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## **COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019**

**House of Representatives,  
Committee on Foreign Affairs,**

*Washington, DC*

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:15 p.m., in Room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Eliot L. Engel presiding.

Chairman ENGEL. We are going to make this abbreviated, because I understand a vote has been called and there is liable to be a whole series of votes. So I think we are going to do this as quickly as we can, as fast as we can.

A quorum is present. Let me start by welcoming all members to this organizational meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for the 116th Congress.

We meet today to do a bunch of things, but because of the votes I propose that we quickly adopt the committee rules and professional staff member list, and then afterwards we can introduce the new chairs and ranking members as well as new committee members.

Pursuant to clause 2(a) of House rule XI, the next order of business is adoption of the committee's rules for the 116th Congress.

[The information referred to follows:]

**Rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 116th Congress**  
**(Adopted January 29, 2019)**

**1. General Provisions**

- (a) The Rules of the House of Representatives, and in particular, the committee rules enumerated in clause 2 of rule XI, are the rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (hereafter referred to as the "Committee"), to the extent applicable.
- (b) A motion to recess and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are privileged non-debatable motions in Committee.
- (c) The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs shall consult the Ranking Minority Member to the extent possible with respect to the business of the Committee. Each subcommittee of the Committee is a part of the Committee and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules, to the extent applicable.

**2. Date of Meeting**

The regular meeting date of the Committee shall be the first Tuesday of every month when the House of Representatives is in session pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XI of the House of Representatives. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman as the Chairman may deem necessary or at the request of a majority of the Members of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(c) of rule XI of the House of Representatives. The determination of the business to be considered at each meeting shall be made by the Chairman subject to clause 2(c) of rule XI of the House of Representatives. A regularly scheduled meeting need not be held if, in the judgment of the Chairman, there is no business to be considered.

**3. Quorum**

For purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence, two Members shall constitute a quorum, and the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee shall make every effort to ensure that the relevant Ranking Minority Member or another Minority Member is present at the time a hearing is convened. One-third of the Members of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any action, except: (1) reporting a measure or recommendation; (2) closing Committee meetings and hearings to the public; (3) authorizing the issuance of subpoenas; and (4) any other action for which an actual majority quorum is required by any rule of the House of Representatives or by law. No measure or recommendation shall be reported to the House of Representatives unless a majority of the Committee is actually present. No measure or recommendation shall be reported to the full Committee by a subcommittee unless half of the subcommittee is actually present. A record vote may be demanded by one-fifth of the Members present or, in the apparent absence of a quorum, by any one Member.

#### 4. Meetings and Hearings Open to the Public

##### (a) Meetings

(1) Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, of the Committee or a subcommittee shall be open to the public except when the Committee or subcommittee, in open session and with a majority present, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public, because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person or otherwise violate any labor rule of the House of Representatives. No person, other than Members of the Committee and such congressional staff and departmental representatives as the Committee or subcommittee may authorize, shall be present at any business or markup session which has been closed to the public. This subsection does not apply to open Committee hearings which are provided for by subsection (b) of this rule.

(2) The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter, or adopting an amendment. The relevant Chairman may resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time. When exercising postponement authority, the relevant Chairman shall take all reasonable steps necessary to notify Members on the resumption of proceedings on any postponed record vote. When proceedings resume on a postponed question, notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

##### (b) Hearings

(1) Each hearing conducted by the Committee or a subcommittee shall be open to the public except when the Committee or subcommittee, in open session and with a majority present, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day should be closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony—

(A) may vote to close the hearing for the sole purpose of discussing whether testimony or evidence to be received would endanger the national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or violate paragraph (2) of this subsection; or

(B) may vote to close the hearing, as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) Whenever it is asserted by a Member of the Committee that the evidence or testimony at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or it is asserted by a witness that the evidence or testimony that the witness would give at a hearing may tend

to defame, degrade, or incriminate the witness—

(A) such testimony or evidence shall be presented in executive session, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, if by a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony, the Committee or subcommittee determines that such evidence or testimony may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person; and

(B) the Committee or subcommittee shall proceed to receive such testimony in open session only if the Committee, a majority being present, determines that such evidence or testimony will not tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person.

(3) No Member of the House of Representatives may be excluded from non-participatory attendance at any hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee unless the House of Representatives has by majority vote authorized the Committee or subcommittee, for purposes of a particular series of hearings, on a particular article of legislation or on a particular subject of investigation, to close its hearings to Members by the same procedures designated in this subsection for closing hearings to the public.

(4) A Member of the House of Representatives who is not a Member of the Committee may not be recognized to participate in a Committee or Subcommittee hearing except by the unanimous consent of Committee Members present at such hearing. Participatory recognition of a non-Committee Member shall occur only after all Committee Members seeking recognition, both majority and minority, have had their opportunity to participate and question any witnesses.

(5) The Committee or a subcommittee may by the procedure designated in this subsection vote to close one (1) subsequent day of hearing.

(6) No congressional staff shall be present at any meeting or hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee that has been closed to the public, and at which classified information will be involved, unless such person is authorized access to such classified information in accordance with rule XX of the House of Representatives.

## **5. Convening Hearings and Markups**

### **(a) Hearings**

(1) Notice. Public announcement shall be made of the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted by the Committee or a subcommittee at the earliest possible date, and in any event at least one (1) week before the commencement of that hearing. If the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, with the concurrence of the relevant Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin a hearing sooner, or if the Committee or subcommittee so determines by majority vote in



the presence of the number of members required under the rules of the Committee for the taking of action, the Chairman of the full Committee, if concurring, shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. No change shall be made to a publicly announced hearing title until after consultation with the relevant Ranking Minority Member and notice to previously announced witnesses.

(2) Member Day Hearing. During the first session of each Congress, the full Committee shall hold a hearing at which it receives testimony from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction.

**(b) Markups and Other Meetings to Transact Business**

(1) Convening. The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee may call or convene, as the relevant Chairman considers necessary, meetings of the Committee or subcommittee for the consideration of a bill or resolution pending before the Committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, or for the conduct of other Committee or subcommittee business.

