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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

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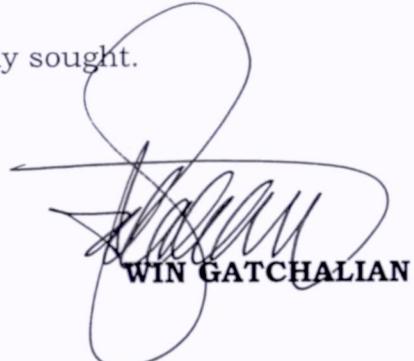
The vision of this landmark legislation is to instill a culture of planning in the formulation and implementation of the country's economic and development policies – and emphasizes the importance of participatory planning by expanding stakeholder participation through various stages.

The Act institutionalizes the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as a lead integrator of economic development programs and policies to achieve the following objectives: (1) facilitate the planning, collaboration, and coordination among the relevant government agencies; (2) improve access to national program information, data, and funding opportunities, support research of leading edge, world class economic development practices and information dissemination efforts; (3) ensure that economic resources are aligned and invested in support of identified and well-defined timely strategies and projects in non-duplicative activities; (4) encourage strategic investments that strengthen competitiveness and foster

job creation; (5) promote energy independence, help fight poverty and build prosperity for the greatest number of Filipinos; and, (6) produce transformational economic diversification and workforce development outcomes for our country's long-term sustainable economic future.

It seeks to institutionalize a new and truly independent department that will implement long-term, continuing, integrated, and coordinated programs and policies for national development. It will also enhance decentralization and strengthen the autonomy of units within the various regions of the country to accelerate their economic and social growth and development. Distressed communities will thus be empowered to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructures to attract new industries, encourage business expansion in the countryside, diversify local economics, and generate or retain long-term private sector jobs and investments.

The passage of this legislation is earnestly sought.



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

1 CHAPTER I

2 INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL
3 ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

5 ARTICLE I.

6 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
7 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

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12 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall adopt and implement
13 continuing integrated and coordinated long, medium, and short term

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

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13 *Sec. 3. The National Economic and Development Authority.* – There is
14 hereby established an independent economic and planning agency, which
15 shall be known as the National Economic and Development Authority,
16 hereafter referred to as NEDA.

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

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

- 25 (a) Long-term national development plans;
- 26 (b) Medium-term and short-term national and regional
27 development plans;
- 28 (c) Medium-term national and regional public investment
29 programs;
- 30 (d) National and regional physical framework plans; and
- 31 (e) Sectoral, inter-sectoral and spatial plans and programs.

32 (2) Ensure the harmonization of national and regional plans and
33 programs by prescribing standards, guidelines, and compliance and

1 accountability mechanisms towards continuing integrated and coordinated
2 programs and policies for national development;

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

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

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

17 (6) Review, monitor and assess the impact of policies, regulations,
18 and programs of the government, and recommend to concerned government
19 agencies and instrumentalities strategies and measures, including proposed
20 legislation, in collaboration with the Philippine Institute of Development
21 Studies, as necessary, to achieve sectoral development goals;

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

26 (8) Provide technical, advisory and secretariat support services to
27 the NEDA Board and its committees, the Regional Development Councils,
28 and other stakeholders.

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30 **ARTICLE II.**

31 **THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

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

4 (1) The President of the Philippines, who shall be the Chairperson
5 of the NEDA Board. Whenever the President is unable to attend a meeting of
6 the Board, the Vice-Chairperson shall act as Chairperson;

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

8 (3) The Secretary of Finance;

9 (4) The Secretary of Budget and Management;

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

11 (6) The Secretary of Trade and Industry;

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

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

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

17 The presence of at least four voting members shall constitute a
18 quorum.

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20 Sec. 6. *Meetings.* – The NEDA Board shall meet at least once every
21 quarter. The presence of four voting members shall constitute a quorum,
22 provided that in all cases the Secretary of NEDA shall be present.

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

27 All decisions of the NEDA Board shall require the concurrence of at
28 least a majority of the voting members present at a meeting at which there is
29 a quorum.

30 The NEDA shall maintain and preserve a complete record of the
31 proceedings and deliberations of the NEDA Board, including the recordings
32 and transcripts, either in their original form, or in any secured digital
33 format.

