

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-57
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At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. REPORT AND STRATEGY TO ADDRESS GROSS VIO-**
2 **LATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVILIAN**
3 **HARM IN BURKINA FASO, MALI, AND NIGER.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
7 nually thereafter for 3 years, the Secretary of De-
8 fense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit
9 to the appropriate congressional committees a report
10 on gross violations of human rights and civilian
11 harm in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, as well as
12 civilian harm that may occur during United States-
13 supported advise, assist, and accompany operations
14 in the Sahel region.

15 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
16 required by this subsection shall include the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (A) An identification of all state security
19 force units of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger

1 that participated in United States security co-
2 operation programs or benefitted from security
3 assistance since fiscal year 2017, whether any
4 of these units were subsequently credibly impli-
5 cated in gross violations of human rights, in-
6 cluding extrajudicial killings and torture, and
7 the approximate locations, to the extent pos-
8 sible, of where such violations have taken place.

9 (B) A description of gross violations of
10 human rights and civilian harm committed by
11 violent extremist organizations and other armed
12 groups operating in Burkina Faso, Mali, and
13 Niger, including deaths of state security forces
14 and destruction of civilian infrastructure, in-
15 cluding schools, medical facilities, and churches.

16 (C) An assessment of the relationship be-
17 tween state security forces and any non-state
18 armed groups active in Burkina Faso, Mali,
19 and Niger, including an analysis of the extent
20 to which any armed group that has been
21 credibly implicated in gross violations of human
22 rights or civilian casualties received material
23 support from the governments or militaries of
24 such countries.

1 (D) An assessment of efforts by the Gov-
2 ernments of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger to
3 prevent and decrease instances of gross viola-
4 tions of human rights or civilian casualties by
5 state security forces during counterterrorism
6 operations and ensure accountability for viola-
7 tions that have occurred since fiscal year 2017
8 through appropriate justice systems, including
9 efforts to investigate, prosecute, and sentence
10 such violations.

11 (E) An assessment of the impact that any
12 gross violations of human rights and other civil-
13 ian casualties perpetrated by state security
14 forces and non-state armed groups in Burkina
15 Faso, Mali, and Niger have had on the effec-
16 tiveness of regional and international counter-
17 terrorism operations.

18 (F) An assessment of the effectiveness of
19 any United States human rights training pro-
20 vided to the security forces of Burkina Faso,
21 Mali, and Niger to date.

22 (G) A description of any confirmed inci-
23 dents or reports of civilian harm that may have
24 occurred during United States military advise,
25 assist, or accompany operations.

1 (H) Any other matters that the Secretary
2 of Defense and the Secretary of State consider
3 to be relevant.

4 (b) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly
8 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
9 a United States strategy to prevent civilian harm
10 and address gross violations of human rights by
11 state security forces of Burkina Faso, Mali, and
12 Niger, and ensure accountability for such violations.

13 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy
14 required by this subsection shall include the fol-
15 lowing:

16 (A) A description of planned public and
17 private diplomatic engagement to support ef-
18 forts by the Governments of Burkina Faso,
19 Mali, and Niger to investigate and prosecute
20 any credible allegations of gross violations of
21 human rights by state security forces and non-
22 state armed groups.

23 (B) An identification of United States for-
24 eign assistance and security cooperation funds
25 and other available United States policy tools to

1 support programs aimed at addressing gross
2 violations of human rights and civilian harm,
3 and an assessment of how they can be strength-
4 ened to greater effect.

5 (C) An identification of United States for-
6 eign assistance and security cooperation funds
7 available to support the state security forces of
8 Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger to combat vio-
9 lent extremist organizations, improve civil-mili-
10 tary relations, and strengthen accountability
11 through their military justice systems, including
12 support for building the capacity of provost
13 marshals.

14 (D) An identification of state security
15 forces of Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger that
16 would most benefit from United States foreign
17 assistance and security cooperation funds iden-
18 tified in subparagraph (C) and that are eligible
19 to receive such funds.

20 (E) A description of plans to coordinate
21 United States efforts with France, the Euro-
22 pean Union, the United Nations Stabilization
23 Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), the African
24 Union, and the G5 Sahel Joint Force to de-
25 crease gross violations of human rights and

1 minimize civilian harm during all counterter-
2 rorism operations in the Sahel.

3 (F) Any other matters that the Secretary
4 of Defense and the Secretary of State consider
5 to be relevant.

6 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
7 and the strategy required by subsection (b) shall be sub-
8 mitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified
9 annex.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

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

17 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
18 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
19 ate.

20 (2) CIVILIAN HARM.—In this section, the term
21 “civilian harm” means conflict-related death, phys-
22 ical injury, loss of property or livelihood, or interrup-
23 tion of access to essential services.