(2) Notice. Public announcement shall be made by the Chairman of the full Committee of the date, place, and subject matter of any markup or other meeting to conduct business at the earliest possible date, and in any event at least one (1) week before the commencement of such markup or meeting, unless the relevant Chairman determines, in consultation with the relevant Ranking Minority Member, that there is good cause to begin such a markup or meeting on an earlier date. If such determination is made, the Chairman of the full Committee, if concurring in that determination, shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date.

(3) Agenda and Texts. The relevant Chairman shall provide to all Committee or subcommittee Members an agenda for each Committee and subcommittee markup or other meeting to transact business, setting out all items of business to be considered, including whenever possible a copy of any measure scheduled for markup, at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before the meeting. Bills on subjects not listed on such agenda shall be subject to a point of order unless their consideration is agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the Committee or subcommittee, or by the Chairman of the full Committee with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member. The text of any measure to be marked up shall be made publicly available in electronic form at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the markup meeting, or at the time of an announcement under subparagraph (b)(2) made within 24 hours before such meeting.

**(c) Publication.** Public announcement of all hearings and markups shall be published in the Daily Digest portion of the Congressional Record and made publicly available in electronic form. Members shall be notified by the Staff Director of all meetings (including markups and hearings) and briefings of subcommittees and of the full Committee.

**(d) Member Seating.** During Committee and subcommittee hearings and markups, chairs on the dais are for Members. No staff member other than a Committee or subcommittee staff director, counsel, or professional staff member may occupy a chair on the dais, unless authorized by the Chairman of the full Committee, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Full Committee. Only one staff member each from the majority and the minority may occupy chairs on the dais at any time during a hearing or markup.

## 6. Witnesses

### (a) Interrogation of Witnesses

- (1) In so far as practicable, witnesses shall be permitted to present their oral statements without interruption subject to reasonable time constraints imposed by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, with questioning by the Committee Members taking place afterward. Members should refrain from questions until such statements are completed.
- (2) In recognizing Members, the relevant Chairman shall, to the extent practicable, give preference to the Members on the basis of their arrival at the hearing, taking into consideration the majority and minority ratio of the Members actually present. A Member desiring to speak or ask a question shall address the relevant Chairman and not the witness.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), each Member may interrogate the witness for 5 minutes, the reply of the witness being included in the 5-minute period. After all Members have had an opportunity to ask questions, the round shall begin again under the 5-minute rule.
- (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the relevant Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, may permit one (1) or more majority Members of the Committee designated by the relevant Chairman to question a witness for a specified period of not longer than 30 minutes. On such occasions, an equal number of minority Members of the Committee designated by the Ranking Minority Member shall be permitted to question the same witness for the same period of time. Committee staff may be permitted to question a witness for equal specified periods either with the concurrence of the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the full Committee or by motion. However, in no case may questioning by Committee staff proceed before each Member of the Committee who wishes to speak under the 5-minute rule has had one opportunity to do so.

### (b) Testimony of Witnesses

- (1) Advance Filing Requirement. Each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a subcommittee is required to file testimony with the Committee or subcommittee at least two (2) business days in advance of that appearance. For purposes of this subsection, testimony includes the written statement of a witness, as well as any video, photographs, audio-visual matter, posters, or other supporting materials that the witness intends to

present or display before the Committee. Such testimony should be provided in electronic form to the extent practicable. The Committee or subcommittee shall notify Members at least two business days in advance of a hearing of the availability of testimony submitted by witnesses. In addition, each witness shall provide sufficient copies, as determined by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, of his or her proposed written statement to be provided to Members and staff of the Committee or subcommittee, the news media, and the general public. The text of the written statement provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered final, and may not be revised by the witness after the Committee meeting at which the witness appears.

(2) **Witness Preclusion and Waiver.** The requirements of paragraph (1) or any part thereof may be waived by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, or the presiding Member, or the Ranking Member of the Committee or subcommittee as it relates to witnesses who are called by the minority to testify, provided that the witness or the relevant Chairman or Ranking Minority Member has submitted, prior to the witness's appearance, a written explanation to the reasons testimony has not been made available to the Committee or subcommittee. If a witness who is not an official of the U.S. Government has not submitted testimony as required by paragraph (1) and no such written explanation has been submitted, the witness shall be released from testifying unless a majority of the Committee or subcommittee votes to accept his or her testimony.

(3) **Remote Witness Participation.** The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee shall promptly, and not later than 48 hours beforehand if possible, notify the relevant Ranking Member of any witness who is likely to present testimony other than in person, such as by videoconference. A witness may not testify via telephone or other audio-only medium without the concurrence of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee or subcommittee. The relevant Chairman shall make reasonable efforts to verify the identity of any witness participating remotely.

(4) **'Truth In Testimony' Disclosure.** In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall, to the extent practicable, include: a curriculum vitae; a disclosure of the amount and source of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof), or of any contract or payment originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness, to the extent that such information is relevant to the subject matter of, and the witness' representational capacity at, the hearing; a disclosure of whether the witness is negotiating or awaiting approval to receive a contract with or payment from a foreign government; and a disclosure of whether the witness is an active registrant under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy, safety, or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

(5) **Witness Presentation.** A witness shall limit his or her oral presentation to a brief summary of his or her written statement.

(6) Translation. A witness requiring an interpreter or translator should include in the testimony provided pursuant to paragraph (1) the identity of the interpreter or translator that the witness intends to use. Unless properly noticed as a separate witness, an interpreter or translator appearing before the Committee should not present views or statements other than those expressed by the witness.

(c) **Oaths.** The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee, or any Member of the Committee designated by the relevant Chairman, may administer oaths to any witness appearing before the Committee.

#### **7. Preparation and Maintenance of Committee Records**

An accurate stenographic record shall be made of all hearings and markup sessions. Members of the Committee and any witness may examine the transcript of his or her own remarks and may make any grammatical or technical changes that do not substantively alter the record. Any such Member or witness shall return the transcript to the Committee offices within seven (7) calendar days (not including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) after receipt of the transcript, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Any information supplied for the record at the request of a Member of the Committee shall be provided to the Member when received by the Committee.

Transcripts of hearings and markup sessions (except for the record of a meeting or hearing which is closed to the public) shall be printed as soon as is practicable after receipt of the corrected versions, except that the Chairman may order the transcript of a hearing to be printed without the corrections of a Member or witness if the Chairman determines that such Member or witness has been afforded a reasonable time to correct such transcript and such transcript has not been returned within such time.

