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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

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) 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 “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.

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