1 Sec. 7. *Withdrawal of Persons Having a Personal Interest.* – In addition
2 to the requirements of Republic Act (RA) No. 6713, any member of the NEDA
3 Board with personal or pecuniary interest in any matter in the agenda of the
4 NEDA Board shall disclose his interest to the Board and shall withdraw from
5 the meeting when the matter is taken up. The decision taken on the matter
6 shall be made public. The minutes shall reflect the disclosure made and the
7 recusal of the member concerned from the meeting.

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

12 (1) Direct the formulation and implementation of policies and
13 strategies that would promote economic development and address
14 development concerns of national importance;

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

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

21 (4) Endorse to Congress the integrated development plans and
22 programs which will serve as bases for the annual budget review and
23 deliberation;

24 (5) Determine the level of annual government expenditures, as well
25 as projections, forecast, resource requirement, and the ceiling of government
26 spending for social and economic development, national defense,
27 government debt service, and the proper allocation of expenditures for each
28 development activity between current operating expenditures and capital
29 outlay;

30 (6) Confirm projects, programs and plans as required under
31 existing laws, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances; and

1 (7) 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
7 submit recommendations on matters involving their concerns to the NEDA
8 Board for 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.

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

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

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

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

31 (a) Recommend for Presidential approval the level of annual
32 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) Assess the overall economic situation of the country,
7 which includes economic growth, monetary, fiscal, and possible
8 economic risks which may require policy reforms;

9 (d) Conduct periodic review of fiscal and macroeconomic
10 targets, and the revenue and expenditure projections of the
11 government;

12 (e) Prepare a strategic multi-year fiscal program which
13 supports the long-term and medium-term development objectives of
14 the country; and

15 (f) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the
16 framework for regional development of the medium-term development
17 plan.

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

24 (a) Review and submit to the President a status of the fiscal,
25 monetary and balance of payment implications of major capital
26 programs and projects;

27 (b) Identify and determine the level of expenditure program of
28 national government agencies by region, in accordance with the
29 approved regional medium-term development plans and regional
30 medium-term development investment programs;

31 (c) Recommend the timetable of the implementation of major
32 capital programs and projects on a regular basis;

1 (d) Review and evaluate specific major capital programs and
2 projects with respect to technical, financial, economic, social,
3 environmental, legal, institutional, feasibility, and viability, as well as
4 from the context of sectoral plans and geographical strategies, as may
5 be required by law, orders, and other legal issuances;

6 (e) Review and approve major capital projects based on a
7 cost threshold as may be set by the NEDA Board; and

8 (f) Recommend a domestic and foreign borrowing program.

9 (3) *Infrastructure Committee (INFRACOM)* - The INFRACOM, to be
10 composed of the Secretaries of National Economic and Development
11 Authority, Public Works and Highways, Budget and Management, Finance,
12 Information and Communications Technology, Transportation, Trade and
13 Industry, Energy, Agriculture, and Tourism, and the Executive Secretary,
14 shall have the following functions:

15 (a) Formulate a national infrastructure development strategy
16 that will coordinate, integrate and accelerate the development
17 initiatives across all infrastructure subsectors in the country;

18 (b) Advise the President and the NEDA Board, on all matters
19 concerning infrastructure development, including highways, airports,
20 seaports, offshore infrastructure, and shore protection; railways and
21 subways; power generation, transmission, and distribution;
22 telecommunications; irrigation, flood control, and drainage; water
23 supply and sanitation; national buildings for government offices;
24 hospitals and related buildings; state colleges and universities,
25 elementary and secondary school buildings; reclamation; and other
26 public works, whether procured or financed through traditional
27 means, public-private partnership (PPP), or any other method; and

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

31 (4) *Social Development Committee (SDC)* - The SDC, to be composed
32 of the Secretaries of Social Welfare and Development, National Economic
33 and Development Authority, Budget and Management, Education, Agrarian

1 Reform, Agriculture, Health, Interior and Local Government, and Labor and
2 Employment, the Executive Secretary, and the Lead Convenor of the
3 National Anti-Poverty Commission, shall have the following functions:

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

7 (b) Advise the NEDA Board on matters concerning social
8 development, including education, manpower, health and nutrition,
9 population and family planning, housing, human settlements, and
10 the delivery of other social services; and

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

13 (5) *Tariff and Related Matters Committee (TRMC)* - The TRMC, to be
14 composed of the Secretaries of Trade and Industry, National Economic and
15 Development Authority, Agriculture, Budget and Management, Environment
16 and Natural Resources, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Information and
17 Communications Technology, Transportation, the Executive Secretary, the
18 Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and the Chairperson of the
19 Tariff Commission, shall have the following functions:

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

22 (b) Advise the NEDA Board on tariff and related matters, as
23 well as the effects of various international developments on the
24 country; and

25 (c) Coordinate government agency positions and recommend
26 national positions for international economic negotiations.