The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with rule VII of the House of Representatives. The Chairman shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on the written request of any Member of the Committee.

The Committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible, make its publications available in electronic form, including official prints of hearings and markups sessions.

#### **8. Extraneous Materials in Committee Hearings Prints**

No extraneous material shall be printed in either the body or appendices of any Committee or subcommittee hearing, except matter which has been accepted for inclusion in the record during the hearing or by agreement of the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or subcommittee within five (5) calendar days of

the hearing. Copies of bills and other legislation under consideration and responses to written questions submitted by Members shall not be considered extraneous material.

Extraneous material in either the body or appendices of any hearing to be printed which would be in excess of eight (8) printed pages (for any one submission) shall be accompanied by a written request to the relevant Chairman. Such written request shall contain an estimate in writing from the Public Printer of the probable cost of publishing such material.

#### **9. Information on Committee Action**

**(a) Record Votes.** The result of each record vote in any meeting of the Committee outside of executive session shall be made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote. Such result shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, the name of each Member voting for and against, and the Members present but not voting.

**(b) Adopted Amendments.** Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to a measure or matter considered by the Committee, the text of each such amendment shall be made publicly available in electronic form.

**(c) Hearing and Markup Attendance.** Member attendance at each Committee hearing and markup shall be recorded and included in the Committee print of the transcript of that hearing or markup.

#### **10. Proxies**

Proxy voting is not permitted in the Committee or in subcommittees.

#### **11. Reports**

**(a) Reports on Bills and Resolutions.** To the extent practicable, not later than 24 hours before a report is to be filed with the Clerk of the House on a measure that has been ordered reported by the Committee, the Chairman shall make available for inspection by all Members of the Committee a copy of the draft Committee report in order to afford Members adequate information and the opportunity to draft and file any supplemental, minority or additional views which they may deem appropriate.

With respect to each record vote on a motion to report any measure or matter of a public character, and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of those Members voting for and against, shall be included in any Committee report on the measure or matter.

**(b) Prior Approval of Certain Reports.** No Committee, subcommittee, or staff report, study, or other document which purports to express publicly the views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations of the Committee or a subcommittee may be released to the public or filed

with the Clerk of the House unless approved by a majority of the Committee or subcommittee, as appropriate. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to Members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day). In any case in which clause 2(l) of rule XI and clause 3(a)(1) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives does not apply, each Member of the Committee or subcommittee shall be given an opportunity to have views or a disclaimer included as part of the material filed or released, as the case may be.

**(c) Foreign Travel Reports.** At the same time that the report required by clause 8(b)(3) of rule X of the House of Representatives, regarding foreign travel reports, is submitted to the Chairman, Members and employees of the Committee shall provide a report to the Chairman listing all official meetings, interviews, inspection tours and other official functions in which the individual participated, by country and date. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Chairman may waive the listing in such report of an official meeting, interview, inspection tour, or other official function. The report shall be maintained in the Committee offices and shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no Member or employee of the Committee will be authorized for additional Committee travel until the reports described in this subsection have been submitted to the Chairman for that person's prior Committee travel.

## 12. Reporting Bills and Resolutions

Except in extraordinary circumstances, bills and resolutions will not be considered by the Committee unless and until the appropriate subcommittee has recommended the bill or resolution for Committee action, and will not be taken to the House of Representatives for action unless and until the Committee or a relevant subcommittee has ordered reported such bill or resolution, a quorum being present.

Except in extraordinary circumstances, a bill or resolution originating in the House of Representatives that contains exclusively findings and policy declarations or expressions of the sense of the House of Representatives or the sense of the Congress shall not be considered by the Committee or a subcommittee unless such bill or resolution has at least 25 House co-sponsors, at least 10 of whom are Members of the Committee.

For purposes of this rule, extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member and such other Members of the Committee as the Chairman deems appropriate.

The Committee or a subcommittee shall not consider a bill or resolution originating in the House of Representatives that expresses appreciation, commends, congratulates, celebrates, recognizes the accomplishments of, or celebrates the anniversary of, an entity, event, group, individual, institution, team, or government program, or that acknowledges or recognizes a period of time for such purposes, except in circumstances determined by the Chairman with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member.

The Chairman is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of rule XXII of the Rules of the House

whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

### 13. Staff Services

The Committee staff shall be selected and organized so that it can provide a comprehensive range of professional services in the field of foreign affairs to the Committee, the subcommittees, and all its Members. The staff shall include persons with training and experience in foreign affairs, making available to the Committee individuals with knowledge of major countries, areas, and U.S. overseas programs and operations.

Subject to clause 9 of rule X of the House of Representatives, the staff of the Committee, except as provided in paragraph (c), shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Chairman with the approval of the majority of the Members in the majority party of the Committee. Their remuneration shall be fixed by the Chairman, and they shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman. Staff assignments are to be authorized by the Chairman or by the Staff Director under the direction of the Chairman.

Subject to clause 9 of rule X of the House of Representatives, the staff of the Committee assigned to the minority shall be appointed, their remuneration determined, and may be removed, by the Ranking Minority Member with the approval of the majority of the minority party Members of the Committee. Such staff shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Ranking Minority Member with the approval or consultation of the minority Members of the Committee.

The Chairman shall ensure that sufficient staff is made available to each subcommittee to carry out its responsibilities under the rules of the Committee. The Chairman shall ensure that the minority party is fairly treated in the appointment of such staff.

