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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING ITS FINANCING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The strategic position of the Philippines in Southeast Asia and in the Pacific rim defines the complexity of internal and external factors of its geopolitical relations. This situation may rely on the store of academic and intellectual resources established in the University of the Philippines System for strategic planning of the nation's future in terms of long-range policies.

At the same time, there is no denying the strategic importance of dealing with the internal sources of conflicts, in particular as these are inter-connected with foreign assistance. This requires an institutional means of crisis management to be installed in the University of the Philippines System. The nation's internal economic and political development acquires new dimension of problems by reason of its membership in the ASEAN in regard to the organization's "common market and product ion base" as its object and purpose.

Hence, it is in the interest of the State to establish in the University of the Philippines System the National Institute of Strategic Studies as provided in this bill.

As a matter of necessity, the passage of this bill is required.

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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 the “National Institute of
2 Strategic Studies Act.”
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4 SECTION 2. *Functions of the National Institute of Strategic Studies.* – The
5 National Institute of Strategic Studies (NISS) is hereby established in the University
6 of the Philippines System. The NISS shall perform the following functions:
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- 8 (a) to undertake studies and researches designed by strategic planning for
9 future policies;
10 (b) to engage in periodic review of geopolitical developments for the purpose
11 of identifying social, political and economic trends in their inter-related
12 significance, as a basis for strategic planning;
13 (c) to publish its studies, research papers, and other works, as its internal
14 rules may permit;
15 (d) to establish relations with strategic studies and crisis management
16 institutions, both in the Philippines and in foreign countries; and
17 (e) to perform all other acts as may be necessary for the achievement of its
18 objectives and functions, in accordance with this Act and the rules and
19 regulations of the University of the Philippines.
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21 SECTION 3. *Responsibility and autonomy of the NISS.* – The NISS shall be
22 responsible to the President of the University of the Philippines System with respect
23 to its work.
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25 In behalf of the University System, the University President shall provide
26 autonomy for the NISS in the performance of its work.
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28 SECTION 4. *Appropriation and funding.* – The initial amount of Fifty Million
29 Pesos (PhP50,000,000.00) to be devoted to the installation and the initial operation
30 of the NISS and any amounts thereafter necessary to carry out the provisions of this
31 Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Acts.
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33 SECTION 5. *Personnel of the NISS.* - Any provision of law to the contrary
34 notwithstanding, appointments to the research or administrative staff of the NISS

1 may be on contract or part-time basis and shall be exempt from the Civil Service
2 Law, the Retirement Law, and Section 259 of the Revised Administrative Code:
3 *Provided*, That any retiree from government service employed by the NISS shall not
4 be required to reimburse or refund any gratuity received from the Government nor
5 shall any pension or annuity to which he is entitled be suspended or reduced on
6 account of his employment in the NISS.

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8 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision is held invalid or
9 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected
10 shall remain valid and subsisting.

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12 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
13 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation
14 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,
15 modified, or amended accordingly.

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17 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
18 after its publication in the Official Gazette and at least two (2) newspapers of
19 general circulation.

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21 *Approved,*
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