27 (6) *Regional Development Committee (RDCOM)* - The RDCOM, to be
28 composed of the Secretaries of National Economic and Development
29 Authority, Interior and Local Government, Budget and Management, and
30 Trade and Industry, three (3) Regional Development Council Chairpersons
31 representing Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, and one (1) representative from
32 the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, shall have the following
33 functions:

- 1 (a) Advise the NEDA Board on matters concerning regional
2 development;
3 (b) Formulate and monitor the implementation of policies
4 that reduce regional growth disparities;
5 (c) Promote equitable allocation of resources among regions
6 by strengthening the linkage between national and regional/local
7 planning, investment programming and budgeting, and providing
8 recommendations to the DBCC on the guidelines for the regional
9 allocation of budgetary resources;
10 (d) Serve as a clearinghouse for key regional development
11 policy proposals that have impacts on at least two (2) regions;
12 (e) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the
13 framework for regional development of the medium-term development
14 plan; and
15 (f) Periodically review the viability of the regional
16 configuration of the country, and recommend to the NEDA Board the
17 re-delineation of regions, as may be necessary.

18 (7) *National Physical Resource Use Committee (NPRUC)* - The
19 NPRUC, to be composed of the Secretaries of National Economic and
20 Development Authority, Agrarian Reform, Agriculture, Energy,
21 Environment and Natural Resources, Information and Communications
22 Technology, Interior and Local Government, Justice, Public Works and
23 Highways, Science and Technology, Trade and Industry, Transportation, and
24 Tourism, the Chairperson of the Housing and Urban Development
25 Coordinating Council or the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, the
26 Chairperson of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, and the
27 presidents of Leagues of provinces, municipalities and cities, shall have the
28 following functions:

- 29 (a) Advise the NEDA Board on matters concerning land use
30 and physical planning;
31 (b) Formulate a national physical framework plan and other
32 inter-sectoral policies and programs that guide the rational utilization

1 and management of the country's land and other physical resources,
2 and the preparation of sub-national physical framework plans;

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

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

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

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

16 The NPRUC may call on any Department, Bureau, Office, or Agency for
17 support or assistance in the performance of its function.

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

24 (8) *Economic Development Committee (EDC)* - The EDC shall be
25 composed of the Secretaries of Finance, National Economic and
26 Development Authority, Trade and Industry, Budget and Management,
27 Public Works and Highways, Transportation, Information and
28 Communications Technology, Energy, Science and Technology, Tourism,
29 Agriculture, and Interior and Local Government, the Governor of the Bangko
30 Sentral ng Pilipinas, and the Executive Secretary. It shall be the main
31 coordinating mechanism that ensures that the policy environment is
32 conducive to the promotion of rapid, inclusive, and sustained economic
33 growth. In particular, the EDC shall:

1 (a) Formulate policies that promote sustainable economic
2 development and inclusive growth;

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

7 (c) Recommend to the President and NEDA Board policies
8 that would ensure equitable distribution of economic opportunities
9 and benefits to Filipinos;

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

13 (e) Monitor and evaluate continuous improvements in
14 national productivity and competitiveness of domestic products and
15 services.

16 (9) *Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STIC)* - The STIC,
17 to be composed of the Secretaries of Science and Technology, National
18 Economic and Development Authority, Information and Communications
19 Technology, Trade and Industry, Finance, Budget and Management, and
20 Education, Labor and Employment, Agriculture, and the Chairperson of the
21 Commission on Higher Education, and the Executive Secretary, shall have
22 the following functions:

23 (a) Recommend policies and programs that will promote a
24 culture of research, planning, and innovation, and encourage
25 knowledge creation, dissemination, and utilization to support the
26 country's sustainable economic development, food security and
27 safety, industrialization, defense and security, and competitiveness;
28 and

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

32 Sec. 10. *Meetings and Reports of the Inter-Agency Committees.* - The
33 inter-agency committees shall meet regularly, but may be convened to such

1 special meetings as may be necessary. The members of the inter-agency
2 committees shall be duly notified of any meeting in advance.

