Purpose: To establish an Office of International Affairs.

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To establish the Department of National Homeland Security and the National Office for Combating Terrorism.

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Amendment intended to be proposed by Sen. Thompson

On page 36, strike line 17 and insert the following

Sec.113. Office of International Affairs

- (a) Establishment.—There is established within the Office of the Secretary, an Office of International Affairs. The Office shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary.
 - (b) Duties of the Director.—The Director shall have the following duties:
 - (1) To promote information and education exchange with foreign nations in order to promote sharing of best practices and technologies relating to homeland security. Such information exchange shall include—
 - (A) joint research and development on countermeasures;
 - (B) joint training exercise of first responders; and
 - (C) exchange of expertise on terrorism prevention, response, and crisis management.

- (2) To identify areas for homeland security information and training exchange.
- (3) To plan and undertake international conferences, exchange programs, and training activities.
- (4) To manage activities pursuant to this section and other international activities within the Department in consultation with the Department of State and other relevant Federal officials.
- (5) To initially concentrate on fostering cooperation with countries that are already highly focused on homeland security issues and that have demonstrated the capability for fruitful cooperation with the United States in the area of counterterrorism.

Sec.114. Executive Schedule Positions.