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**AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY AS THE INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC AND PLANNING AGENCY OF
THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND AMENDING
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230 SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XII, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

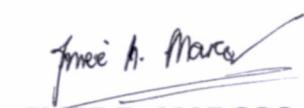
"The Congress may establish an independent economic and planning agency headed by the President, which shall, after consultations with the appropriate public agencies, various private sectors, and local government units, recommend to Congress, and implement continuing integrated and coordinated programs and policies for national development.

Until the Congress provides otherwise, the National Economic and Development Authority shall function as the independent planning agency of the government."

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) was established in 1973 by Presidential Decree No. 107, absorbing the powers and functions of the previous National Economic Development Authority as reconstituted under Presidential Decree No. 1-A. The NEDA was reorganized to its current structure by Executive Order No. 230 Series

of 1987. This bill acts upon Article XII, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution by institutionalizing the NEDA to implement long term, integrated, and coordinated programs and policies for national development. The institutionalization of NEDA seeks to (1) facilitate planning and coordination among relevant government agencies; (2) ensure non-redundancy, effectivity, and efficiency in the alignment of economic resources; (3) improve access to data and information needed for supporting economic research; (4) encourage investments that improve the competitiveness and job-generating capacity of the country; and (5) alleviate poverty and improve the socioeconomic conditions of the Filipino people.

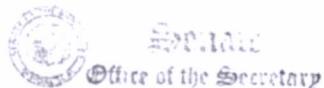
Given the abovementioned circumstances, the immediate passage of this bill is necessary.



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

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CHAPTER I

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**INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL
ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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ARTICLE I.

4

**POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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10 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “The National
11 Economic and Development Authority Act of 2019.”

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13 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall adopt and implement
14 continuing integrated and coordinated long, medium, and short term
15 development plans and policies to achieve the following goals: full employment
16 towards sustainable and inclusive economic growth; equitable distribution of

1 opportunities, income, and wealth; and increased productivity as a key to
2 raising the quality of life for all. To this end, it is recognized that the
3 formulation of socioeconomic policies and plans is a vital process that calls
4 for the participation of the public and private sectors at the national and sub-
5 national levels. The formulation and adoption of these policies and plans need
6 to be coordinated and implemented by an independent economic and
7 planning agency, to be headed by the President, to ensure the consistency of
8 policies, plans and programs for national development and the sustainable
9 use of the nation's resources.

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11 *Sec. 3. The National Economic and Development Authority.* – There is
12 hereby established an independent economic and planning agency, which
13 shall be known as the National Economic and Development Authority,
14 hereafter referred to as NEDA. The NEDA shall generate and provide
15 impartial, objective, and evidence-based analyses and, in consultation with
16 public agencies, various private sectors, and local government units, shall
17 recommend socio-economic policies, strategies, plans, and programs and
18 projects, to the President of the Philippines, the Congress of the Republic of
19 the Philippines, and Filipino people in general for the betterment of the nation.

20 The NEDA shall consist of two (2) distinct but related entities, namely,
21 the National Economic and Development Authority Board and the NEDA
22 Secretariat, hereafter referred as the NEDA Board and the NEDA, respectively.

23 *Sec. 4. Powers and Functions.* – The NEDA shall have the following
24 powers and functions:

25 (1) Formulate, in consultation with appropriate public agencies, civil
26 society organizations, non-government organizations, people's organizations,
27 the academe, the private sector, and local government units, continuing
28 integrated and coordinated policies, plans and programs for national and
29 regional development, such as, but not limited to:

30 (a) Long-term national development plans;
31 (b) Medium-term and short-term national and regional
32 development plans;

(c) Medium-term national and regional public investment programs;

(d) National and regional physical framework plans; and

(e) Sectoral, inter-sectoral and spatial plans and programs.

(2) Ensure the harmonization of national and regional plans and programs by prescribing standards, guidelines, and compliance and accountability mechanisms towards continuing integrated and coordinated programs and policies for national development;

9 (3) Help ensure and coordinate the integration of national, regional,
10 sub-national and spatial plans and programs for consistency and alignment
11 with the overall development objectives of the country;

12 (4) Prioritize policies and strategies, with corresponding programs,
13 activities and projects, and funding from the national government, official
14 development assistance (ODA), public-private partnerships (PPP), and other
15 viable sources of funding, as basis for budget expenditure policies and budget
16 formulation, in coordination with implementing agencies, and for reporting to
17 the NEDA Board and its committees;

18 (5) Monitor and evaluate national and regional programs and
19 projects of government, funded by the national government, official
20 development assistance, public-private partnerships, and other viable
21 sources of funding to ensure their proper implementation and the
22 achievement of goals for which such programs and projects were approved;

23 (6) Review, monitor and assess the impact of policies, regulations,
24 and programs of the government, and recommend to concerned government
25 agencies and instrumentalities strategies and measures, including proposed
26 legislation, in collaboration with the Philippine Institute of Development
27 Studies, as necessary, to achieve sectoral development goals;

(7) Recommend policies that would encourage investments to ensure that the economic and business environments and regulatory frameworks are consistent with the development agenda and plans of the country; and

31 (8) Provide technical, advisory and secretariat support services to the
32 NEDA Board and its committees, the Regional Development Councils, and
33 other stakeholders.

