountable those involved in corrup-

1 tion, human rights abuses, and other activities to
2 undermine state and international institutions.

3 (7) A plan to address state fragility and drivers
4 of terrorist recruitment, including efforts to promote
5 economic growth and human development, improve
6 conflict resolution and governance capacity, counter
7 foreign propaganda and disinformation, combat cor-
8 ruption and support development needs of local com-
9 munities, including through rehabilitation, reintegra-
10 tion, and reconciliation.

11 (8) A detailed breakdown of United States as-
12 sistance to support the training, equipping, advising,
13 assisting, and accompanying of Somali forces and
14 those forces aligned with the troop contributing
15 countries of AMISOM during last five fiscal years.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and
18 the Secretary of State, in coordination with other relevant
19 Federal department and agencies as deemed necessary,
20 shall submit to appropriate congressional committees a re-
21 port related to recent events in Somalia, that includes the
22 following:

23 (1) A detailed account of the January 2020 ter-
24 rorist attack, including an assessment of the role
25 United-States-trained-and-equipped Kenyan forces

1 had in countering the attack and if and how this at-
2 tack and others shaped United States decisions sur-
3 rounding the United States strategy in Somalia and
4 elsewhere in East Africa.

5 (2) An assessment of how the January 2021
6 United States military retrograde from or repo-
7 sitioning in Somalia affected United States capacity
8 to achieve policy objectives, including those sur-
9 rounding diplomatic security and the implementation
10 of a range of United States-funded programs and
11 activities that have commenced or were planned,
12 such as humanitarian assistance, good governance
13 initiatives, and human rights promotion.

14 (3) An assessment of the legal authorities justi-
15 fying unilateral direct action against terrorist tar-
16 gets in Somalia.

17 (d) ANNUAL UPDATE.—Not later than 1 year after
18 the submission of the strategy required under subsection
19 (a), and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Secretary of
20 State and Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
21 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
22 national Development, shall jointly submit to the appro-
23 priate congressional committees an update on implementa-
24 tion of the strategy and an evaluation of progress toward

1 achieving United States national security interests and
2 policy objectives in Somalia.

3 (e) FORM.—Each report required by this section shall
4 be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classi-
5 fied annex.

6 (f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
7 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees” means—

9 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
10 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
11 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
12 and

13 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
14 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
15 on Appropriations of the Senate.

