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# S. 2547

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.

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## 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

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## 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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