

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

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

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

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

5 (2) The People’s Republic of China is
6 leveraging military modernization, influence oper-
7 ations, and predatory economics to coerce neigh-
8 boring countries to reorder the Indo-Pacific region
9 to the advantage of the People’s Republic of China.

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

18 (4) The most far-reaching objective of the de-
19 fense strategy of the United States is to set the mili-
20 tary relationship between the United States and the
21 People’s Republic of China on a path toward trans-
22 parency and nonaggression.

23 (5) The People’s Republic of China uses eco-
24 nomic inducements and penalties, influence oper-
25 ations, and implied military threats to persuade

1 other countries to heed the political and security
2 agenda of the People’s Republic of China.

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

6 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to expand military, diplomatic, and eco-
9 nomic alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific
10 region and with Europe and like-minded countries
11 around the globe that are critical to effective com-
12 petition with the People’s Republic of China; and

13 (2) to develop, in collaboration with such allies
14 and partners, a unified approach to addressing and
15 deterring significant diplomatic, economic, and mili-
16 tary challenges posed by the People’s Republic of
17 China.