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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. ___. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should strengthen and enhance its major defense partnership with India and work toward the following mutual security and diplomatic objectives:

1. Expanding engagement in multilateral frameworks, including the quadrilateral dialogue among the United States, India, Japan, and Australia, to promote regional security and defend shared values and common interests in the rules-based order.

2. Increasing the frequency and scope of exchanges between senior civilian officials and military officers of the United States and India to support the development and implementation of the major defense partnership.

3. Exploring additional steps to implement the major defense partner designation to better facilitate
interoperability, information sharing, and appropriate technology transfers.

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

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

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

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

(a) Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the relevant congressional committees a report on defense cooperation between the United States and India in the Western Indian Ocean.

(2) Matters to be included.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A description of military activities of the United States and India, separately, in the Western Indian Ocean.
(B) A description of military cooperation activities between the United States and India in the areas of humanitarian assistance, counterterrorism, counter piracy, maritime security, and other areas as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(C) A description of how the relevant geographic combatant commands coordinate their activities with the Indian military in the Western Indian Ocean.

(D) A description of the mechanisms in place to ensure the relevant geographic combatant commands maximize defense cooperation with India in the Western Indian Ocean.

(E) A description of how the major defense partnership with India will be utilized to enhance cooperation with India in the Western Indian Ocean.

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

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

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
(1) **RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “relevant congressional committees” means—

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

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) **RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS.**—The term “relevant geographic combatant commands” means the United States Indo-Pacific Command, United States Central Command, and United States Africa Command.

(3) **WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN.**—The term “Western Indian Ocean” means the area in the Indian Ocean extending from the west coast of India to the east coast of Africa.