

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-14
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. __. REPORT ON IRANIAN INTERNET CENSORSHIP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
3 and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to Congress
4 a report regarding Iranian internet censorship and appli-
5 cable United States licensing requirements. Such report
6 shall include the following:

7 (1) An assessment of the Iranian Government’s
8 ability to impose internet shutdowns, censor the
9 internet, and track Iranian dissidents, labor orga-
10 nizers, political activists, or human rights defenders
11 inside Iran through targeted digital surveillance or
12 other digital means.

13 (2) An assessment of the impact of General Li-
14 cense D-2, issued on September 23, 2022, on the
15 availability of private communications tools inside
16 Iran, including encryption tools to assist the people
17 of Iran in circumventing targeted digital surveillance
18 by the Iranian Government.

19 (3) A determination of whether additional up-
20 dates to General License D-2 or other licenses are

1 needed to keep up with the pace of technology and
2 ensure that United States restrictions do not unin-
3 tentionally inhibit the flow of vital communication
4 tools to the people of Iran, including cloud tech-
5 nology, hardware, software, and services incident to
6 personal communications, including set-top boxes
7 (STB), satellites, and web developer tools.

8 (4) A strategy to ensure that resources are
9 available for digital rights experts to study Iran’s
10 online repression and identify opportunities to
11 counter it.

12 (5) A strategy to prevent the Government of
13 Iran from acquiring or developing tools that could be
14 exploited against activists, including facial recogni-
15 tion software.

16 (b) FORM.—The report required pursuant to sub-
17 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
18 include a classified annex if such annex is provided sepa-
19 rately from such unclassified version.

20 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “targeted
21 digital surveillance” means the use of items or services
22 that enable an individual or entity (with or without the
23 knowing authorization of the product’s owner) to detect,
24 monitor, intercept, collect, exploit, preserve, protect, trans-
25 mit, retain, or otherwise gain access to the communica-

- 1 tions, sensitive or protected information, work product,
- 2 browsing data, research, identifying information, location
- 3 history, or online or offline activities of other individuals,
- 4 organizations, or entities.