ARTICLE II.

THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

4 Sec. 5. *Composition of the National Economic and Development*
5 *Authority Board (NEDA Board).* – The powers and functions of the NEDA shall
6 reside in the NEDA Board, composed of eight (8) members:

7 (1) The President of the Philippines, who shall be the Chairperson of
8 the NEDA Board;

(2) The Secretary of NEDA, who shall be the Vice-Chairperson;

10 (3) The Secretary of Finance;

(4) The Secretary of Budget and Management;

12 (5) The Secretary of Interior and Local Government;

(6) The Secretary of Trade and Industry;

14 (7) The Secretary of Public Works and Highways; and

(8) The Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), as a resource institution.

All members of the NEDA Board, except the Governor of the BSP, are voting members.

19 The presence of the Chairperson and least three voting members shall
20 constitute a quorum.

21 The President of the Philippines may designate additional voting
22 members to the NEDA Board.

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24 Sec. 6. *Meetings.* – The NEDA Board shall meet at least once every
25 quarter. The presence of the Chairperson and least three voting members
26 shall constitute a quorum. Whenever the President is unable to preside, the
27 Vice-Chairperson shall preside.

28 A special meeting of the NEDA Board may be convened by the
29 President to address urgent concerns, or emergencies, such as natural
30 disasters, calamities, or other extraordinary circumstances which would
31 affect the economy and national development.

1 All decisions of the NEDA board shall require the concurrence of the
2 President of the Philippines and at least a majority of the voting members
3 present at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

4 The NEDA shall maintain and preserve a complete record of the
5 proceedings and deliberations of the NEDA Board, including the recordings
6 and transcripts, either in their original form, or in any secured digital format.
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8 *Sec. 7. Withdrawal of Persons Having a Personal Interest.* – In addition
9 to the requirements of Republic Act (RA) No. 6713, any member of the NEDA
10 Board with personal or pecuniary interest in any matter in the agenda of the
11 NEDA Board shall disclose his interest to the Board and shall withdraw from
12 the meeting when the matter is taken up. The decision taken on the matter
13 shall be made public. The minutes shall reflect the disclosure made and the
14 recusal of the member concerned from the meeting.

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16 *Sec. 8. Exercise of Authority.* – In the exercise of authority, the NEDA
17 Board, upon its recommendation to and upon approval thereof by the
18 President, shall:

19 (1) Direct the formulation and implementation of policies and
20 strategies that would promote economic development and address
21 development concerns of national importance;

22 (2) Issue rules and regulations necessary for the effective discharge
23 of the powers and functions vested upon the NEDA;

24 (3) Ensure, together with the Department of Budget and
25 Management and other relevant government oversight agencies, that the
26 annual and multi-year appropriations for programs and projects are aligned
27 with the development strategies in the MTPDP and MTRDPs;

28 (4) Recommend to Congress, the integrated development plans and
29 programs which will serve as bases for the annual budget review and
30 deliberation;

31 (5) Approve projects, programs and plans as required under existing
32 laws, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances;

1 (6) Direct the reorganization, or establishment of inter-agency
2 committees under the NEDA Board, including the modification of its
3 membership, structures, powers, and functions.

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5 *Sec. 9. Inter-Agency Committees.* Inter-agency committees shall be
6 created to be the primary advisory bodies to the NEDA Board. It shall submit
7 recommendations on matters involving their concerns to the NEDA Board for
8 approval.

9 The President, upon the recommendation of the NEDA Board, shall
10 designate the respective Chairpersons of these Committees, including the
11 Secretariat.

12 The NEDA Board may create other inter-agency committees, or modify
13 existing ones, in respect to their structures, compositions, powers, and
14 functions. The inter-agency committees may call on any department, bureau,
15 office, or agency for support or assistance in the performance of their
16 functions.

17 The inter-agency committees may create sub-committees, whenever
18 appropriate, for the purpose of dispensing with any of its respective functions.

19 The composition of the inter-agency committees shall be without
20 prejudice to the participation of representatives of other government agencies
21 or bodies, or of authorized representatives of major organizations of local
22 government officials, civil society organizations, non-government
23 organizations, people's organizations, the academe, or other private
24 organizations as may be considered desirable by the committee in its
25 deliberations.

26 The following shall be the NEDA Board Inter-Agency Committees:

27 (1) *Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC)* - The DBCC,
28 to be composed of the Secretaries of Budget and Management, National
29 Economic and Development Authority, Finance, the Executive Secretary, and
30 the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, shall have the following
31 functions:

32 (a) Recommend for Presidential approval the level of annual
33 government expenditures and the ceiling of government spending for

1 economic and social development, national defense, and government
2 debt service;

3 (b) Recommend the budget to be allocated for current
4 operating expenditures and capital outlays of government programs
5 and projects;

6 (C) Identify and determine the level of expenditure program of
7 national government agencies by region, in accordance with the
8 approved regional development plans and regional development
9 investment programs;

10 (d) Assess the overall economic situation of the country, which
11 includes economic growth, monetary, fiscal, and possible economic
12 risks which may require policy reforms;

13 (e) Conduct periodic review of fiscal and macroeconomic
14 targets, and the revenue and expenditure projections of the
15 government;

16 (f) Prepare a strategic multi-year fiscal program which
17 supports the long-term and medium-term development objectives of
18 the country; and

19 (g) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the
20 framework for regional development of the medium-term development
21 plan.

