

[Discussion Draft]

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. [STRENGTHENING THE QUAD ACT].**

2 (a) STRATEGY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
6 gressional committees a strategy for bolstering en-
7 gagement and cooperation with the Governments of
8 Australia, India, and Japan (collectively, with the
9 United States, known as the “Quad”).

10 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy
11 required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (A) A description of how the United States
14 intends to demonstrate democratic leadership in
15 the Indo-Pacific through quadrilateral engage-
16 ment with Australia, India, and Japan on
17 shared interests and common challenges.

18 (B) A summary of—

1 (i) current and past Quad initiatives
2 across the whole of the United States Gov-
3 ernment, including to promote broad based
4 and inclusive economic growth and invest-
5 ment, and to advance technology coopera-
6 tion, energy innovation, climate mitigation
7 and adaptation, physical and digital infra-
8 structure development, education, disaster
9 management, resilient supply chains in-
10 cluding in critical minerals, and global
11 health security;

12 (ii) proposals agreed to by all Quad
13 countries since January 2021 to deepen
14 existing security cooperation, intelligence
15 sharing, economic partnerships, and multi-
16 lateral coordination; and

17 (iii) initiatives and agreements under-
18 taken jointly with Quad countries, in addi-
19 tion to other like-minded partners in the
20 Indo-Pacific, on areas of shared interest
21 since January 2021.

22 (C) A description of the diplomatic and bu-
23 reaucratic barriers and obstacles to imple-
24 menting and expanding existing streams of
25 Quad cooperation.

1 (D) A list of recommendations on how
2 Congress could assist in addressing the barriers
3 described in subparagraph (C), as well as—

4 (i) any new authorities needed to
5 strengthen United States leadership in and
6 contribution to existing and proposed Quad
7 initiatives and programs; and

8 (ii) additional resources needed to
9 scale up and expand successful Quad ini-
10 tiatives and programs.

11 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
13 propriate congressional committees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
15 the House of Representatives; and

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
17 the Senate.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF QUAD INTER-PARLIAMEN-
19 TARY WORKING GROUP.—

20 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary of State shall seek to enter into negotiations
23 with the Quad with the goal of reaching a written
24 agreement to establish a Quad Inter-Parliamentary

1 Working Group to facilitate closer cooperation on
2 shared interests and values.

3 (2) UNITED STATES GROUP.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—At such time as the
5 governments of the Quad countries enter into a
6 written agreement described in paragraph (1)
7 to establish a Quad Inter-Parliamentary Work-
8 ing Group, there shall be established a United
9 States Group, which shall represent the United
10 States at the Quad Inter-Parliamentary Work-
11 ing Group.

12 (B) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—The United States
14 Group shall be comprised of not more than
15 24 Members of Congress.

16 (ii) APPOINTMENT.—Of the Members
17 of Congress appointed to the United States
18 Group under clause (i)—

19 (I) half shall be appointed by the
20 Speaker of the House of Representa-
21 tives, based on recommendations from
22 the minority leader, from among
23 Members of the House, not fewer
24 than 4 of whom shall be members of

1 the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
2 and

3 (II) half shall be appointed by
4 the President Pro Tempore of the
5 Senate, based on recommendations of
6 the majority leader and minority lead-
7 er of the Senate, from among Mem-
8 bers of the Senate, not fewer than 4
9 of whom shall be members of the
10 Committee on Foreign Relations (un-
11 less the majority leader and minority
12 leader determine otherwise).

13 (C) MEETINGS.—

14 (i) IN GENERAL.—The United States
15 Group shall seek to meet not less fre-
16 quently than annually with representatives
17 and appropriate staff of the legislatures of
18 Australia, India, and Japan, and any other
19 country invited by mutual agreement of
20 the Quad countries.

21 (ii) LIMITATION.—A meeting de-
22 scribed in clause (i) may be held—

23 (I) in the United States;

1 (II) in another Quad country
2 during periods when Congress is not
3 in session; or

4 (III) virtually.

5 (D) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-
6 PERSON.—

7 (i) HOUSE DELEGATION.—The Speak-
8 er of the House of Representatives shall
9 designate the chairperson or vice chair-
10 person of the delegation of the United
11 States Group from the House from among
12 members of the Committee on Foreign Af-
13 fairs.

14 (ii) SENATE DELEGATION.—The
15 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall
16 designate the chairperson or vice chair-
17 person of the delegation of the United
18 States Group from the Senate from among
19 members of the Committee on Foreign Re-
20 lations.

21 (E) PRIVATE SOURCES.—The United
22 States Group may accept gifts or donations of
23 services or property, subject to the review and
24 approval, as appropriate, of the Committee on

1 Ethics of the House of Representatives and the
2 Committee on Ethics of the Senate.

3 (F) CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.—

4 The certificate of the chairperson of the delega-
5 tion from the House of Representatives or the
6 delegation of the Senate of the United States
7 Group shall be final and conclusive upon the ac-
8 counting officers in the auditing of the accounts
9 of the United States Group.

10 (G) ANNUAL REPORT.—The United States
11 Group shall submit to the Committee on For-
12 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
14 Senate a report at the end of each year that
15 outlines the group’s activities that year, includ-
16 ing a description of its expenditures, and its
17 recommendations for enhancing the Quad.

18 (H) ENGAGEMENT WITH U.S. OFFICIALS
19 ON THE QUAD.—Senior United States officials
20 shall provide regular updates and briefings to
21 the United States Group, including leading up
22 to and after major Quadrilateral dialogues, to
23 ensure close coordination with Congress.

