

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 U.S. EN-**
2 **GAGEMENT 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 the heads of other relevant Federal de-
8 partment and agencies, shall develop and submit to the
9 appropriate congressional committees a strategy for ad-
10 vancing United States diplomatic, humanitarian, develop-
11 ment, counterterrorism, and regional security priorities in
12 Somalia that includes a detailed outline of United States
13 national security interests and policy objectives in Soma-
14 lia.

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

17 (1) An assessment of the United States diplo-
18 matic and defense footprint in Somalia and a related
19 plan to continue diplomatic, humanitarian, develop-

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

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

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

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

23 (C) connectivity to and relationship with
24 other terrorist affiliates, including linkages to

1 Al Qaida and the Islamic State, and their re-
2 spective senior leaders.

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

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

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

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

1 tion measures for the provision of assistance in
2 security restrictive environments, as appro-
3 priate.

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

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

19 (6) An analysis of the economic situation in So-
20 malia, including ongoing debt relief efforts, remain-
21 ing external debt, efforts to improve revenue sharing
22 among the central government and member states
23 and advance other economic reforms, and measures
24 such as domestic and international sanctions de-
25 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 90 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
18 in coordination with relevant Federal department and
19 agencies as deemed necessary, shall submit to appropriate
20 congressional committees a report related to recent events
21 in Somalia, that includes the following:

22 (1) A detailed account, including any relevant
23 after-action reports produced and cleared by the
24 Secretary of Defense, of the January 2020 terrorist
25 attack against Camp Simba Naval Base in Manda

1 Bay, Kenya, that resulted in the death of one United
2 States servicemember and two United States con-
3 tractors, including the events leading up to, during,
4 and following the attack that may involve unilateral
5 or joint operations undertaken in response to the at-
6 tack, and an assessment of if and how this attack
7 and others shaped United States decisions sur-
8 rounding the United States force posture in Somalia
9 and elsewhere in East Africa.

10 (2) An accounting of the decision-making proc-
11 ess surrounding the January 2021 United States
12 military retrograde from or repositioning in Somalia,
13 and how it has affected tactical, operational, and
14 strategic objectives, including but not limited to in-
15 telligence collection, counterterrorism operations,
16 friendly force protection and diplomatic security, and
17 the implementation of U.S. funded programs, activi-
18 ties, and other initiatives.

19 (3) An assessment of the decision to resume
20 unilateral direct action, included targeted strikes,
21 against terrorist targets in Somalia after a pause on
22 such activities was initiated in January 2021.

23 (4) A detailed account of any civilian casualties
24 resulting from United States direct action operations
25 in Somalia during the last two fiscal years.

1 (d) ANNUAL UPDATE.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the submission of the strategy required under subsection
3 (a), and annually thereafter for three years, the Secretary
4 of State and Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
5 the Administrator of USAID, shall jointly submit to the
6 appropriate congressional committees an update on imple-
7 mentation of the strategy and an evaluation of progress
8 toward achieving United States national security interests
9 and policy objectives in Somalia.

10 (e) FORM.—Each report required by this section shall
11 be submitted in unclassified form, which shall be published
12 on publicly available websites of the Department of State
13 and Department of Defense, and may include a classified
14 annex.

15 (f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
16 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
19 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
20 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
21 and

22 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
23 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee
24 on Appropriations of the Senate.

