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To require additional duties of the Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy with respect to United States diplomatic efforts ahead of certain international conferences, and for other purposes.

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “USA 6G Global Lead-
5 ership Act”.

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

7 It is the Sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the United States has a national security,
2 economic, and foreign policy interest in winning the
3 race for 6G global leadership;

4 (2) the People’s Republic of China’s (PRC) use
5 of malign nonmarket practices to accelerate its de-
6 velopment of 5G and 6G technology is coercive and
7 constrains countries’ access to reliable and secure
8 telecommunications services;

9 (3) the United States government should lever-
10 age economic and diplomatic tools to ensure United
11 States companies are positioned to compete as lead-
12 ing providers of 6G technology and are not unfairly
13 disadvantaged by PRC based state owned enter-
14 prises;

15 (4) it is in the United States interest to engage
16 at the International Telecommunications Union
17 (ITU) and private standard setting bodies to ensure
18 the United States is positioned to lead on the key
19 telecommunications, information, and other emerg-
20 ing technologies, including artificial intelligence; and

21 (5) it is critical to cooperate with like-minded
22 allies and partners, including through multilateral
23 coordination, to promote secure telecommunications
24 networks by achieving market leadership for trusted
25 vendors.

1 **SEC. 3. AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR CYBERSPACE AND**
2 **DIGITAL POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES AT PLEN-**
3 **IPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE AND WORLD**
4 **RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE.**

5 (a) COORDINATOR.—The Ambassador at Large for
6 Cyberspace and Digital Policy (authorized under sub-
7 section (i) of section 1 of the State Department Basic Au-
8 thorities Act of 1956; 22 U.S.C. 2651a(i)) shall coordinate
9 and lead United States diplomatic efforts ahead of the
10 Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Tele-
11 communications Union (ITU) in 2026 and the World
12 Radiocommunication Conference 2027.

13 (b) DUTIES.—In carrying out the coordination re-
14 quired by subsection (a), the Ambassador at Large for
15 Cyberspace and Digital Policy shall be responsible for—

16 (1) coordinating across the Department of
17 State, the Department of Commerce, and other Fed-
18 eral departments and agencies, as appropriate, to
19 promote candidates for election to the ITU’s leader-
20 ship bodies that support the United States economic
21 and security objectives for increased telecommuni-
22 cations security, digital freedom, and information
23 technology governance and standards;

24 (2) consulting with United States private sector
25 entities to ensure that views and perspectives are
26 understood, incorporated, and represented as the

1 Department of State engages in the ITU elections
2 process;

3 (3) consulting with Congress by providing quar-
4 terly briefings on developments leading up to the
5 ITU elections and the World Radiocommunication
6 Conference 2027;

7 (4) coordinating across the Department of
8 State, the Department of Commerce, and other Fed-
9 eral departments and agencies, as appropriate, to
10 advance United States interests ahead of the World
11 Radiocommunication Conference 2027;

12 (5) conducting diplomatic outreach to promote
13 United States interests in the field of international
14 telecommunications; and

15 (6) other such duties that the Secretary of
16 State may prescribe.

17 (c) REPORT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 of State shall develop and submit to the appropriate
21 congressional committees a report on efforts by the
22 People’s Republic of China and by the Russian Fed-
23 eration to—

1 (A) leverage the ITU or other international
2 forums to promote policies or standards that
3 constrain digital freedom;

4 (B) expand the mandate of the ITU to
5 cover internet governance policy, including by
6 proposing internet governance standards at the
7 ITU;

8 (C) leverage their private sector's influence
9 over developing countries to compel such coun-
10 tries to deliver favorable decisions on standards
11 proposals, election victories, candidate selection,
12 and other decisions at the ITU; and

13 (D) use the influence of Chinese or Rus-
14 sian nationals serving in the ITU to advantage
15 companies, standards decisions, and ITU lead-
16 ership candidates that advance the interests of
17 the People's Republic of China or the Russian
18 Federation, respectively.

19 (2) FORM.—The report required by this sub-
20 section shall be submitted in unclassified form but
21 may include a classified annex.

22 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
23 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
24 propriate congressional committees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
2 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
3 House of Representatives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
6 Transportation of the Senate.

7 (d) SUNSET.—The authorities and requirements
8 under this section shall expire upon the conclusion of the
9 World Radiocommunication Conference 2027.

10 **SEC. 4. PROJECT ASSISTANCE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
12 nation with the Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-
13 national Development Finance Corporation and the Direc-
14 tor of the United States Trade and Development Agency,
15 should carry out projects that assert United States global
16 leadership in telecommunications infrastructure.

17 (b) PRIORITY PROJECTS.—For assistance pursuant
18 to subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall prioritize
19 projects that—

20 (1) promote connectivity and use of trusted ven-
21 dors in developing countries; and

22 (2) use technology produced by United States
23 companies or entities if not specifically important
24 that they are incorporated or by companies orga-
25 nized under the laws of United States allies if

1 United States technology goods and services are not
2 available.

3 (c) FORMS OF SUPPORT.—The projects carried under
4 this section may receive support through the following
5 methods:

6 (1) Early-stage project development including
7 feasibility studies.

8 (2) Development loans.

9 (3) Direct investments in companies or projects
10 that advance United States foreign policy interests.

11 (4) Other types of support as appropriate.

12 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
14 submit to Congress a report that describes the projects
15 undertaken pursuant to subsection (b).

16 **SEC. 5. 6G TECHNOLOGY DOMINANCE STRATEGY.**

17 (a) STRATEGY FOR 6G TECHNOLOGY DOMINANCE.—
18 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
20 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on En-
21 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and
22 the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee
23 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
24 a report that details the United States strategy to promote
25 and dominate 6G technology globally.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
2 (a) shall also include a description and analysis of the ac-
3 tivities of the Department of State regarding—

4 (1) actions to deepen cooperation with like-
5 minded countries to promote United States and al-
6 lied market leadership in 6G networks and tech-
7 nologies;

8 (2) efforts to coordinate and cooperate with rel-
9 evant Federal departments and agencies as well as
10 United States-based private sector entities to plan,
11 strategize, and conduct diplomatic engagements at
12 telecommunication standard-setting bodies and orga-
13 nizations; and

14 (3) the effects on and impact of competition in
15 artificial intelligence and other critical or emerging
16 technologies, including the role of low-earth orbit
17 satellites, in ensuring that the United States re-
18 mains the partner of choice in 6G infrastructure.

19 (c) FORM.—The report required by this section shall
20 be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a clas-
21 sified annex.

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