22 (2) *Investment Coordination Committee (ICC)* - The ICC, to be
23 composed of the Secretaries of Finance, National Economic and Development
24 Authority, Budget and Management, Interior and Local Government, and
25 Trade and Industry, the Executive Secretary, and the Governor of the Bangko
26 Sentral ng Pilipinas, shall have the following functions:

27 (a) Review and submit to the President a status of the fiscal,
28 monetary and balance of payment implications of major capital
29 programs and projects;

30 (b) Review and evaluate specific major capital programs and
31 projects with respect to technical, financial, economic, social,
32 environmental, legal, institutional, feasibility, and viability, as well as

1 from the context of sectoral plans and geographical strategies, as may
2 be required by law, orders, and other legal issuances;

3 (c) Review and approve major capital projects based on a cost
4 threshold as may be set by the NEDA Board; and

5 (d) Recommend a domestic and foreign borrowing program.

7 (3) *Resource Mobilization and Other Fiscal Matters Committee (RMFMC)*.

8 The RMFMC, to be composed of the Secretaries of Finance, National
9 Economic and Development Authority, Budget and Management,
10 Interior and Local Government, and Trade and Industry, Governor of
11 the Board of Investments, Chairperson of the Governance Commission
12 for GOCCs, and the Governor of the BSP, shall discharge the following
13 functions:

14 (a) Review and recommend to the NEDA Board a domestic and foreign
15 borrowing program.

16 (b) Recommend Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), privatization, and
17 other funding options to augment government's financing capacity;

18 (c) Propose and recommend tax reform measures; and

19 (d) Review and recommend modalities of development financing and
20 capital market development in support of long-term programs and
21 projects for both national and local government, and government-
22 owned and/or -controlled corporations (GOCCs).

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24 (4) *Infrastructure Committee (INFRACOM)* - The INFRACOM, to be
25 composed of the Secretaries of National Economic and Development
26 Authority, Public Works and Highways, Budget and Management, Finance,
27 Information and Communications Technology, Transportation, Trade and
28 Industry, Energy, Agriculture, and Tourism, and the Executive Secretary,
29 shall have the following functions:

30 (a) Formulate a national infrastructure development strategy
31 that will coordinate, integrate and accelerate the development
32 initiatives across all infrastructure subsectors in the country;

(b) Recommend to the NEDA Board policies and programs concerning infrastructure development, including highways, airports, seaports, offshore infrastructure, and shore protection; railways and subways; power generation, transmission, and distribution; telecommunications; irrigation, flood control, and drainage; water supply and sanitation; national buildings for government offices; hospitals and related buildings; state colleges and universities, elementary and secondary school buildings; reclamation; and other public works, whether procured or financed through traditional means, public-private partnership (PPP), or any other method; and

(c) Coordinate the activities of agencies, including government-owned and/ or controlled corporations involved in infrastructure development.

14 (5) *Social Development Committee (SDC)* - The SDC, to be composed
15 of the Secretaries of Social Welfare and Development, National Economic and
16 Development Authority, Budget and Management, Education, Agrarian
17 Reform, Agriculture, Health, Interior and Local Government, and Labor and
18 Employment, the Executive Secretary, and the Lead Convenor of the National
19 Anti-Poverty Commission, shall have the following functions:

(a) Formulate and recommend government policies, programs and projects on social development that are appropriate and consistent with national development and priorities;

(b) Recommend to the NEDA Board policies and programs on matters concerning social development, including education, manpower, health and nutrition, population and family planning, housing, human settlements, and the delivery of other social services; and

(c) Coordinate the activities of government agencies concerned with social development.

30 (6) *Trade and Related Matters Committee (TRMC)* - The TRMC, to be
31 composed of the Secretaries of Trade and Industry, National Economic and
32 Development Authority, Agriculture, Budget and Management, Environment
33 and Natural Resources, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Information and

1 Communications Technology, Transportation, the Executive Secretary, the
2 Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and the Chairperson of the Tariff
3 Commission, shall have the following functions:

4 (a) Recommend to the NEDA Board a continuous
5 rationalization policy and program for the country's tariff structure;

6 (b) Recommend to the NEDA Board policies concerning trade
7 and related matters, as well as the effects of various international
8 developments on the country; and

9 (c) Coordinate government agency positions and recommend
10 national positions for international economic negotiations.

