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To state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

DECEMBER 17, 2019

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Indo-Pacific Coopera-
3 tion Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) Congress supports the finding on the Peo-
7 ple’s Republic of China articulated in the 2018 Na-
8 tional Defense Strategy and the 2017 National Se-
9 curity Strategy.

10 (2) The People’s Republic of China is
11 leveraging military modernization, influence oper-
12 ations, and predatory economics to coerce neigh-
13 boring countries to reorder the Indo-Pacific region
14 to the advantage of the People’s Republic of China.

15 (3) As the People’s Republic of China continues
16 its economic and military ascendance, asserting
17 power through a whole of government long-term
18 strategy, the People’s Republic of China will con-
19 tinue to pursue a military modernization program
20 that seeks Indo-Pacific regional hegemony in the
21 near-term and displacement of the United States to
22 achieve global preeminence in the future.

23 (4) The most far-reaching objective of the de-
24 fense strategy of the United States is to set the mili-
25 tary relationship between the United States and the

1 People’s Republic of China on a path toward trans-
 2 parency and nonaggression.

3 ~~(5) The People’s Republic of China uses eco-~~
 4 ~~nomie inducements and penalties, influence oper-~~
 5 ~~ations, and implied military threats to persuade~~
 6 ~~other countries to heed the political and security~~
 7 ~~agenda of the People’s Republic of China.~~

8 (6) United States allies and partners are crit-
 9 ical to effective competition with the People’s Repub-
 10 lic of China.

11 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

12 It is the policy of the United States—

13 (1) to expand military, diplomatic, and eco-
 14 ~~nomie~~ alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific
 15 region and with Europe and like-minded countries
 16 around the globe that are critical to effective com-
 17 petition with the People’s Republic of China; and

18 ~~(2) to develop, in collaboration with such allies~~
 19 ~~and partners, a unified approach to addressing and~~
 20 ~~detering significant diplomatic, economic, and mili-~~
 21 ~~tary challenges posed by the People’s Republic of~~
 22 ~~China.~~

23 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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 25 *tion Act of 2019”.*

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

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3 *(1) Congress supports the finding on the People’s*
4 *Republic of China articulated in the 2018 National*
5 *Defense Strategy and the 2017 National Security*
6 *Strategy.*

7 *(2) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018*
8 *(Public Law 115–409) established the policy of the*
9 *United States “to develop and commit to a long-term*
10 *strategic vision and a comprehensive, multifaceted,*
11 *and principled United States policy for the Indo-Pa-*
12 *cific region” so as to advance United States national*
13 *security, economic, human rights, and other regional*
14 *interests, and for such purposes, Congress has author-*
15 *ized appropriate funding.*

16 *(3) The People’s Republic of China is leveraging*
17 *military modernization, influence operations, and*
18 *predatory economics to coerce neighboring countries*
19 *to reorder the Indo-Pacific region to the advantage of*
20 *the People’s Republic of China.*

21 *(4) As the People’s Republic of China continues*
22 *its economic and military ascendance, asserting*
23 *power through a whole of government long-term strat-*
24 *egy, the People’s Republic of China will continue to*
25 *pursue a military modernization program that seeks*
26 *Indo-Pacific regional hegemony in the near-term and*

1 *displacement of the United States to achieve global*
 2 *preeminence in the future.*

3 (5) *The most far-reaching objective of the defense*
 4 *strategy of the United States is to set the military re-*
 5 *lationship between the United States and the People's*
 6 *Republic of China on a path toward transparency*
 7 *and nonaggression.*

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 9 *inducements and penalties, influence operations, and*
 10 *implied military threats to persuade other countries*
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 22 *tion with the People's Republic of China;*

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 24 *and partners, a unified approach to addressing and*
 25 *detering significant diplomatic, economic, and mili-*

1 *tary challenges posed by the People's Republic of*
2 *China; and*
3 *(3) to promote, in partnership with like-minded*
4 *countries around the globe, the values of democracy*
5 *and human rights.*

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