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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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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “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.