11 (7) *Regional Development Committee (RDCOM)* - The RDCOM, to be
12 composed of the Secretaries of National Economic and Development
13 Authority, Interior and Local Government, Budget and Management, and
14 Trade and Industry, three (3) Regional Development Council Chairpersons
15 representing Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, and one (1) representative from
16 the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, shall have the following
17 functions:

18 (a) Recommend to the NEDA Board policies and programs on
19 matters concerning regional development;

20 (b) Formulate and monitor the implementation of policies that
21 reduce regional development disparities;

22 (c) Promote equitable allocation of resources among regions by
23 strengthening the linkage between national and regional/local
24 planning, investment programming and budgeting, and providing
25 recommendations to the DBCC on the guidelines for the regional
26 allocation of budgetary resources;

27 (d) Serve as a clearinghouse for key regional development
28 policy proposals that have impacts on at least two (2) regions;

29 (e) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the
30 framework for regional development of the medium-term development
31 plan; and

(f) Periodically review the viability of the regional configuration of the country and recommend to the NEDA Board the re-delineation of regions, as may be necessary.

(a) Recommend to the NEDA Board policies and programs concerning land use and physical planning;

(b) Formulate a national physical framework plan and other inter-sectoral policies and programs that guide the rational utilization and management of the country's land and other physical resources, and the preparation of sub-national physical framework plans;

(c) Ensure the integration of land use and physical planning policies, plans and programs, including disaster risk management, into national socioeconomic plans and programs;

(d) Recommend resolutions concerning land use policy conflicts among agencies of the national government;

(e) Oversee the establishment and maintenance, in conjunction with appropriate government agencies, a database system that will identify and classify the present and possible uses of specific land areas, public and private, comprising the total land resource of the country; and

(f) Provide policy directions to the Regional Land Use Committees in the performance of their respective physical planning functions.

30 The composition of the Committee shall be without prejudice to the
31 participation of representatives of other government agencies or bodies, or of
32 authorized representatives of major organizations of local government
33 officials, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, people's

1 organizations, the academe, or other private organizations as may be
2 considered desirable by the Committee in its deliberations.

3 (9) *Economic Development Committee (EDC)* - The EDC shall be
4 composed of the Secretaries of Finance, National Economic and Development
5 Authority, Trade and Industry, Budget and Management, Public Works and
6 Highways, Transportation, Information and Communications Technology,
7 Energy, Science and Technology, Tourism, Agriculture, and Interior and Local
8 Government, the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and the
9 Executive Secretary. It shall be the main coordinating mechanism that
10 ensures that the policy environment is conducive to the promotion of rapid,
11 inclusive, and sustained economic growth. In particular, the EDC shall:

12 (a) Formulate policies that promote sustainable economic
13 development and inclusive growth;

14 (b) Promote an environment conducive to growth and
15 competitiveness of private enterprises and human capital resources,
16 and the creation of jobs that will empower people and provide them
17 with opportunities to rise above poverty;

18 (c) Recommend to the President and NEDA Board policies that
19 would ensure equitable distribution of economic opportunities and
20 benefits to Filipinos;

21 (d) Recommend policy directions towards the development of
22 farms and rural enterprises which are vital to achieving food security
23 and more equitable growth; and

24 (e) Monitor and evaluate continuous improvements in
25 national productivity and competitiveness of domestic products and
26 services.

27 (10) *Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STIC)* - The STIC,
28 to be composed of the Secretaries of Science and Technology, National
29 Economic and Development Authority, Information and Communications
30 Technology, Trade and Industry, Finance, Budget and Management, and
31 Education, Labor and Employment, Agriculture, and the Chairperson of the
32 Commission on Higher Education, and the Executive Secretary, shall have
33 the following functions:

1 (a) Recommend policies and programs that will promote a
2 culture of research, planning, and innovation, and encourage
3 knowledge creation, dissemination, and utilization to support the
4 country's sustainable economic development, food security and safety,
5 industrialization, defense and security, and competitiveness; and

6 (b) Oversee and coordinate the preparation of a national
7 agenda that would provide the framework and strategies for research
8 and development, and innovation in the country.

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10 (11) *Sustainable and Resilient Development Committee (SRDC).* – The
11 SRDC, to be composed of the Secretaries of Environment and Natural
12 Resources, National Economic and Development Authority, Agrarian
13 Reform, Agriculture, Energy, Interior and Local Government, and
14 Science and Technology, the Administrator/Executive Director of the
15 Office of Civil Defense/ National Disaster Risk Reduction and
16 Management Council, and the Chairperson of the Climate Change
17 Commission, shall discharge the following functions:

18 (a) Recommend policies that will promote the conservation of the
19 environment, and the sustainable utilization of the country's
20 natural resources;

21 (b) Oversee the preparation of policies, strategies, and other
22 measures to promote disaster resilience; and

23 (c) Monitor and evaluate the impact of environmental programs and
24 projects to the Philippine economy in general, and the utilization
25 of the nation's resources.

26 The President of the Philippines may designate a representative from
27 the local government units to sit as member in any or all of the Inter-Agency
28 Committees, and may modify the membership of the Inter-Agency
29 Committees, whenever necessary, for the effective performance of each of the
30 committee's respective functions.

31 With the approval of the President of the Philippines, any of the Inter-
32 Agency Committees may invite the Senate President and the Speaker of the

1 House or their representative to sit as an observer or resource person during
2 the Committee deliberations.

3 The Inter-Agency Committees may create sub-committees, whenever
4 appropriate, for the purpose of dispensing with any of their respective
5 functions.