### 14. Number and Jurisdiction of Subcommittees

**(a) Full Committee.** The full Committee will be responsible for oversight and legislation relating to: foreign assistance (including development assistance, Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Account, HIV/AIDS in foreign countries, security assistance, and Public Law 480 programs abroad); national security developments affecting foreign policy; strategic planning and agreements; war powers, treaties, executive agreements, and the deployment and use of United States Armed Forces; peacekeeping, peace enforcement, and enforcement of United Nations or other international sanctions; arms control and disarmament issues; the International Development Finance Corporation, the United States Agency for International Development; activities and policies of the State, Commerce, and Defense Departments and other agencies related to the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign assistance Act, including export and licensing policy for munitions items and technology and dual-use equipment and technology; international law; promotion of democracy; international law enforcement issues, including narcotics control programs and activities; international cyber issues; U.S. Agency for Global Media; embassy security; international broadcasting; public

diplomacy, including international communication and information policy, and international education and exchange programs; and all other matters not specifically assigned to a subcommittee. The full Committee will have jurisdiction over legislation with respect to the administration of the Export Administration Act, including the export and licensing of dual-use equipment and technology and other matters related to international economic policy and trade not otherwise assigned to a subcommittee, and with respect to the United Nations, its affiliated agencies, and other international organizations, including assessed and voluntary contributions to such organizations. The full Committee may conduct oversight and investigations with respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee as defined in the Rules of the House of Representatives.

**(b) Subcommittees.** There shall be six (6) standing subcommittees. The names and jurisdiction of those subcommittees shall be as follows:

- Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations
- Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation
- Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment
- Middle East, North Africa and International Terrorism
- Oversight and Investigations
- Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security and Trade

The subcommittees shall have jurisdiction over the following within their respective regions:

- (1) Matters affecting the political relations between the United States and other countries and regions, including resolutions or other legislative measures directed to such relations.
- (2) Legislation and oversight regarding human rights practices in particular countries.
- (3) Legislation with respect to region- or country-specific loans or other financial relations outside the Foreign Assistance Act.
- (4) Legislation with respect to disaster assistance outside the Foreign Assistance Act, boundary issues, and international claims.
- (5) Oversight of regional lending institutions.
- (6) Oversight of matters related to the regional activities of the United Nations, of its affiliated agencies, and of other multilateral institutions.



- (7) Identification and development of options for meeting future challenges relating to U.S. interests in the region including terrorism and cyber issues.
- (8) Oversight of base rights and other facilities access agreements and regional security pacts.
- (9) Concurrent oversight jurisdiction with respect to matters assigned to the other subcommittees insofar as they may affect the region.
- (10) Oversight of foreign assistance activities affecting the region.
- (11) Such other matters as the Chairman of the full Committee may determine.

*The Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations:* In addition to its regional jurisdiction, oversight of: international health issues, including transboundary infectious diseases, maternal health and child survival, and programs related to the global ability to address health issues; population issues; the United Nations and its affiliated agencies (excluding peacekeeping and enforcement of United Nations or other international sanctions); the American Red Cross; and the Peace Corps. In addition, legislation and oversight pertaining to: implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; other matters relating to internationally recognized human rights, including legislation aimed at the promotion of human rights and democracy generally; and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and related issues.

*The Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation:* In addition to its regional jurisdiction, oversight of: nonproliferation matters involving nuclear, chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction.

*The Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment:* In addition to its regional jurisdiction, oversight of: global energy trends; energy security, responses to energy crises and challenges; international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; development of renewable energy technologies; promotion of transparency and good governance in the global energy sector; universal access to uninterrupted and affordable energy; environmental conservation and wildlife protection.

*The Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa and International Terrorism:* In addition to its regional jurisdiction, oversight of: international terrorist threats, United States' efforts to manage and coordinate international programs to prevent and combat terrorism as coordinated by the Department of State and other agencies, and efforts to bring international terrorists to justice.

*The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations:* With the concurrence of the Chairman of the full Committee, oversight and investigations of all matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

*The Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security and Trade:* In addition to its regional jurisdiction, oversight of: matters relating to international economic and trade policy;

commerce with foreign countries; international investment policy; the International Development Finance Corporation and Trade and Development Agency; commodity agreements; and special oversight of international financial and monetary institutions; the Export-Import Bank, and customs; civilian security, including transnational organized crime and preventing violence by state or non-state actors. With the concurrence of the Chairman of the full Committee, legislative jurisdiction over measures related to export promotion and measures related to the International Development Finance Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency.

#### 15. Powers and Duties of Subcommittees

**(a) In General.** Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the full Committee on all matters referred to it.

**(b) Scheduling.** Subcommittee chairmen shall set meeting dates after consultation with the Chairman, other subcommittee chairmen, the relevant Ranking Minority Member and other appropriate Members, with a view toward minimizing scheduling conflicts. Subcommittee meetings shall not be scheduled to occur simultaneously with meetings of the full Committee. Hearings shall not be scheduled to occur prior to the first vote or subsequent to the last vote of a legislative week, or outside of Washington, D.C., without prior consultation with the relevant Ranking Minority Member. In order to ensure orderly administration and fair assignment of hearing and meeting rooms, the subject, time, and location of hearings and meetings shall be arranged in advance with the Chairman through the Staff Director of the Committee.

**(c) Vice Chairmen.** The Chairman of the Full Committee shall designate a Member of the majority party on each subcommittee as its vice chairman.

**(d) Participation.** The Chairman of the full Committee and the Ranking Minority Member may attend the meetings and participate in the activities of all subcommittees of which they are not Members, except that they may not vote or be counted for a quorum in such subcommittees.

**(e) Required Oversight Hearings.** During each 180-day period following organization of the Committee, each subcommittee shall hold at least one hearing on oversight of U.S. Government Activities.

#### 16. Referral of Bills by Chairman

In accordance with rule 14 of the Committee and to the extent practicable, all legislation and other matters referred to the Committee shall be referred by the Chairman to a subcommittee of primary jurisdiction within two (2) weeks. In accordance with rule 14 of the Committee, legislation may also be referred to additional subcommittees for consideration. Unless otherwise directed by the Chairman, such subcommittees shall act on or be discharged from consideration of legislation that has been approved by the subcommittee of primary jurisdiction within two (2) weeks of such action. In referring any legislation to a subcommittee, the Chairman may specify a date by which the subcommittee shall report thereon to the full Committee.

Subcommittees with regional jurisdiction shall have joint jurisdiction with the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations over legislation regarding human rights practices in particular countries within their regions.

The Chairman may designate a subcommittee Chairman or other Member to take responsibility as manager of a bill or resolution during its consideration in the House of Representatives.

#### **17. Party Ratios on Subcommittees and Conference Committees**

The majority party caucus of the Committee shall determine an appropriate ratio of majority to minority party Members for each subcommittee. Party representation on each subcommittee or conference committee shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the full Committee. The Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member are authorized to negotiate matters affecting such ratios including the size of subcommittees and conference committees.

