

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36
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At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. MILITARY COOPERATION WITH MOROCCO.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States recognizes the 20th anni-
4 versary of the African Lion exercise hosted by Mo-
5 rocco, a key United States ally in Africa and the
6 Middle East.

7 (2) The African Lion exercise is United States
8 Africa Command’s largest annual combined joint ex-
9 ercise.

10 (3) African Lion builds and maintains inter-
11 operability with our African and North Atlantic
12 Treaty Organization partners and improves our abil-
13 ity to meet security related challenges together to
14 address the growing threats from nation states, pri-
15 vate military corporations, militias, non-state armed
16 groups and violent extremist organizations, given the
17 increasing presence of malign actors in Africa, in-
18 cluding the Iranian regime and its proxies, particu-
19 larly in North Africa and the Sahel.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States to—

3 (1) support strengthening security cooperation
4 with Morocco given increasing instability in Africa
5 and the Middle East and provide for close coopera-
6 tion between the United States and Morocco in
7 order to contribute to the region’s broader security;
8 and

9 (2) provide for the continuation of the African
10 Lion exercise in future years will support the crucial
11 efforts to address security challenges facing NATO’s
12 southern flank.

13 (c) REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate
17 congressional committees a report detailing how the
18 United States can improve its interoperability and
19 cooperation with Morocco through the African Lion
20 exercise to continue to address the growing threats
21 in Africa, including the Iranian regime and its prox-
22 ies, particularly in North Africa and the Sahel.

23 (2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
24 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
2 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
3 of Representatives; and

4 (B) and the Committee on Armed Services
5 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
6 Senate.