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7 *Sec. 10. Meetings and Reports of the Inter-Agency Committees.* – The
8 inter-agency committees shall meet regularly but may be convened to such
9 special meetings as may be necessary. The members of the inter-agency
10 committees shall be duly notified of any meeting in advance.

11 The inter-agency committees shall furnish the NEDA Board their
12 respective reports and outputs during such meetings.

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14 **ARTICLE III.**

15 **THE SECRETARY AND OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC
16 AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

17 *Sec. 11. Organization and Staffing.* – The NEDA shall establish a human
18 resource management system, in accordance with Civil Service Rules, which
19 shall govern the selection, hiring, appointment, transfer, promotion, or
20 dismissal of all personnel with the aim of establishing integrity,
21 professionalism, and excellence at all levels.

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23 *Sec. 12. Organization of NEDA.* – The NEDA shall consist of the Office of
24 the Secretary, the Offices of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries,
25 technical and sectoral staffs, operations support staffs, and regional offices.

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27 *Sec. 13. Office of the Secretary of NEDA.* – The Office of the Secretary of
28 NEDA shall consist of the Secretary, four (4) Undersecretaries, eight (8)
29 Assistant Secretaries, the Internal Audit Service, and the Legislative Liaison
30 Office.

31

1 Sec. 14. *Functions of the Secretary of NEDA.* – The Secretary of the
2 National Economic and Development Authority shall have the following
3 functions:

4 (1) Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire
5 operations of the NEDA;

6 (2) Establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient, and
7 economical operations of the NEDA, in accordance with the programs of the
8 government;

9 (3) Promulgate rules, regulations, and other issuances as necessary
10 in carrying out the NEDA's mandate, objectives, policies, plans, programs,
11 and projects;

12 (4) Establish effective linkages with regional and provincial planning
13 and development offices;

14 (5) Advise the President, thru the NEDA Board, on the promulgation
15 of executive or administrative orders, and the formulation of regulatory and
16 legislative proposals, pertaining to matters of national economic and social
17 development;

18 (6) Promulgate such rules and regulations, and exercise such other
19 powers as may be required to implement the objectives of this Act; and

20 (7) Perform such other tasks as may be provided by law or assigned
21 by the President.

22
23 Sec. 15. *Term of Office of the Secretary.* – The Secretary of National
24 Economic and Development Authority shall be appointed by the President
25 with the consent of the Commission on Appointments and shall serve until
26 the expiration of the President's term unless sooner terminated.

27
28 Sec. 16. *Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries.* – The Secretary
29 shall be assisted by four (4) Undersecretaries and eight (8) Assistant
30 Secretaries, who are appointed by the President, upon recommendation by
31 the Secretary.

32 The Secretary shall have the flexibility to determine the respective
33 assignments of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries, depending on

1 the Secretary's strategic directions and/or emerging development trends
2 affecting the country's economy.

3

4 *Sec. 17. Staffs and Offices.* - The NEDA shall be composed of the
5 following technical and sectoral staffs, administrative and support staffs, and
6 regional offices:

- 7 (1) National Policy and Planning Staff;
- 8 (2) Public Investment Staff;
- 9 (3) Monitoring and Evaluation Staff;
- 10 (4) Regional Development Staff;
- 11 (5) Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment Staff;
- 12 (6) Governance Staff;
- 13 (7) Social Infrastructure Staff;
- 14 (8) Connectivity Infrastructure Staff;
- 15 (9) Social Development Staff;
- 16 (10) Trade, Services, and Industry Staff;
- 17 (11) Administrative Staff;
- 18 (12) Development Information Staff;
- 19 (13) Financial Planning and Management Staff;
- 20 (14) Information and Communications Technology Staff;
- 21 (15) Legal Staff;
- 22 (16) Internal Audit Service;
- 23 (17) Legislative and Liaison Office; and
- 24 (18) Regional Offices in all the administrative regions of the country,
25 except those with planning offices created by law.

26 The Secretary may recommend for NEDA Board approval the creation
27 of additional staffs or modification of existing staffs relative to their
28 structures, compositions, powers, and functions.

29

30 *Sec. 18. NEDA Regional Offices (NROs).* - The NROs shall have the
31 following functions:

- 32 (1) Oversee the integration of plans and programs of regional
33 agencies, state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and

1 controlled corporations (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs) into the
2 regional and national plans. The NROs shall provide assistance to regional
3 line agencies, LGUs, SUCs, and GOCCs in identifying and developing
4 programs and projects;

5 (2) Evaluate and review proposed policies, land use plans, programs,
6 and projects in the region;

7 (3) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans, policies,
8 programs, and projects;

9 (4) Provide technical and secretariat services to their respective
10 Regional Development Councils;

11 (5) Undertake research and ensure knowledge utilization for regional
12 development and productivity;

13 (6) Provide technical assistance to development partners in the
14 region in accordance with NEDA's functions; and

15 (7) Provide technical assistance to local government units through
16 relevant agencies such as the Commission on Population in their development
17 planning processes, taking into account population factors and the concept
18 of population and development.