#### **18. Subcommittee Funding and Records**

Each subcommittee shall have adequate funds to discharge its responsibility for legislation and oversight.

In order to facilitate Committee compliance with clause 2(e)(1) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, each subcommittee shall keep a complete record of all subcommittee actions which shall include a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded. The result of each record vote shall be promptly made available to the full Committee for inspection by the public in accordance with rule 9 of the Committee.

All subcommittee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be kept distinct from the congressional office records of the Member serving as Chairman of the subcommittee. Subcommittee records shall be coordinated with the records of the full Committee, shall be the property of the House, and all Members of the House shall have access thereto.

#### **19. Meetings of Subcommittee Chairmen**

The Chairman shall call a meeting of the subcommittee chairmen on a regular basis not less frequently than once a month. Such a meeting need not be held if there is no business to conduct. It shall be the practice at such meetings to review the current agenda and activities of each of the subcommittees.

#### **20. Access to Classified Information**

**(a) Authorized Persons.** In accordance with the stipulations of the Rules of the House of Representatives, all Members of the House who have executed the oath required by clause 13 of rule XXIII of the House of Representatives shall be authorized to have access to classified

information within the possession of the Committee.

Members of the Committee staff shall be considered authorized to have access to classified information within the possession of the Committee when they have the proper security clearances, when they have executed the oath required by clause 13 of rule XXIII of the House of Representatives, and when they have a demonstrable need to know. The decision on whether a given staff member has a need to know will be made on the following basis:

- (1) In the case of the full Committee majority staff, by the Chairman, acting through the Staff Director;
- (2) In the case of the full Committee minority staff, by the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, acting through the Minority Staff Director;
- (3) In the case of subcommittee majority staff, by the chairman of the subcommittee;
- (4) In the case of the subcommittee minority staff, by the Ranking Minority Member of the subcommittee.

No other individuals shall be considered authorized persons, unless so designated by the Chairman of the full Committee.

**(b) Designated Persons.** Each Committee Member is permitted to designate one member of his or her staff as having the right of access to information classified Confidential. Such designated persons must have the proper security clearance, have executed the oath required by clause 13 of rule XXIII of the House of Representatives, and have a need to know as determined by his or her principal. Upon request of a Committee Member in specific instances, a designated person also shall be permitted access to information classified Top Secret which has been furnished to the Committee pursuant to section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. Upon the written request of a Committee Member and with the approval of the Chairman in specific instances, a designated person may be permitted access to other classified materials. Designation of a staff person shall be by letter from the Committee Member to the Chairman.

**(c) Location.** Classified information will be stored in secure safes in the Office of the Security Officer and in the Office of the Minority Staff Director. All materials classified Top Secret or higher must be stored in a Secure Compartmentalized Information Facility (SCIF).

**(d) Handling.** Materials classified Confidential or Secret may be taken from Committee offices to other Committee offices and hearing rooms by Members of the Committee and authorized Committee staff in connection with hearings and briefings of the Committee or its subcommittees for which such information is deemed to be essential. Removal of such information from the Committee offices shall be only with the permission of the Chairman under procedures designed to ensure the safe handling and storage of such information at all times. Except as provided in this paragraph, Top Secret materials may not be taken from approved storage areas for any purpose, except that such materials may be taken to hearings and other meetings that are being conducted at the Top Secret level when necessary. Materials classified

Top Secret may otherwise be used under conditions approved by the Chairman after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

**(e) Notice.** Appropriate notice of the receipt of classified documents received by the Committee from the Executive Branch will be sent promptly to Committee Members through the Survey of Activities or by other means.

**(f) Access.** Except as provided for above, access to materials classified Top Secret or otherwise restricted held by the Committee will be in approved Committee spaces. The following procedures will be observed:

- (1) Authorized persons will be permitted access to classified documents after inquiring of the Staff Director or an assigned staff member. Access to the SCIF will be afforded during regular Committee hours.
- (2) Authorized persons will be required to identify themselves, to identify the documents or information they wish to view, and to sign the Classified Materials Log, which is kept with the classified information.
- (3) The assigned staff member will be responsible for maintaining a log which identifies: (1) authorized persons seeking access, (2) the classified information requested, and (3) the time of arrival and departure of such persons. The assigned staff member will also assure that the classified materials are returned to the proper location.

**(g) Divulgence.** Classified information provided to the Committee by the Executive Branch shall be handled in accordance with the procedures that apply within the Executive Branch for the protection of such information. Any classified information to which access has been gained through the Committee may not be divulged to any unauthorized person. Classified material shall not be photocopied or otherwise reproduced. In no event shall classified information be discussed in a non-secure environment. Apparent violations of this rule should be reported as promptly as possible to the Chairman for appropriate action.

**(h) Other Regulations.** The Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may establish such additional regulations and procedures as in his judgment may be necessary to safeguard classified information under the control of the Committee. Members of the Committee will be given notice of any such regulations and procedures promptly. They may be modified or waived in any or all particulars by a majority vote of the full Committee.

## 21. Broadcasting of Committee Hearings and Meetings

All Committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings which are open to the public may be covered, in whole or in part, by television broadcast, radio broadcast, and still photography, or by any such methods of coverage in accordance with the provisions of clause 3 of House rule XI.

The Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee shall determine, in his or her discretion, the number of television and still cameras permitted in a hearing or meeting room, but shall not limit the number of television or still cameras to fewer than two (2) representatives from each

medium.

