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H. R. 8086

To establish a National and Nuclear Risk Reduction Center within the
Department of State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. BAUMGARTNER) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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within the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND NUCLEAR**

4 **RISK REDUCTION CENTER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the
6 Department of State a National and Nuclear Risk Reduc-
7 tion Center (“NNRRC”), who shall report directly to the
8 Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Secu-
9 rity.

1 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The NNRRC shall carry
2 out the following responsibilities:

3 (1) Operate a 24-hour basis government-to-gov-
4 ernment communications center for exchanging noti-
5 fications with foreign counterparts as required by—

6 (A) bilateral and multilateral arms control
7 agreements or arrangements; and

8 (B) confidence-building agreements be-
9 tween the United States, foreign governments,
10 and international organizations.

11 (2) Translate and disseminate incoming and
12 outgoing notifications and messages to and from ap-
13 propriate Federal Government departments and
14 agencies for purposes of executing, when necessary,
15 operational alerts or time-sensitive notifications re-
16 quiring immediate attention.

17 (3) Advise Department of State policy and
18 operational offices on communication or technical
19 issues from new arms control and international secu-
20 rity agreements.

21 (4) Provide technical assistance to foreign gov-
22 ernments on NNRRC-related requirements on the
23 operation of national communication systems for
24 arms control agreements and other confidence-build-
25 ing agreements.

1 (5) Ensure the NNRRC maintains not fewer
2 than one linguist on duty at all time who—

3 (A) can provide Mandarin Chinese and
4 Russian language translation services;

5 (B) is proficient with technical arms con-
6 trol matters; and

7 (C) can facilitate communications related
8 to notifications and exchanges with foreign gov-
9 ernments involving arms control agreements
10 and arrangements.

11 (6) Establish a protocol for coordination be-
12 tween the NNRRC and interagency stakeholders, in-
13 cluding liaison roles.

14 (7) Perform such other duties as the Under
15 Secretary for Arms Control and International Secu-
16 rity may from time to time designate.

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