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20 Sec. 19. *Attached Agencies.* – The agencies attached to the NEDA as of
21 the effectivity of this Act shall continue to be attached in the performance of
22 their respective functions, pursuant to the pertinent provisions of their
23 respective charters or enabling laws, unless otherwise provided.

24 The following agencies are attached to the NEDA for purposes of policy
25 and program coordination:

26 (1) Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS);

27 (2) Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency
28 (PNVSCA);

29 (3) Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

30 (4) Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI);
31 and

32 (5) Commission on Population and Development (POPDEVCOM).

1 Other agencies, which are attached to the NEDA for budgetary purposes
2 and administrative supervision, include:

- 3 (1) Public-Private Partnership Center (PPPC); and
4 (2) Tariff Commission (TC)

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6 Sec. 20. *Functions of the Attached Agencies.* – The agencies attached to
7 the NEDA shall continue to operate and function in accordance with the
8 respective charters, laws, or orders creating them, except as otherwise
9 provided in this Act, the Administrative Code of 1987, and subsequent laws.
10 The NEDA shall review the mandate, objectives, and functions of the attached
11 agencies in order to recommend dispositions or revisions in their respective
12 charters, whenever appropriate and deemed advisable.

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14 Sec. 21. *Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC).* –
15 The NEDA shall continue to serve as the principal secretariat of the LEDAC,
16 consistent with RA No. 7640. It shall perform the following functions under
17 Section 3 thereof, including the preparation of the budget and administration
18 of the funds of the Council:

19 (1) Determine and recommend socioeconomic development goals in
20 pursuance of established policies which shall guide the formulation and
21 implementation of the national development plan;

22 (2) Provide policy advice to the President on vital issues affecting the
23 socioeconomic development of the country;

24 (3) Direct the study of measures to ensure that regional development
25 plans and programs are integrated into the national development plan;

26 (4) Receive, and in appropriate cases, require reports on, and study
27 measures to improve, the implementation of official development assistance
28 from multilateral and bilateral entities;

29 (5) Assess effectiveness of implementation of the national
30 development plan;

31 (6) Integrate environmental concepts, principles and practices into
32 the national development plan for a balanced and cohesive approach to
33 national development;

(7) Review the relationship of the legislative agenda to the national development plan to ensure the integration of both; and

3 (8) Study and recommend to the President and to Congress sources
4 of revenue, as well as measures to reduce unnecessary expenditures, to the
5 end that the resources of the government will be used to the optimum.

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7 Sec. 22. *Secretariat to the National Innovation Council (NIC).* - a
8 secretariat to the NIC shall be established within the NEDA, consistent with
9 RA No. 11293 or the "Philippine Innovation Act".

10 The initial staffing structure and complement of the Secretariat shall be
11 submitted by the NEDA to the DBM for funding. pending the creation of the
12 appropriate plantilla positions, the NEDA shall constitute an interim
13 secretariat through the temporary details of personnel from its member
14 agencies.

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ARTICLE IV.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS, REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Sec. 23. *Long-Term Development Plan.* – The NEDA, in consultation with regional, local, and other stakeholders, shall formulate a Long-Term National, Regional, and Local Development Plan which will provide the overall direction to the medium-term and short-term development plans of the country, to ensure consistency of government strategies, policies, programs, and projects across political administrations. The long-term development plan shall contain the development goals and milestones each administration should attain to realize the long-term vision of the Filipino people.

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27 Sec. 24. Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) and
28 Medium-Term Regional Development Plans (MTRDPs). – The NEDA, in
29 consultation with appropriate public agencies, various private sector and local
30 government units, shall prepare an economic development blueprint for the
31 next six years, which shall be known as the Medium-Term Philippine
32 Development Plan. The MTPDP shall embody the government's socio-
33 economic policies, strategies and programs in support to and consistent with

1 the development agenda of the President, and geared towards the attainment
2 of the development goals and objectives in the long-term development plan.

3 At the regional level, the NEDA Regional Offices shall coordinate the
4 preparation of their respective regional development plans, consistent with
5 the MTPDP. The MTRDPs shall define the region's development direction and
6 identify policies, strategies, and programs.

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8 *Sec.-25. Medium-Term Public Investment Program (MTPIP) and Regional*
9 *Medium-Term Development Investment Programs (RMTDIPs).* – The preparation
10 of the MTPIP and RMTDIPs shall be formulated in support of PDPs and RDPs.
11 The NEDA shall prepare a list of priority programs and projects to be
12 implemented by the national government, government-owned and/or
13 controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs),
14 and other national government offices and instrumentalities that will
15 contribute to the attainment of the sectoral goals and outcomes in the MTPDP
16 and MTRDPs.

17 The MTPIP and RMTDIPs shall be regularly updated. The NEDA, in
18 consultation with appropriate government agencies and stakeholders, shall
19 prioritize sectoral and geographic programs, projects, and activities to be
20 funded from government appropriations, ODA, PPP, revenue sources
21 generated by GOCCs, GFIs, and other government bodies and
22 instrumentalities, and other viable sources of funding.

