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OVERVIEW

Section 1242 of the 2022 NDAA directs the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) to provide an independent assessment with respect to a prioritized set of activities and resources for FY23 and sustainment funding for FY24-27 to implement the Nation Defense Strategy in the Indo-Pacific region, to maintain or restore the comparative military advantage of the United States with respect to the People’s Republic of China (PRC).

The INDOPACOM AOR is the most consequential theater with the most comprehensive, urgent, and enduring challenges to vital U.S. national security interests. People’s Republic of China’s (PRC’s) coercive and increasingly aggressive efforts to subvert the international system to suit its authoritarian preferences threatens peace, stability, and the rules-based international order that has benefitted all nations for more than 80 years. To confront these challenges, INDOPACOM employs an integrated Joint Force to accomplish three key priorities as identified by Secretary Austin: defend the homeland, deter conflict, and strengthen allies and partners.

These priorities are advanced through integrated deterrence, which is the Department’s approach to preventing conflict through the synchronization of all elements of national power, with joint force actions in all domains, together with our allies and partners. INDOPACOM’s mission is to prevent conflict through the execution of Integrated Deterrence, and should deterrence fail, be prepared to fight and win. *Seize the Initiative* describes INDOPACOM’s approach to accomplish these missions. This approach requires the Joint Force to *think, act, and operate differently* by synchronizing our operations, re-aligning our posture, and advancing our warfighting capabilities.

This assessment describes the critical joint capabilities required to: protect the Joint Force; operate in contested space; improve all domain battlespace awareness; employ integrated fires; support forward forces with sustainable theater-based logistics; facilitate high-end, joint training in theater; establish a more forward, more distributed posture; advance ally and partner interoperability and strengthen their security capabilities; and organize the INDOPACOM HQ. The classified sections of the 1242 Report provide strategic context, program descriptions, and more detailed funding profiles for all requirements at appropriate levels of classification.

USINDOPACOM – <i>Seize the Initiative</i> <i>(Costs in millions of dollars)</i>	FY23 Request	FY24-27 Request
Modernize and Strengthen Presence	7,056.7	35,497.6
Logistics and Maintenance Capabilities	61.4	257.8
Exercises, Experimentation, and Innovation	540.4	2,349.8
Infrastructure, Responsiveness, and Resilience	726	25,399
Defense & Security Capabilities, Capacity, and Cooperation	598.8	2,940.2
Improve Capabilities Available to USINDOPACOM	110.3	520
Assessments Totals	9,093.6	66,964.4