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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution under Article 14, Section 12 provides:

The State shall regulate the transfer and promote the adaptation of
technology from all sources for the national benefit....

Historically, our country has produced countless great scientists that have been
recognized for their work, both locally and internationally. Many of our scientists have
had the opportunity to train and interact with scientists from other countries, and to work
for foreign research firms on projects funded by foreign countries with their national
policies behind it. As a sovereign nation, we must also find a way to support our national
policies with solid research and development, building upon collective advances in
science and technology around the world.

This bill provides for the establishment of an office that will ensure science and
technology cooperation with our international partners.¹


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¹ This bill was originally filed during the Fifteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as "International Science and
2 Technology Cooperation Act."

3 SECTION 2. *Establishment.* – The Secretary of Science and Technology shall
4 establish a committee under the National Academy of Science and Technology Executive
5 Council with the responsibility to identify and coordinate international science and
6 technology cooperation that can strengthen the Philippine science and technology
7 enterprise, improve economic and national security, and support Philippine foreign policy
8 goals.

9 SECTION 3. *Committee Leadership.* – The committee established under Section 2
10 shall be co-chaired by senior level officials from the National Academy of Science and
11 Technology Executive Council and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

12 SECTION 4. *Responsibilities.* – The committee established under Section 2 shall–
13 (a) plan and coordinate interagency international science and technology
14 cooperative research and training activities and partnerships supported or managed by

1 government agencies to help plan and coordinate the international component of national
2 science and technology priorities;

3 (b) establish national priorities and policies for aligning, as appropriate,
4 international science and technology cooperative research and training activities and
5 partnerships supported or managed by government agencies with the foreign policy goals
6 of the Philippines;

7 (c) identify opportunities for new international science and technology
8 cooperative research and training partnerships that advance both the science and
9 technology and the foreign policy priorities of the Philippines;

10 (d) in carrying out paragraph (c), solicit input and recommendations from non-
11 government science and technology stakeholders, including universities, scientific and
12 professional societies, industry, and relevant organizations and institutions, through
13 workshops and other appropriate venues;

14 (e) work with international science and technology counterparts, both non-
15 governmental and governmental (in coordination with the Department of Foreign
16 Affairs), to establish and maintain international science and technology cooperative
17 research and training partnerships, as identified under paragraph (c); and

18 (f) address broad issues that influence the ability of Philippine scientists and
19 engineers to collaborate with foreign counterparts, including barriers to collaboration and
20 access to scientific information.

21 SECTION 5. *Report to Congress.* - The Secretary of Science and Technology shall
22 transmit a report annually to Congress containing a prescription of the priorities and
23 policies established under Section 4(b), the ongoing and new partnerships established in
24 the previous fiscal year, and how stakeholder input, as required under Section 4(d), was
25 received.

1 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
2 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
3 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

4 SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
5 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
6 provisions hereof.

7 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
8 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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