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24 *Sec. 26. National Physical Framework Plan (NPFP).* – The NEDA shall
25 prepare a framework which provides analytical parameters for the planned
26 allocation, use and management of the country's land and other physical
27 resources. The NPFP shall help plan and manage these resources at the
28 national and sub-national levels.

29 The NEDA Regional Offices shall coordinate the preparation of the sub-
30 national physical framework or physical development plans for the approval
31 of their respective RDCs.

32 The NPFP and sub-national physical framework or physical
33 development plans shall serve as the main reference documents in the

1 preparation of the physical plans and land use plans of provinces, cities, and
2 municipalities in the country.

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4 Sec. 27. *Socioeconomic Report (SER) and Regional Development Reports*
5 (*RDRs*). – To monitor the implementation of the MTPDP and MTRDPs, the
6 NEDA shall prepare periodic socioeconomic reports. The SER and RDRs shall
7 serve as inputs to policy and decision makers in the formulation of policies,
8 budgeting, and implementation of programs and projects based on the
9 development plans of the country.

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11 Sec. 28. *ODA Portfolio Review*. – Consistent with RA No. 8182 or the
12 ODA Act of 1996, as amended by RA No. 8555, the NEDA shall conduct an
13 annual review of the status of all projects financed by ODA and identify causes
14 of implementation and completion delays or reasons for bottlenecks, cost
15 overruns, and continued program or project viability. The NEDA is required
16 to submit to the President and Congress a report on the outcome of the review
17 not later than June 30 of each year.

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19 Sec. 29 *Knowledge Management*. – The NEDA shall establish a
20 repository of data and information, publications, research and analyses, and
21 other information concerning the Philippine economy and development, in
22 general. It shall manage, maintain, and make available such information and
23 documents to the public for the purpose of knowledge sharing.

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25 CHAPTER II

26 HARMONIZATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION OF DEVELOPMENT 27 PLANNING, INVESTMENT PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, MONITORING 28 AND EVALUATION PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT

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30 ARTICLE I.

31 LINKAGE AND ALIGNMENT OF PLAN AND PROGRAM FORMULATION

32 Sec. 30. *Plan and Program Formulation*. – The NEDA Board shall issue
33 the Planning Call not later than two months after the newly elected President

1 has assumed office. The NEDA Secretary shall propose to the NEDA Board
2 the standards and guidelines in the preparation of the MTPDP, MTRDPs,
3 MTPIP, and RMTDIPs, including a planning and investment programming
4 timetable aligned with the budget calendar.

5 The NEDA, in coordination with concerned government agencies and
6 other government instrumentalities, shall ensure that the policies and
7 strategies contained in the respective sectoral plans are considered and
8 incorporated in the MTPDP.

9 The NEDA, in coordination with concerned government agencies and
10 other government instrumentalities, shall determine a timetable for the
11 preparation and formulation of sectoral plans and programs. The timetable of
12 the MTPDP, MTRDPs, MTPIP, and RMTDIPs shall align with the budgeting
13 timetable to ensure that the strategic programs and projects identified are
14 provided with the required funding allocation.

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16 Sec. 31. *Planning, Programming and Budgeting Linkage.* – The NEDA
17 shall ensure a strong, efficient, and effective linkage between development
18 planning, programming and budgeting.

19 The NEDA, together with the Department of Budget and Management
20 and other relevant government oversight agencies, shall ensure that the
21 annual appropriations for programs and projects are aligned with the
22 development strategies in the MTPDP and MTRDPs.

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24 Sec. 32. *Adoption and Implementation of Plans and Investment Programs.*
25 – The RDCs shall approve their respective MTRDPs and RMTDIPs for
26 consideration in the MTPDP and MTPIP. The NEDA Board shall approve the
27 MTPDP and MTPIP for adoption and implementation of government agencies.

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29 Sec. 33. *Integration of National, Regional, and Local Plans and Programs.*
30 – The NEDA shall ensure the integration of major regional and local
31 development priorities into the MTPDP and MTRDPs, respectively.
32 Furthermore, the NEDA, through the NEDA Regional Offices, shall provide
33 oversight in the formulation of provincial development and physical

1 framework plans so that local development thrusts are aligned with and
2 contribute to the national and regional level plans and programs.

3 The NEDA shall likewise institute processes to enable the inclusion of
4 regional priorities in the programs and projects of the national government
5 agencies, and subsequently, in the respective budgets of national agencies.
6

7 *Sec. 34. Regional Development Council (RDC).* — To ensure that socio-
8 economic development programs and activities of government are
9 undertaken with extensive and active participation and support of various
10 government agencies, as well as private sector institutions at the national,
11 regional and local levels, the NEDA shall prepare and submit for
12 presidential approval, policy proposals for the strengthening of the Regional
13 Development Councils (RDCs) to make them more effective in ensuring
14 sustainable, participatory and equitable development. The strengthening of
15 the RDCs must also serve the purpose of providing a responsive forum at
16 the regions for the meaningful participation and support of the concerned
17 district representatives.

