

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54
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At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XII,
insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NATO STRATEGIC COM-**
2 **MUNICATIONS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

3 (a) **PRIORITIZATION.**—The Secretary of Defense
4 shall seek to prioritize funding through NATO’s common
5 budget to—

6 (1) enhance the capability, cooperation, and in-
7 formation sharing among NATO, NATO member
8 countries, and partners, with respect to strategic
9 communications and information operations; and

10 (2) facilitate education, research and develop-
11 ment, lessons learned, and consultation in strategic
12 communications and information operations.

13 (b) **CERTIFICATION.**—Not later than 180 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
15 Defense shall certify to the appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees that the Secretary has assigned executive agent
17 responsibility for the Center to an appropriate organiza-
18 tion within the Department of Defense, and detail the
19 steps being under taken to strengthen the role of Center

1 in fostering strategic communications and information op-
2 erations within NATO.

3 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall
6 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
7 port outlining—

8 (1) the recommendations of the Secretary with
9 respect to improving strategic communications with-
10 in NATO; and

11 (2) the recommendations of the Secretary with
12 respect to strengthening the role of the Center in
13 fostering strategic communications and information
14 operations within NATO.

15 (d) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
16 fense shall brief the appropriate congressional committees
17 on a biannual basis on—

18 (1) the efforts of the Department of Defense to
19 strengthen the role of the Center in fostering stra-
20 tegic communications and information operations
21 within NATO;

22 (2) how the Department of Defense is working
23 with the NATO Strategic Communications Center of
24 Excellence and the interagency to improve NATO's
25 ability to counter and mitigate disinformation, active

1 measures, propaganda, and denial and deception ac-
2 tivities of Russia and China; and

3 (3) how the Department of Defense is devel-
4 oping ways to improve strategic communications
5 within NATO, including by enhancing the capacity
6 of and coordination with the NATO Strategic Com-
7 munications Center of Excellence.

8 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
10 sional committees” means the following:

11 (1) The Committee on Armed Services and the
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives.

14 (2) The Committee on Armed Services and the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