Such coverage shall be in accordance with the following requirements contained in section 116(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, and clause 4 of XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

- (a) If the television, Internet or radio coverage of the hearing or meeting is to be presented to the public as live coverage, that coverage shall be conducted and presented without commercial sponsorship.
- (b) No witness served with a subpoena by the Committee shall be required against his will to be photographed at any hearing or to give evidence or testimony while the broadcasting of that hearing, by radio or television is being conducted. At the request of any such witness who does not wish to be subjected to radio, television, Internet or still photography coverage, all lenses shall be covered and all microphones used for coverage turned off. This subparagraph is supplementary to clause 2(k)(5) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives relating to the protection of the rights of witnesses.
- (c) The allocation among cameras permitted by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee in a hearing room shall be in accordance with fair and equitable procedures devised by the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.
- (d) Television cameras shall be placed so as not to obstruct in any way the space between any witness giving evidence or testimony and Member of the Committee or its subcommittees or the visibility of that witness and that Member to each other.
- (e) Television cameras shall operate from fixed positions but shall not be placed in positions which obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing by the other media.
- (f) Equipment necessary for coverage by the television and radio media shall not be installed in, or removed from, the hearing or meeting room while the Committee or subcommittee is in session.
- (g) Floodlights, spotlights, strobe lights, and flashguns shall not be used in providing any method of coverage of the hearing or meeting, except that the television media may install additional lighting in the hearing room, without cost to the Government, in order to raise the ambient lighting level in the hearing room to the lowest level necessary to provide adequate television coverage of the hearing or meeting at the current state-of-the-art level of television coverage.
- (h) In the allocation of the number of still photographers permitted by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee in a hearing or meeting room, preference shall be given to photographers from Associated Press Photos, United Press International News pictures, and Reuters. If requests are made by more of the media than will be permitted by the Chairman of the full Committee or a subcommittee for coverage of the hearing or

meeting by still photography, that coverage shall be made on the basis of a fair and equitable pool arrangement devised by the Standing Committee of Press Photographers.

(i) Photographers shall not position themselves, at any time during the course of the hearing or meeting, between the witness table and the Members of the Committee or its subcommittees.

(j) Photographers shall not place themselves in positions which obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing by the other media.

(k) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media shall be currently accredited to the Radio and Television Correspondents' Galleries.

(l) Personnel providing coverage by still photography shall be currently accredited to the Press Photographers' Gallery Committee of Press Photographers.

(m) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media and by still photography shall conduct themselves and their coverage activities in an orderly and unobtrusive manner.

## **22. Subpoena Powers**

A subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Chairman, in accordance with clause 2(m) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities within the jurisdiction of the Committee, following consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

In addition, a subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee or its subcommittees in accordance with clause 2(m) of rule XI of the House of the Representatives, in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities, when authorized by a majority of the Members voting, a majority of the Committee or subcommittee being present.

Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman or by any Member designated by the Committee.

## **23. Recommendation for Appointment of Conferees**

Whenever the Speaker is to appoint a conference committee, the Chairman shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees those Members of the Committee who are primarily responsible for the legislation (including to the full extent practicable the principal proponents of the major provisions of the bill as it passed the House), who have actively participated in the Committee or subcommittee consideration of the legislation, and who agree to attend the meetings of the conference. With regard to the appointment of minority Members, the Chairman shall consult

with the Ranking Minority Member.

#### **24. General Oversight**

Not later than March 1 of the first session of a Congress, the Chairman shall prepare, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, an oversight plan for that Congress; provide a copy of that plan to each member of the Committee for at least seven calendar days before its submission; and submit the plan (including any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views submitted by a member of the Committee) simultaneously to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on House Administration, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of rule X of the House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of clause 2(n) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, the Committee or a subcommittee thereof shall hold at least one hearing during each 120-day period following its establishment on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in programs within its jurisdiction, as documented in reports received from a Federal Office of the Inspector General or the Comptroller General of the United States that have been provided to the Ranking Minority Member prior to the notice of the hearing pursuant to Committee rule 5.

#### **25. Other Procedures and Regulations**

The Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee. Any additional procedures or regulations may be modified or rescinded in any or all particulars by a majority vote of the full Committee.



Chairman ENGEL. A copy of the proposed rules has been distributed to each of you in advance.

The changes from the last Congress are relatively minor. We made some adjustments to the jurisdiction of the subcommittees, some additions to ensure that our rules conform to the House rules, and some changes to enhance transparency and oversight.

The proposed rules are a bipartisan product, and I thank Mr. McCaul for working with me on this package. I would like to give Mr. McCaul a chance to make any statement he may wish on the rules.

Mr. MCCAUL. We are fully in support of the rules package, and it is my understanding that we will vote on that first and then make opening statements and introduce the new members.

Chairman ENGEL. Does any member wish to be recognized?

If not, I move that the proposed rules be adopted as the rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 116th Congress.

All in favor, say aye.

Those opposed, say no.

The ayes have it, and the proposed rules are adopted.

Without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid on the table and staff are authorized to make technical and conforming changes to the rules.

The next order of business is to adopt the list of committee professional staff members, as required by House rules.

[The information referred to follows:]

**House Foreign Affairs Committee Professional Staff***Democratic Staff*

1. Jason Steinbaum	Staff Director
2. Doug Campbell	Deputy Staff Director
3. Janice Kaguyutan	Chief Counsel
4. Eric Jacobstein	Senior Policy Advisor
5. Tim Mulvey	Communications Director
6. Ed Rice	Senior Professional Staff Member
7. Sajit Gandhi	Senior Professional Staff Member
8. Mira Resnick	Senior Professional Staff Member
9. Jennifer Hendrixson-White	Senior Professional Staff Member
10. Lesley Warner	Senior Professional Staff Member
11. Jacqueline Ramos	Senior Professional Staff Member
12. Laura Carey	Senior Professional Staff Member
13. Mark Iozzi	Deputy Chief Counsel
14. Jaclyn Cahan	Counsel
15. Rachel Levitan	Deputy Communications Director
16. Samantha Stiles	Director of Committee Operations
17. Theresa Lou	Policy Analyst
18. Taylor Redick	Policy Analyst
19. Peter Billerbeck	Policy Analyst
20. Jacqueline Colvett	Digital Communications Manager

*Republican Staff*

1. Brendan Shields	Staff Director
2. Laura Fullerton	Deputy Staff Director
3. Doug Anderson	General Counsel
4. Jenny Gorski	Director of Operations and Parliamentarian
5. Claire Duval	Member Services and Coalitions Director
6. Grant Mullins	Senior Counsel
7. Andy Taylor	Chief Economic Advisor
8. Gabriella Zach	Senior Professional Staff Member
9. John Stapleton	Senior Professional Staff Member
10. Bryan Burack	Professional Staff Member and Counsel

Chairman ENGEL. You have in your folders the list of staff.

