

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 116-19
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES-INDIA**
2 **DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
4 should strengthen and enhance its major defense partner-
5 ship with India and work toward the following mutual se-
6 curity and diplomatic objectives:

7 (1) Expanding engagement in multilateral
8 frameworks, including the quadrilateral dialogue
9 among the United States, India, Japan, and Aus-
10 tralia, to promote regional security and defend
11 shared values and common interests in the rules-
12 based order.

13 (2) Increasing the frequency and scope of ex-
14 changes between senior civilian officials and military
15 officers of the United States and India to support
16 the development and implementation of the major
17 defense partnership.

18 (3) Exploring additional steps to implement the
19 major defense partner designation to better facilitate

1 interoperability, information sharing, and appro-
2 priate technology transfers.

3 (4) Pursuing strategic initiatives to help develop
4 the defense capabilities of India.

5 (5) Conducting additional combined exercises
6 with India in the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean, and
7 western Pacific regions.

8 (6) Furthering cooperative efforts to promote
9 stability and security in Afghanistan.

10 **SEC. __. UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE COOPERATION IN**
11 **THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN.**

12 (a) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the relevant con-
16 gressional committees a report on defense coopera-
17 tion between the United States and India in the
18 Western Indian Ocean.

19 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
20 required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (A) A description of military activities of
23 the United States and India, separately, in the
24 Western Indian Ocean.

1 (B) A description of military cooperation
2 activities between the United States and India
3 in the areas of humanitarian assistance,
4 counterterrorism, counter piracy, maritime se-
5 curity, and other areas as the Secretary deter-
6 mines appropriate.

7 (C) A description of how the relevant geo-
8 graphic combatant commands coordinate their
9 activities with the Indian military in the West-
10 ern Indian Ocean.

11 (D) A description of the mechanisms in
12 place to ensure the relevant geographic combat-
13 ant commands maximize defense cooperation
14 with India in the Western Indian Ocean.

15 (E) A description of how the major defense
16 partnership with India will be utilized to en-
17 hance cooperation with India in the Western In-
18 dian Ocean.

19 (F) Areas of future opportunity to increase
20 military engagement with India in the Western
21 Indian Ocean.

22 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
23 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
24 include a classified annex.

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-
3 tees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
5 the Committee on Armed Services, and the
6 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
7 and

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
9 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
10 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives.

12 (2) RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COM-
13 MANDS.—The term “relevant geographic combatant
14 commands” means the United States Indo-Pacific
15 Command, United States Central Command, and
16 United States Africa Command.

17 (3) WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN.—The term
18 “Western Indian Ocean” means the area in the In-
19 dian Ocean extending from the west coast of India
20 to the east coast of Africa.

