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118TH CONGRESS
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To authorize efforts to counter the influence of the People's Republic of
China at the United Nations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAHOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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Republic of China at the United Nations.

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 "Strategy to Oppose
5 Purposeful CCP Aggression at the United Nations Act of
6 2023" or "STOP CCP at UN Act of 2023".

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The People's Republic of China and the
2 Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wield increasing
3 influence at the United Nations and other inter-
4 national and multinational organizations.

5 (2) This influence threatens the United States
6 in its diplomatic engagement with countries at the
7 United Nations and around the world.

8 (3) China uses its influence to sway vulnerable
9 countries to vote in support of policies that support
10 China and the goals of the CCP.

11 (4) China uses its financial support and con-
12 tributions to the United Nations and its agencies to
13 influence the outcomes of policy debates and votes.

14 (5) From 2015 to 2021, China has grown its
15 leadership role at the United Nations, where Chinese
16 citizens have led four United Nations specialized
17 agencies: the Food and Agriculture Organization
18 (FAO), the International Civil Aviation Organization
19 (ICAO), the International Telecommunication Union
20 (ITU), and the United Nations Industrial Develop-
21 ment Organization (UNIDO). Three of the four Chi-
22 nese citizen agency heads have departed due to term
23 limits, however the FAO is still led by a Chinese cit-
24 izen. Additionally, this year a Chinese citizen is one
25 of seven candidates for election to the position of

1 Secretary-General of the International Maritime Or-
2 ganization (IMO), a United Nations specialized
3 agency responsible for improving the safety and se-
4 curity of international shipping and facilitation of
5 international maritime traffic.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFORTS TO COUNTER THE INFLUENCE OF CHINA**
7 **AT THE UNITED NATIONS.**

8 (a) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
11 nually thereafter for 9 years, the Secretary of State
12 and the United States Permanent Representative to
13 the United Nations shall submit to the appropriate
14 congressional committees a report on the People's
15 Republic of China's actions and attempts to place
16 Chinese nationals in leadership positions at the
17 United Nations and its affiliated agencies, including
18 through coercion, intimidation, bribery and other il-
19 legitimate means, and to provide broader personnel
20 representation of China at the United Nations, to
21 influence the United Nations and its agencies gen-
22 erally.

23 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report
24 required by this subsection should include the fol-
25 lowing:

1 (A) A description of votes taken in the
2 United Nations General Assembly, the United
3 Nations Security Council, and United Nations
4 specialized agencies that aligned with China's
5 interest and voting record.

6 (B) A description of financial contributions
7 to the United Nations by China.

8 (C) The number of Chinese diplomatic per-
9 sonnel assigned to the United Nations.

10 (D) A description of Chinese contributions,
11 to include military personnel, to United Nations
12 peacekeeping missions.

13 (E) An identification of leadership posi-
14 tions at the United Nations, an identification of
15 Chinese nationals in such positions, including
16 Chinese nationals in supporting positions.

17 (F) The number and description of at-
18 tempts by China to obtain such leadership posi-
19 tions at the United Nations.

20 (G) A description of attempts and proc-
21 esses of China to co-opt third countries in order
22 to align their votes at the United Nations with
23 Chinese interests.

24 (H) A list of not less than those 15 coun-
25 tries that are most aligned with Chinese inter-

1 ests at the United Nations, to include through
2 voting record and lobbying efforts.

3 (I) An explanation on how China views the
4 United Nations as a vehicle to advance its in-
5 terests.

6 (3) FORM.—The report required by this sub-
7 section should be submitted in unclassified form, but
8 may contain a classified annex.

9 (4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
10 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
11 propriate congressional committees” means—

12 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
13 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
14 and the Select Committee on the Strategic
15 Competition between the United States and the
16 Chinese Communist Party of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives; and

18 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
19 and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
20 Senate.

21 (b) OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL STRATEGY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
23 establish an office to develop and implement a strat-
24 egy to counter China at the United Nations. The
25 Secretary may designate the Office of Multilateral

1 Strategy at the Department of State, as in effect on
2 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 as the office required to be established by this sub-
4 section.

5 (2) REPORTING AND CONSULTATION.—The of-
6 fice established pursuant to this subsection shall re-
7 port to and consult with Congress with respect to
8 the strategy described in this subsection.

9 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that the United States should consider paying its
11 contributions to the United Nations that are in arrears
12 in order to strategically and financially expand its influ-
13 ence at the United Nations and counter China’s argument
14 of insufficient United States financial engagement at the
15 United Nations.

16 (d) SPONSORED JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFI-
17 CERS.—The Secretary of State shall—

18 (1) require tracking and reporting on the num-
19 ber of Chinese sponsored junior professional officers
20 at the United Nations; and

21 (2) increase the number of United States spon-
22 sored junior professional officers at the United Na-
23 tions in order to match or exceed the number of Chi-
24 nese sponsored junior professional officers at the
25 United Nations.