We are very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated staff on both sides of the aisle. In particular, I would like to recognize my staff director, Jason Steinbaum, who most of you know, and the ranking member's staff director, Brendan Shields.

Without objection, I move that the committee staff list be adopted.

OK. So moved.

Thank you, Mr. McCaul, and thank you to all our committee members.

Let me yield to Mr. McCaul for any remarks he may wish to make.

Mr. MCCAUL. Thank you, Chairman Engel. It is a great honor to serve alongside of you as the lead Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

This is a historic committee that deals with serious issues of war and peace. It dates back to the Continental Congress, where Benjamin Franklin served as its first chairman.

In the next 2 years, America will be met with many international challenges. Some of these problems are very familiar; others have yet to materialize. As we sit here today, we are seeing in real-time the fight for the future of Venezuela. I know all of you hope there is a peaceful transition of power and that democracy triumphs over tyranny.

As we confront these challenges, it will be important for all of us to work together to put forward the best solutions. As I have always said and always heard Chairman Engel say many times, partisanship must end at the water's edge. This committee has enormous responsibilities, and I look forward to showing the American people that both parties can unite to do what is best for our country.

Some of my priorities are to confront our adversaries by taking real steps to counter China and Russia and increase pressure on Iran and North Korea; bolster engagement with our allies, including NATO and Israel; enhance our presence and leadership around the world; expand market access for American business abroad; reform and streamline the State Department, with its first comprehensive reauthorization since 2002, and modernize our foreign aid programs; secure America by combating human trafficking, transnational organized crime, gangs, and drug cartels, in addition to enhancing cybersecurity and counterterrorism measures around the globe; ensure the American Government is doing all we can to tackle childhood cancer in the developing worlds, especially in Africa.

There will be times we may not see eye to eye, but in those instances I look forward to having a respectful and civil debate.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize my subcommittee ranking members and introduce new Republican members of the committee.

First, the vice ranking member, Representative Ann Wagner, former Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Congratulations, Ann.

Next, on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights, and International Organizations, Representative Chris Smith, who has served in Congress for 38 years as a champion of human rights.

Next, Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, Representative Ted Yoho, who has become a real leader and a real expert in this area and this region.

Next, Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, Representative Adam Kinzinger, an Air Force veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Next, Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, Representative Joe Wilson, an Army veteran, father of four sons who have served our country in the military, and one of the nicest guys you will meet in Congress.

Next, Oversight and Investigations, Representative Lee Zeldin, a former attorney who served in Iraq and continues to serve in the Army Reserves today.

And then finally, Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, Representative Francis Rooney, former Ambassador to the Holy See.

The new Republican members joining our team are: Ken Buck from Colorado, former prosecutor with the Department of Justice, served as chief for the Criminal Division in the U.S. Attorney's Office; Tim Burchett from Tennessee, former mayor of Knox County and served 16 years in the State legislature; Michael Guest from Mississippi, a former district attorney; Greg Pence—I think we all know his last name very well—from Indiana, a former Marine and businessman; and Guy Reschenthaler from Pennsylvania, a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the JAG Corps in Iraq, he also served as a district judge in the Pennsylvania legislature; Steve Watkins from Kansas, a graduate of West Point, MIT, and Harvard, combat veteran who served in Afghanistan; and, last, Ron Wright from my home State of Texas, who has been involved in politics for 30 years and worked with Congressman Joe Barton, my dear friend.

I want to congratulate all of you. I am delighted at the experience we have, particularly the military and veteran experience and prosecutorial experience in foreign policy. I know everyone is ready to get to work.

And, with that, Mr. Chairman, let me say what an honor it is to serve with you, and, above all, I will cherish our friendship.

With that, I yield back.

Chairman ENGEL. Thank you very much, Mr. McCaul.

Let me just say at the outset, those of you who have been on the committee for the past several years know that Chairman Royce and myself had an extraordinary relationship. We always said that politics should stop at the water's edge when it comes to foreign policy, and we conducted ourselves that way. I believe that the same thing will be true of Mr. McCaul and myself.

I want to just say that, while people may have differences of opinion, we can do it in a respectful way and even find out that maybe with a little bit of tweaking here and there we could actually agree on most of the things.

I would hope that the traditions from the past 6 years on the Foreign Affairs Committee will continue with myself and Mr. McCaul as leaders of the committee.

I am very honored to serve as chairman of this very important committee, and I hope to continue our longstanding tradition of bipartisan cooperation to advance American interests around the world. And previous chairmen from both parties have been fair, transparent, and inclusive, and my commitment is that I will follow in their footsteps.

The committee will do good work. It will not shirk its responsibilities. We will conduct thorough oversight of the agencies, programs, and policies under our jurisdiction. That is our constitutional obligation. It is what the American people expect us to do.

There will be times when we disagree on policy matters, and that is what democracy is all about, but those disagreements should not descend into personal animosity. And, as I said, I look forward to working with Mr. McCaul to set a positive tone and make sure the voices of all of our members, Democrats and Republicans alike, are heard.

I would like to now take a moment to introduce our subcommittee chairs and the new Democratic members of the committee.

First, the chairs: Brad Sherman will serve as chair of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation. Albio Sires will serve as chair of the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade. Ted Deutch will serve as chair of the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism. Karen Bass will serve as the chair of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations. Bill Keating will serve as chair of the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment. And Ami Bera will serve as chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

The vice chair is Joaquin Castro. He is a valuable member of the committee and will be a great vice chair. I look forward to working with him.

Now our new Democratic members.

First, we have Susan Wild, who won a special election to serve the remaining 2 months of the 115th Congress in the 15th District of Pennsylvania and now represents the new Seventh District. Previously, she served as the Allentown city solicitor.

Next, we have Dean Phillips, a newly elected Member representing the Third District of Minnesota. He was a businessman before coming to Congress.

Next, we have another newly elected Minnesotan, Ilhan Omar, who represents that State's Fifth District. Prior to joining us on Capitol Hill, she was the assistant minority leader in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Next, we have Colin Allred, a newly elected Member representing the 32d District of Texas. Previously, he served at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and played professional football. We can challenge some of the other committees on that.

