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To authorize efforts to counter the influence of the People’s Republic of  
China at the United Nations.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## 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:

9 (1) The People’s Republic of China and the  
10 Chinese Communist Party (CCP) wield increasing

1 influence at the United Nations and other inter-  
2 national and multinational organizations.

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

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

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

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

1 agency responsible for improving the safety and se-  
2 curity of international shipping and facilitation of  
3 international maritime traffic.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFORTS TO COUNTER THE INFLUENCE OF CHINA**  
5 **AT THE UNITED NATIONS.**

6 (a) REPORT.—

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

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

24 (A) A description of votes taken in the  
25 United Nations General Assembly, the United

1 Nations Security Council, and United Nations  
2 specialized agencies that aligned with China's  
3 interest and voting record.

4 (B) A description of financial contributions  
5 to the United Nations by China.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (H) A list of not less than those 15 coun-  
23 tries that are most aligned with Chinese inter-  
24 ests at the United Nations, to include through  
25 voting record and lobbying efforts.

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

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

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

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

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
17 and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
18 Senate.

19 (b) OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL STRATEGY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall  
21 establish an office to develop and implement a strat-  
22 egy to counter China at the United Nations. The  
23 Secretary may designate the Office of Multilateral  
24 Strategy at the Department of State, as in effect on  
25 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 as the office required to be established by this sub-  
2 section.

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

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

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

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

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

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