

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116–19**

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At the end of title XII, add the following:

1 **Subtitle \_\_\_\_\_—Military Humanitarian**  
2 **Operations Act of 2019**

3 **SEC. 1. MILITARY HUMANITARIAN OPERATION DEFINED.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In this subtitle, the term “military humanitarian operation” means a military operation  
5 involving the deployment of members or weapons systems  
6 of the United States Armed Forces where hostile activities  
7 are reasonably anticipated and with the aim of preventing  
8 or responding to a humanitarian catastrophe, including its  
9 regional consequences, or addressing a threat posed to  
10 international peace and security. The term includes—

12 (1) operations undertaken pursuant to the principle of the “responsibility to protect” as referenced  
13 in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1674  
14 (2006);

16 (2) operations specifically authorized by the  
17 United Nations Security Council, or other international organizations; and

19 (3) unilateral deployments and deployments  
20 made in coordination with international organiza-

1 tions, treaty-based organizations, or coalitions  
2 formed to address specific humanitarian catas-  
3 trophes.

4 (b) OPERATIONS NOT INCLUDED.—The term “mili-  
5 tary humanitarian operation” does not mean a military  
6 operation undertaken for the following purposes:

7 (1) Responding to or repelling attacks, or pre-  
8 venting imminent attacks, on the United States or  
9 any of its territorial possessions, embassies, or con-  
10 sulates, or members of the United States Armed  
11 Forces.

12 (2) Direct acts of reprisal for attacks on the  
13 United States or any of its territorial possessions,  
14 embassies, or consulates, or members of the United  
15 States Armed Forces.

16 (3) Invoking the inherent right to individual or  
17 collective self-defense in accordance with Article 51  
18 of the Charter of the United Nations.

19 (4) Military missions to rescue United States  
20 citizens or military or diplomatic personnel abroad.

21 (5) Humanitarian missions in response to nat-  
22 ural disasters where no civil unrest or combat with  
23 hostile forces is reasonably anticipated, and where  
24 such operation is for not more than 30 days.

1           (6) Actions to maintain maritime freedom of  
2           navigation, including actions aimed at combating pi-  
3           racy.

4           (7) Training exercises conducted by the United  
5           States Armed Forces abroad where no combat with  
6           hostile forces is reasonably anticipated.

7   **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZA-**  
8                                   **TION.**

9           The President may not deploy members of the United  
10          States Armed Forces into the territory, airspace, or waters  
11          of a foreign country for a military humanitarian operation  
12          not previously authorized by statute unless—

13                 (1) the President submits to Congress a formal  
14                 request for authorization to use members of the  
15                 Armed Forces for the military humanitarian oper-  
16                 ation; and

17                 (2) Congress enacts a specific authorization for  
18                 such use of forces.

19   **SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.**

20          If any provision of this subtitle is held to be unconsti-  
21          tutional, the remainder of the subtitle shall not be af-  
22          fected.

