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To require the implementation of a strategy to encourage foreign partners to participate in the foreign military sales and direct commercial sales processes on a multinational basis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ZINKE (for himself and Mr. BERA) 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 “Allied Defense Sales
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY AND REPORT ON MULTINATIONAL PRO-**
2 **CUREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
5 shall implement a strategy to encourage foreign partners
6 to participate in the foreign military sales and direct com-
7 mercial sales processes on a multinational basis. Such
8 strategy shall incorporate existing efforts by the Depart-
9 ment of State to—

10 (1) survey interest in participating in such mul-
11 tinational procurement processes among potentially
12 eligible countries;

13 (2) identify countries and partners who may be
14 eligible to serve as the lead purchase coordinator for
15 a multinational procurement process, and potential
16 incentives for their participation as lead coordinator;

17 (3) review pathways for participation in foreign
18 military sales or direct commercial sales processes
19 for countries determined to be ineligible for foreign
20 military financing loans;

21 (4) identify challenges and solutions for the De-
22 partment in carrying out such processes in accord-
23 ance with the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
24 2751 et seq.), including applicable end-use moni-
25 toring, technical assistance agreements, and license
26 filing requirements;

1 (5) identify ways to provide for expedited li-
2 cense authorizations, sales other than for programs
3 of record, and other potential efforts to increase
4 speed and ease enhanced use of multinational pro-
5 curement processes;

6 (6) detailing the benefits of multinational pro-
7 curement processes to the national security interest,
8 including enhanced military interoperability and
9 strengthening the domestic industrial base; and

10 (7) identify opportunities to develop and pro-
11 mote exportable defense articles and services, includ-
12 ing for purposes of supporting the AUKUS partner-
13 ship.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-
16 after for 3 years, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees a report on the strategy
18 required by subsection (a) and its implementation. Such
19 report shall also include—

20 (1) an update on the development and imple-
21 mentation of the initial strategy during the period
22 following the most recent prior submission of such
23 report (if any);

24 (2) a description of challenges faced in the im-
25 plementation of the strategy;

1 (3) a description of all efforts the Department
2 has undertaken to overcome such challenges;

3 (4) a list and description of any potential legis-
4 lative changes necessary to fully implement a multi-
5 national procurement process for foreign military
6 sales and direct commercial sales; and

7 (5) a description of efforts to promote export-
8 able defense articles and services specifically for use
9 in multinational procurement processes, including
10 those supporting the AUKUS partnership.

11 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b)
12 shall be submitted in unclassified form and may include
13 a classified annex.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

15 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
17 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
18 Foreign Relations of the Senate;

19 (2) the term “AUKUS partnership” means the
20 enhanced trilateral security partnership between
21 Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United
22 States announced in September 2021; and

23 (3) the term “multinational procurement proc-
24 ess” refers to a process by which defense articles or
25 services are sold by the United States to a lead for-

1 eign nation, with the intent that the articles or serv-
2 ices so sold will subsequently be retransferred to a
3 previously identified group of participating countries,
4 or to countries identified by reference to a qualifying
5 multilateral partnership agreement, such as a cross-
6 servicing agreement described in section 2350 of
7 title 10, United States Code.

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