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AN ACT

To direct the Federal Government to provide assistance and technical expertise to enhance the representation and leadership of the United States at international standards-setting bodies that set standards for equipment, systems, software, and virtually-defined networks that support 5th and future generations mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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 “Promoting United
5 States International Leadership in 5G Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) the United States and its allies and part-
9 ners should maintain participation and leadership at
10 international standards-setting bodies for 5th and
11 future generations mobile telecommunications sys-
12 tems and infrastructure;

13 (2) the United States should work with its allies
14 and partners to encourage and facilitate the develop-
15 ment of secure supply chains and networks for 5th
16 and future generations mobile telecommunications
17 systems and infrastructure; and

18 (3) the maintenance of a high standard of secu-
19 rity in telecommunications and cyberspace between
20 the United States and its allies and partners is a na-
21 tional security interest of the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. ENHANCING REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP**
2 **OF UNITED STATES AT INTERNATIONAL**
3 **STANDARDS-SETTING BODIES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall establish an
5 interagency working group to provide assistance and tech-
6 nical expertise to enhance the representation and leader-
7 ship of the United States at international standards-set-
8 ting bodies that set standards for equipment, systems,
9 software, and virtually-defined networks that support 5th
10 and future generations mobile telecommunications systems
11 and infrastructure, such as the International Tele-
12 communication Union and the 3rd Generation Partnership
13 Project. The President shall also work with allies and
14 partners, as well as the private sector, to increase produc-
15 tive engagement.

16 (b) **INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**—The inter-
17 agency working group described in subsection (a) shall—

18 (1) be chaired by the Secretary of State or a
19 designee of the Secretary of State; and

20 (2) consist of the head (or designee) of each
21 Federal department or agency the President deter-
22 mines appropriate.

23 (c) **BRIEFING.**—

24 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and sub-
26 sequently thereafter as provided in paragraph (2),

1 the interagency working group described in sub-
2 section (a) shall provide to the Committee on For-
3 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
4 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a
5 briefing that shall include—

6 (A) a strategy to promote United States
7 leadership at international standards-setting
8 bodies for equipment, systems, software, and
9 virtually-defined networks relevant to 5th and
10 future generation mobile telecommunications
11 systems and infrastructure, taking into account
12 the different processes followed by the various
13 international standard-setting bodies;

14 (B) a strategy for diplomatic engagement
15 with allies and partners to share security risk
16 information and findings pertaining to equip-
17 ment that supports or is used in 5th and future
18 generations mobile telecommunications systems
19 and infrastructure and cooperation on miti-
20 gating such risks;

21 (C) a discussion of China's presence and
22 activities at international standards-setting bod-
23 ies relevant to 5th and future generation mobile
24 telecommunications systems and infrastructure,
25 including information on the differences in the

1 scope and scale of China’s engagement at such
2 bodies compared to engagement by the United
3 States or its allies and partners and the secu-
4 rity risks raised by Chinese proposals in such
5 standards-setting bodies; and

6 (D) a strategy for engagement with private
7 sector communications and information service
8 providers, equipment developers, academia, fed-
9 erally funded research and development centers,
10 and other private-sector stakeholders to propose
11 and develop secure standards for equipment,
12 systems, software, and virtually-defined net-
13 works that support 5th and future generation
14 mobile telecommunications systems and infra-
15 structure.

16 (2) SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.—Upon request
17 by the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
18 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
19 Relations of the Senate, or as determined appro-
20 priate by the chair of the interagency working group
21 described in subsection (a), the interagency working
22 group shall provide to the Committee on Foreign Af-
23 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
24 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate an up-

