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19 **SEC. 1292. ENHANCING DEFENSE AND SECURITY COOPERA-**
20 **TION WITH INDIA.**

21 (a) ACTIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
23 and Secretary of State should jointly take such ac-
24 tions as may be necessary to—

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1 (A) recognize India's status as a major de-
2 fense partner of the United States;

3 (B) designate an individual within the ex-
4 ecutive branch who has experience in defense
5 acquisition and technology—

6 (i) to reinforce and ensure, through
7 interagency policy coordination, the success
8 of the Framework for the United States-
9 India Defense Relationship; and

10 (ii) to help resolve remaining issues
11 impeding United States-India defense
12 trade, security cooperation, and co-produc-
13 tion and co-development opportunities;

14 (C) approve and facilitate the transfer of
15 advanced technology, consistent with United
16 States conventional arms transfer policy, to
17 support combined military planning with India's
18 military for missions such as humanitarian as-
19 sistance and disaster relief, counter piracy, free-
20 dom of navigation, and maritime domain aware-
21 ness missions, and to promote weapons systems
22 interoperability;

23 (D) strengthen the effectiveness of the
24 U.S.-India Defense Trade and Technology Ini-



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1 tiative and the durability of the Department of
2 Defense’s “India Rapid Reaction Cell”;

3 (E) collaborate with the Government of
4 India to develop mutually agreeable mechanisms
5 to verify the security of defense articles, defense
6 services, and related technology, such as appro-
7 priate cyber security and end use monitoring
8 arrangements, consistent with United States ex-
9 port control laws and policy;

10 (F) promote policies that will encourage
11 the efficient review and authorization of defense
12 sales and exports to India;

13 (G) encourage greater government-to-gov-
14 ernment and commercial military transactions
15 between the United States and India;

16 (H) support the development and align-
17 ment of India’s export control and procurement
18 regimes with those of the United States and
19 multilateral control regimes; and

20 (I) continue to enhance defense and secu-
21 rity cooperation with India in order to advance
22 United States interests in the South Asia and
23 greater Indo-Asia-Pacific regions.

24 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually



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1 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary
2 of State shall jointly submit to the congressional de-
3 fense committees and the Committee on Foreign Re-
4 lations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
5 Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on
6 how the United States is supporting its defense rela-
7 tionship with India in relation to the actions de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1).

9 (b) BILATERAL COORDINATION.—To enhance co-
10 operation and encourage military-to-military engagement
11 between the United States and India, the Secretary of De-
12 fense should take appropriate actions to ensure that ex-
13 changes between senior military officers and senior civilian
14 defense officials of the United States Government and the
15 Government of India—

16 (1) are at a level appropriate to enhance en-
17 gagement between the militaries of the two countries
18 for threat analysis, military doctrine, force planning,
19 mutual security interests, logistical support, intel-
20 ligence, tactics, techniques and procedures, humani-
21 tarian assistance, and disaster relief;

22 (2) include exchanges of general and flag offi-
23 cers between the two countries;

24 (3) enhance cooperative military operations, in-
25 cluding maritime security, counter-piracy, counter-



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1 terror cooperation, and domain awareness, in the
2 Indo-Asia-Pacific region;

3 (4) accelerate the development of combined
4 military planning for missions such as those identi-
5 fied in subsection (a)(1)(C) or in paragraph (1) of
6 this subsection, or other missions in the national se-
7 curity interests of both countries; and

8 (5) solicit and recognize actions and efforts by
9 India that would allow the United States to treat
10 India as a major defense partner.

11 (c) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
13 and Secretary of State shall jointly, on an ongoing
14 basis, conduct an assessment of the extent to which
15 India possesses capabilities to support and carry out
16 military operations of mutual interest to the United
17 States and India, including an assessment of the de-
18 fense export control regulations and policies that
19 need appropriate modification, in recognition of In-
20 dia's capabilities and its status as a major defense
21 partner.

22 (2) USE OF ASSESSMENT.—The President shall
23 ensure that the assessment described in paragraph
24 (1) is used, consistent with United States conven-
25 tional arms transfer policy, to inform the review by



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1 the United States of requests to export defense arti-
2 cles, defense services, or related technology to India
3 under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
4 2751 et seq.), and to inform any regulatory and pol-
5 icy adjustments that may be appropriate.