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

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6 **ARTICLE III.**

7 **THE SECRETARY AND OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC 8 AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

14 It shall adopt a position classification and compensation structure
15 based on job evaluation studies, talent retention strategies, and wage
16 surveys, that shall thereafter be submitted to the DBM for review and
17 approval.

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19 Sec. 12. *Organization of NEDA.* – The NEDA shall consist of the Office
20 of the Secretary, the Offices of the Undersecretaries and Assistant
21 Secretaries, technical and sectoral staffs, operations support staffs, and
22 regional offices.

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

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29 Sec. 14. *Functions of the Secretary of NEDA.* – The Secretary of the
30 National Economic and Development Authority shall have the following
31 functions:

32 (1) Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire
33 operations of the NEDA;

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

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

7 (4) Establish effective linkages with regional and provincial
8 planning and development offices;

9 (5) Advise the President, thru the NEDA Board, on the
10 promulgation of executive or administrative orders, and the formulation of
11 regulatory and legislative proposals, pertaining to matters of national
12 economic and social development;

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

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

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18 *Sec. 15. Term of Office of the Secretary.* - The Secretary of National
19 Economic and Development Authority shall be appointed by the President
20 who shall serve until the expiration of the President's term unless sooner
21 terminated.

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23 *Sec. 16. Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries.* - The Secretary
24 shall be assisted by four (4) Undersecretaries and eight (8) Assistant
25 Secretaries, who are appointed by the President, upon recommendation by
26 the Secretary.

27 The Secretary shall have the flexibility to determine the respective
28 assignments of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries, depending
29 on the Secretary's strategic directions and/or emerging development trends
30 affecting the country's economy.

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1 Sec. 17. *Staffs and Offices.* – The NEDA shall be composed of the
2 following technical and sectoral staffs, administrative and support staffs,
3 and regional offices:

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

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

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27 Sec. 18. *NEDA Regional Offices (NROs).* – The NROs shall have the
28 following functions:

- 29 (1) Oversee the integration of plans and programs of regional
30 agencies, state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and
31 controlled corporations (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs) into the
32 regional and national plans. The NROs shall provide assistance to regional

1 line agencies, LGUs, SUCs, and GOCCs in identifying and developing
2 programs and projects;

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

5 (3) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans, policies,
6 programs, and projects;

7 (4) Provide technical and secretariat services to their respective
8 Regional Development Councils;

9 (5) Undertake research and ensure knowledge utilization for
10 regional development and productivity;

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

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

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

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

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

25 (2) Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency
26 (PNVSCA);

27 (3) Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

28 (4) Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI);
29 and

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

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

33 (1) Public-Private Partnership Center (PPPC); and

1 (2) Tariff Commission (TC)

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

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

16 (1) Determine and recommend socioeconomic development goals in
17 pursuance of established policies which shall guide the formulation and
18 implementation of the national development plan;

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

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

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

27 (5) Assess effectiveness of implementation of the national
28 development plan;

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS, REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Sec. 22. *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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16 Sec. 23. *Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) and*
17 *Medium-Term Regional Development Plans (MTRDPs).* – The NEDA, in
18 consultation with appropriate public agencies, various private sector and
19 local government units, shall prepare an economic development blueprint
20 for the next six years, which shall be known as the Medium-Term Philippine
21 Development Plan. The MTPDP shall embody the government's socio-
22 economic policies, strategies and programs in support to and consistent
23 with the development agenda of the President, and geared towards the
24 attainment of the development goals and objectives in the long-term
25 development plan.

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

31 Sec. 24. Medium-Term Public Investment Program (MTPIP) and Regional
32 Medium-Term Development Investment Programs (RMTDIPs). - The

1 preparation of the MTPIP and RMTDIPs shall be formulated in support of
2 PDPs and RDPs. The NEDA shall prepare a list of priority programs and
3 projects to be implemented by the national government, government-owned
4 and/or controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions
5 (GFIs), and other national government offices and instrumentalities that will
6 contribute to the attainment of the sectoral goals and outcomes in the
7 MTPDP and MTRDPs.

