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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Diego Garcia Treaty
5 Oversight Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
5 the Senate;

6 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of
7 the Senate; and

8 (C) the Committee on Appropriations of
9 the Senate.

10 (2) COVERED AGREEMENT.—The term “covered
11 agreement” means the Exchange of notes consti-
12 tuting an agreement concerning the availability for
13 defense purposes of the British Indian Ocean Terri-
14 tory, dated December 30, 1966.

15 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO MODIFICATION OF**
16 **AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE BRITISH IN-**
17 **DIAN OCEAN TERRITORY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any modification to the covered
19 agreement shall require the advice and consent of the Sen-
20 ate.

21 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the
22 funds authorized to be appropriated, appropriated, or oth-
23 erwise made available for any Federal department or
24 agency may be obligated or expended to modify the cov-

1 ered agreement unless the Senate has provided advice and
2 consent for such modification.

3 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before entering into any ne-
5 gotation regarding modification of the covered
6 agreement, the President shall submit to the appro-
7 priate committees of Congress a report detailing the
8 following:

9 (A) The national security rationale for the
10 proposed modification.

11 (B) The implications of the proposed modi-
12 fication for United States operational control of
13 Diego Garcia.

14 (C) Any risks posed by third-party sov-
15 ereign claims or foreign military presence.

16 (2) FORM.—The report described in paragraph
17 (1) shall be submitted in classified and unclassified
18 form.

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