18 The NEDA Regional Offices shall serve as secretariat of the RDCs
19 composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and
20 other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental
21 organizations within the regions, created pursuant to Section 14, Article X
22 of the constitution. All district representatives shall sit as non-voting
23 members of their respective RDCs.

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25 *SEC. 35. Consultations and Technical Assistance.* — There shall be
26 maximum participation by and consultation with concerned local government
27 units, community organizations and beneficiaries, civil society organizations,
28 non-government organizations, people's organizations, the academe, or other
29 private organizations in order to ensure that the priority needs are
30 incorporated into the formulation of policies, plans, programs and projects.

31 The NEDA shall provide technical assistance to the local government
32 units on how to localize national development strategies, particularly in
33 planning and investment programming to ensure alignment of local

1 development plans and strategies with the MTPDP and MTRDPs. It shall also
2 assist local government units in identifying and developing programs and
3 projects and redirecting resources into more productive activities to achieve
4 the intended development outcomes in their respective areas.

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6 SEC. 36. *Coordination with Autonomous and Administrative Regions.*
7 – The NEDA shall ensure effective coordination with autonomous and
8 administrative regions with separate planning offices in the formulation of the
9 MTPDP and in other relevant planning activities affecting said regions.

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ARTICLE II.

12

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS

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14 SEC. 37. *Monitoring and Reporting on the Implementation of Plans and*
15 *Programs.* – The relevant inter-agency committees shall monitor the
16 implementation of the MTPDP, MTRDPs, MTPIP and RMTDIPs, including
17 sectoral plans and programs on an annual basis, to determine if the targets
18 identified in the plans and programs were achieved. The monitoring results
19 shall be reported to the NEDA Board, Congress, and other concerned agencies
20 for purposes of adjustments in policies, programs, and projects.

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22 The NEDA shall facilitate the conduct of monitoring and evaluation of
23 programs and projects at the national level, complemented by the Regional
24 Project Monitoring and Evaluation System at the regional levels. The
25 Department of the Interior and Local Government shall complement NEDA's
26 monitoring, reporting, and facilitation of programs and projects at the sub-
regional level through the Local Project Monitoring Committees.

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28 SEC. 38. *Evaluation of the Implementation of Plans and Programs.* –
29 Consistent with a National Evaluation Framework, which provides for the
30 purposive conduct of evaluation in the public sector, a national evaluation
31 agenda shall be formulated. The relevant inter-agency committees shall
32 identify and commission or instruct agencies to conduct public sector

1 evaluation studies in support of good governance, transparency,
2 accountability, and evidence-based decision making.

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4 CHAPTER III

5 TRANSITORY AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

6 SEC 39. *Transitory Provision.* – The powers and functions, applicable
7 funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment, facilities, supplies,
8 property, and personnel of the current NEDA Secretariat are hereby
9 transferred to the new NEDA.

10 The present career officials and employees of the current NEDA
11 Secretariat shall enjoy security of tenure and be absorbed by the new NEDA,
12 in accordance with its staffing pattern and selection process as prescribed
13 under RA No. 6656 and by the NEDA Board, unless they are separated from
14 service by virtue of the reorganization resulting from this Act, or opt and are
15 qualified to retire from service. The affected officials and employees shall be
16 entitled to a separation package in accordance with existing laws.

17 Affected personnel who are retired or separated from the service shall
18 not be re-employed in NEDA or in any of its attached agencies for a period of
19 five years from such retirement or separation.

20 Unless absolutely required, no officer or employee shall be separated
21 from service as a result of any reorganization or consolidation under the
22 provisions of this Act. In addition, those who desire and are qualified to retire
23 shall be entitled to all the benefits provided under existing laws.

24 Current officials and employees of the NEDA Secretariat shall continue
25 to draw their salaries, benefits, and other emoluments until such time, but
26 not later than one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, that the
27 corresponding funds from the National Government shall have been
28 appropriated and released to the NEDA.

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30 SEC. 40. *Transfer of Rights and Obligations.* – The NEDA shall, by virtue
31 of this Act, be subrogated to all the rights and assume all the obligations of
32 the current NEDA Secretariat, and all its liabilities that pertain to its pertinent
33 funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment, facilities, supplies,

1 property, and personnel, including unexpended portions of its members'
2 respective salaries.

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4 SEC. 41. *Funding*. – The amount needed to carry out the initial
5 implementation of this Act shall be charged on the current year's budget of
6 the NEDA. Thereafter, the necessary budget for the continued operation and
7 maintenance of the NEDA shall be included in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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10 SEC. 42. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. – Within ninety (90) days
11 from the effectivity of this Act, the NEDA Board shall promulgate the rules
12 and regulations, as well as the issuances necessary to ensure the proper
13 implementation of the provisions of this Act. These implementing rules and
14 regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of their
15 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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17 SEC. 43. *Separability Clause*. – If any provision or portion of this Act is
18 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
19 thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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21 SEC. 44. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
22 ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which
23 are inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended,
24 and/or modified accordingly.

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26 SEC. 45. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
27 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)
28 newspapers of general circulation.

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31 Approved,

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