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At the end of title LX of division E, add the following:

1 **SEC. 6013. STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST**
2 **ASIA AND ASEAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
5 in consultation with the heads of other Federal depart-
6 ments and agencies as appropriate, shall develop and sub-
7 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a com-
8 prehensive strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia
9 and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations
10 (ASEAN).

11 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy re-
12 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) A statement of enduring United States in-
14 terests in Southeast Asia and a description of efforts
15 to bolster the effectiveness of ASEAN.

16 (2) A description of efforts to—

17 (A) deepen and expand Southeast Asian al-
18 liances, partnerships, and multilateral engage-
19 ments, including efforts to expand broad based

1 and inclusive economic growth, security ties, se-
2 curity cooperation and interoperability, eco-
3 nomic connectivity, and expand opportunities
4 for ASEAN to work with other like-minded
5 partners in the region; and

6 (B) encourage like-minded partners outside
7 of the Indo-Pacific region to engage with
8 ASEAN.

9 (3) A summary of initiatives across the whole
10 of the United States Government to strengthen the
11 United States partnership with Southeast Asian na-
12 tions and ASEAN, including to promote broad based
13 and inclusive economic growth, trade, investment,
14 energy innovation and sustainability, public-private
15 partnerships, physical and digital infrastructure de-
16 velopment, education, disaster management, public
17 health and global health security, and economic, po-
18 litical, and public diplomacy in Southeast Asia.

19 (4) A summary of initiatives across the whole
20 of the United States Government to enhance the ca-
21 pacity of Southeast Asian nations with respect to en-
22 forcing international law and multilateral sanctions,
23 and initiatives to cooperate with ASEAN as an insti-
24 tution in these areas.

1 (5) A summary of initiatives across the whole
2 of the United States Government to promote human
3 rights and democracy, to strengthen the rule of law,
4 civil society, and transparent governance, to combat
5 disinformation and to protect the integrity of elec-
6 tions from outside influence.

7 (6) A summary of initiatives to promote secu-
8 rity cooperation and security assistance within
9 Southeast Asian nations, including—

10 (A) maritime security and maritime do-
11 main awareness initiatives for protecting the
12 maritime commons and supporting international
13 law and freedom of navigation in the South
14 China Sea; and

15 (B) efforts to combat terrorism, human
16 trafficking, piracy, and illegal fishing, and pro-
17 mote more open, reliable routes for sea lines of
18 communication.

19 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF STRATEGY.—For the purposes
20 of assuring allies and partners in Southeast Asia and
21 deepening United States engagement with ASEAN, the
22 Secretary of State shall direct each United States chief
23 of mission to ASEAN and its member states to distribute
24 the strategy required by subsection (a) to host govern-
25 ments.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-

3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the

5 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-

6 resentatives; and

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and

8 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