He is followed by Andy Levin, a newly elected Member representing Michigan's Ninth District. Before coming to Congress, he was a union organizer, human rights activist, and green energy entrepreneur.

Next, is Abigail Spanberger. She is a newly elected Member representing the Seventh District of Virginia and previously served as a CIA case officer.

She is followed by Chrissy Houlahan, a newly elected Member representing Pennsylvania's Sixth District. She is an Air Force veteran, engineer, entrepreneur, and educator.

Next, we have Tom Malinowski, another first term Member, who represents the Seventh District of New Jersey. Previously, he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, on the staff of the National Security Council, and worked at Human Rights Watch.

Next, is David Trone, a newly elected Member representing Maryland's Sixth District. Previously, he worked at his family business, a well-known retailer of fine wine and other beverages.

He is followed by Jim Costa, who is in his seventh term representing the 16th District of California. He previously served on this committee, and we are very happy to welcome him back.

And next, we welcome another Californian, Juan Vargas, who is now in his fourth term, representing the Golden State's 51st District of California. Like Jim Costa, he is also returning to the committee.

Last but not least, we have Vicente Gonzalez, now serving his second term representing the 15th District of Texas.

[The information referred to follows:]

*Rep. Joaquin Castro, Vice Chair, Committee on Foreign Affairs*

*Rep. Ann Wagner, Vice Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs*

**Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations**

*Rep. Karen Bass, Chair*

Rep. Chris Smith, Ranking Member

Rep. Susan Wild

Rep. Dean Phillips

Rep. Ilhan Omar

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner

Rep. Ron Wright

Rep. Tim Burchett

**Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation**

*Rep. Brad Sherman, Chair*

Rep. Ted Yoho, Ranking Member

Rep. Dina Titus

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

Rep. Gerald Connolly

Rep. Ami Bera

Rep. Andy Levin

Rep. Abigail Spanberger

Rep. Scott Perry

Rep. Ann Wagner

Rep. Brian Mast

Rep. John Curtis

**Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment**

*Rep. William Keating, Chair*

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, Ranking Member

Rep. Abigail Spanberger

Rep. Gregory Meeks

Rep. Albio Sires

Rep. Theodore Deutch

Rep. David Cicilline

Rep. Joaquin Castro

Rep. Dina Titus

Rep. Susan Wild

Rep. David Trone

Rep. Jim Costa

Rep. Vicente Gonzalez

Rep. Joe Wilson

Rep. Ann Wagner

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner

Rep. Francis Rooney

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

Rep. Greg Pence



Rep. Ron Wright

Rep. Mike Guest

Rep. Tim Burchett

**Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism**

*Rep. Theodore Deutch, Chair*

Rep. Joe Wilson, Ranking Member

Rep. Gerald Connolly

Rep. David Cicilline

Rep. Ted Lieu

Rep. Colin Allred

Rep. Tom Malinowski

Rep. David Trone

Rep. Brad Sherman

Rep. William Keating

Rep. Juan Vargas

Rep. Steve Chabot

Rep. Adam Kinzinger

Rep. Lee Zeldin

Rep. Brian Mast

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick

Rep. Guy Reschenthaler

Rep. Steve Watkins

**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**

*Rep. Ami Bera, Chair*

Rep. Lee Zeldin, Ranking Member

Rep. Ilhan Omar

Rep. Adriano Espaillat

Rep. Ted Lieu

Rep. Tom Malinowski

Rep. David Cicilline

Rep. Scott Perry

Rep. Ken Buck

Rep. Guy Reschenhaler

**Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade**

*Rep. Albio Sires, Chair*

Rep. Francis Rooney, Ranking Member

Rep. Gregory Meeks

Rep. Joaquin Castro

Rep. Adriano Espaillat

Rep. Dean Phillips

Rep. Andy Levin

Rep. Vicente Gonzalez

Rep. Juan Vargas

Rep. Chris Smith

Rep. Ted Yoho

Rep. John Curtis

Rep. Ken Buck

Rep. Mike Guest

Chairman ENGEL. And now we are done, and we have to go and vote. So I want to thank everybody. We will see you on the floor. The committee is adjourned.  
[Whereupon, at 2:28 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]

## APPENDIX

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**FULL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**  
**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0128

**Eliot L. Engel (D-NY), Chairman**

January 29, 2019

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

You are respectfully requested to attend an OPEN meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to be held in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building (and available live via the Committee website at <https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/>):

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**SUBJECT:** Committee Organizational Meeting

**By Direction of the Chairman**

*The Committee on Foreign Affairs seeks to make its facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are in need of special accommodations, please call (202)225-5021 at least four business days in advance of the event, whenever practicable. Questions with regard to special accommodations in general (including availability of Committee materials in alternative formats and assistive listening devices) may be directed to the Committee.*

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
MINUTES OF FULL COMMITTEE HEARING

Day Tuesday Date January 29, 2019 Room 2172

Starting Time 2:15 p.m. Ending Time 2:28 p.m.

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Presiding Member(s)

*Chairman Eliot L. Engel*

Check all of the following that apply:

Open Session ☒

Executive (closed) Session ☐

Televised ☒

Electronically Recorded (taped) ☒

Stenographic Record ☒

TITLE OF HEARING:

*Organizational Meeting*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

*See attached.*

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

HEARING WITNESSES: Same as meeting notice attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

*(If "no", please list below and include title, agency, department, or organization.)*

STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD: *(List any statements submitted for the record.)*

TIME SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE \_\_\_\_\_

or

TIME ADJOURNED 2:28 p.m.

*Evan Burzy*  
Full Committee Hearing Coordinator

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
*FULL COMMITTEE HEARING*

<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>MEMBER</i>
X	Eliot L. Engel, NY
X	Brad Sherman, CA
X	Gregory W. Meeks, NY
X	Albio Sires, NJ
X	Gerald E. Connolly, VA
X	Theodore E. Deutch, FL
X	Karen Bass, CA
X	William Keating, MA
X	David Cicilline, RI
X	Ami Bera, CA
X	Joaquin Castro, TX
X	Dina Titus, NV
X	Adriano Espaillat, NY
X	Ted Lieu, CA
X	Susan Wild, PA
X	Dean Phillips, MN
X	Ilhan Omar, MN
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