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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVII the following:

1 **SEC. 1748. UNITED STATES-UKRAINE WORKING GROUP ON**
2 **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense shall establish a working group to facilitate
7 collaboration and information sharing between
8 the United States and Ukraine in the field of un-
9 manned aircraft systems, with the goal of helping
10 both countries more effectively develop, produce, and
11 employ unmanned aircraft systems and related technologies.
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13 (2) DESIGNATION.—The working group established
14 under paragraph (1) shall be known as the
15 “United States–Ukraine Working Group on Un-
16 manned Systems” (referred to in this section as the
17 “Working Group”).

18 (3) DUTIES.—The Working Group shall carry
19 out the following:

1 (A) Facilitate information sharing related
2 to unmanned aircraft systems in the context of
3 the ongoing Ukraine conflict, and codify lessons
4 learned that could inform future United States
5 or Ukrainian decisions pertaining to the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (i) The fielding of unmanned aircraft
8 systems and capabilities to counter such
9 systems.

10 (ii) Force structure and tactics per-
11 taining to unmanned aircraft systems.

12 (B) Promote cooperation between United
13 States and Ukrainian industry to develop and
14 produce unmanned aircraft systems, capabilities
15 to counter such systems, and other related tech-
16 nologies.

17 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Working Group shall carry out
18 the following:

19 (1) Analyze Ukraine’s extensive battlefield expe-
20 rience using unmanned aircraft systems, including
21 Western-made unmanned aircraft systems, as well as
22 countering Russian-operated unmanned aircraft sys-
23 tems, air defense systems, and electronic warfare
24 systems.

1 (2) Identify, codify, and disseminate lessons
2 learned from the Russia–Ukraine conflict that can
3 inform United States and Ukrainian decisions per-
4 taining to the development, production, and battle-
5 field employment of, and potential force-structure
6 adaptations related to, unmanned aircraft systems
7 and related technologies.

8 (3) Identify information relating weaknesses or
9 gaps in current Western capabilities related to un-
10 manned aircraft systems, including by analyzing the
11 performance of Western unmanned aircraft systems
12 against Russian electronic warfare capabilities, and
13 disseminate such information to relevant United
14 States defense-industrial enterprises, as appropriate.

15 (4) Promote connections and collaboration be-
16 tween the defense-industrial bases and academic in-
17 stitutions of the United States, Ukraine, and allied
18 and partnered countries, including by identifying
19 and furthering opportunities for joint United States–
20 Ukrainian development and production of unmanned
21 aircraft systems and related capabilities, as appro-
22 priate.

23 (5) Identify specific impediments or obstacles to
24 Ukrainian access to Western technology or compo-
25 nents related to unmanned aircraft systems and pro-

1 pose specific steps to reduce or eliminate such im-
2 pediments and obstacles, as appropriate.

3 (6) Identify other potential ways for the United
4 States to support Ukrainian indigenous development
5 and production of low-cost unmanned aircraft sys-
6 tems and related capabilities, including first-person
7 view drones.

8 (c) COMPOSITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
9 invite representatives to participate in the working group,
10 including representatives of the following:

11 (1) The Government of Ukraine, including rep-
12 resentatives of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, the
13 Ukrainian Ministry of Defense, the Ukrainian Min-
14 istry of Digital Transformation, and the Ukrainian
15 Ministry of Strategic Industries.

16 (2) The Office of the Under Secretary of De-
17 fense for Policy.

18 (3) The Office of the Under Secretary of De-
19 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

20 (4) The Office of the Under Secretary of De-
21 fense for Intelligence and Security.

22 (5) The Office of the Under Secretary of De-
23 fense for Research and Engineering.

24 (6) The Joint Counter-small Unmanned Air-
25 craft Systems Office.

1 (7) Each branch of the Armed Forces.

2 (8) Each of the combatant commands.

3 (9) Relevant defense laboratories.

4 (10) The Defense Innovation Unit.

5 (11) The United States defense-industrial base.

6 (12) The Ukrainian defense-industrial base.

7 (13) The industrial bases of allies and partners,
8 including Israel.

9 (14) Academic institutions.

10 (15) Other entities as the Secretary determines
11 appropriate.

12 (d) CHAIR.—The Secretary of Defense, or the des-
13 ignee of the Secretary, shall serve as the chair of the
14 Working Group.

15 (e) WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.—The Working
16 Group shall hold its first meeting not later than 30 days
17 after the establishment of the Working Group, and at min-
18 imum quarterly thereafter.

19 (f) REPORTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
21 the first meeting of the Working Group and every
22 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall
23 submit to the congressional defense committees reg-
24 ular reports detailing the progress of the Working
25 Group.

1 (2) CONTENT.—Each report under paragraph
2 (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A summary of the Working Group’s
4 activities for the period covered by each such
5 report.

6 (B) An overview of lessons learned to en-
7 hance the military use of unmanned aircraft
8 systems and improve the development and field-
9 ing of cutting-edge low-cost unmanned aircraft
10 systems technologies by the United States and
11 its allies and partners.

12 (C) Recommendations for further legisla-
13 tive or executive action to enhance unmanned
14 aircraft systems cooperation between the United
15 States and Ukraine.

16 (D) Recommendations to strengthen and
17 improve the unmanned aircraft system manu-
18 facturing capacity of the United States and its
19 allies and partners.

20 (g) SUNSET.—The Working Group shall terminate on
21 December 21, 2026.