8 The MTPIP and RMTDIPs shall be regularly updated. The NEDA, in
9 consultation with appropriate government agencies and stakeholders, shall
10 prioritize sectoral and geographic programs, projects, and activities to be
11 funded from government appropriations, ODA, PPP, revenue sources
12 generated by GOCCs, GFIs, and other government bodies and
13 instrumentalities, and other viable sources of funding.

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

20 The NEDA Regional Offices shall coordinate the preparation of the
21 sub-national physical framework or physical development plans for the
22 approval of their respective RDCs.

23 The NPFP and sub-national physical framework or physical
24 development plans shall serve as the main reference documents in the
25 preparation of the physical plans and land use plans of provinces, cities,
26 and municipalities in the country.

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28 Sec. 26. *Socioeconomic Report (SER) and Regional Development Reports*
29 (*RDRs*). – To monitor the implementation of the MTPDP and MTRDPs, the
30 NEDA shall prepare periodic socioeconomic reports. The SER and RDRs
31 shall serve as inputs to policy and decision makers in the formulation of
32 policies, budgeting, and implementation of programs and projects based on
33 the development plans of the country.

1 Sec. 27. *ODA Portfolio Review.* – Consistent with RA No. 8182 or the
2 ODA Act of 1996, as amended by RA No. 8555, the NEDA shall conduct an
3 annual review of the status of all projects financed by ODA and identify
4 causes of implementation and completion delays or reasons for bottlenecks,
5 cost overruns, and continued program or project viability. The NEDA is
6 required to submit to the President and Congress a report on the outcome of
7 the review not later than June 30 of each year.

9 Sec. 28. *Knowledge Management.* – The NEDA shall establish a
10 repository of data and information, publications, research and analyses, and
11 other information concerning the Philippine economy and development, in
12 general. It shall manage, maintain, and make available such information
13 and documents to the public for the purpose of knowledge sharing.

CHAPTER II

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

ARTICLE I.

LINKAGE AND ALIGNMENT OF PLAN AND PROGRAM FORMULATION

Sec. 29. *Plan and Program Formulation.* – The NEDA Board shall issue the Planning Call not later than two months after the newly elected President has assumed office. The NEDA shall prescribe the standards and guidelines in the preparation of the MTPDP, MTRDPs, MTPIP, and RMTDIPs, including a planning and investment programming timetable aligned with the budget calendar.

The NEDA, in coordination with concerned government agencies and other government instrumentalities, shall determine a timetable for the preparation and formulation of sectoral plans and programs, to ensure that the policies and strategies contained in the respective sectoral plans are considered and incorporated in the MTPDP. The timetable for the formulation of the MTPDP and MTPIP shall align with the budgeting

1 timetable to ensure that the strategic programs and projects identified are
2 provided with the required funding allocation.

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4 *Sec. 30. Planning, Programming and Budgeting Linkage.* – The NEDA
5 shall ensure a strong, efficient, and effective linkage between development
6 planning, programming and budgeting.

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

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12 *Sec. 31. Adoption and Implementation of Plans and Investment
13 Programs.* – The RDCs shall approve their respective MTRDPs and RMTDIPs
14 for consideration in the MTPDP and MTPIP. The NEDA Board shall approve
15 the MTPDP and MTPIP for adoption and implementation of government
16 agencies.

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18 *Sec. 32. Integration of National, Regional, and Local Plans and
19 Programs.* – The NEDA shall ensure the integration of major regional and
20 local development priorities into the MTPDP and MTRDPs, respectively.
21 Furthermore, the NEDA, through the NEDA Regional Offices, shall provide
22 oversight in the formulation of provincial development and physical
23 framework plans so that local development thrusts are aligned with and
24 contribute to the national and regional level plans and programs.

25 The NEDA shall likewise institute processes to enable the inclusion of
26 regional priorities in the programs and projects of the national government
27 agencies, and subsequently, in the respective budgets of national agencies.

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29 *SEC. 33. Consultations and Technical Assistance.* – There shall be
30 maximum participation by and consultation with concerned local
31 government units, community organizations and beneficiaries, civil society
32 organizations, non-government organizations, people's organizations, the
33 academe, or other private organizations in order to ensure that the priority

1 needs are incorporated into the formulation of policies, plans, programs and
2 projects.

3 The NEDA shall provide technical assistance to the local government
4 units on how to localize national development strategies, particularly in
5 planning and investment programming to ensure alignment of local
6 development plans and strategies with the MTPDP and MTRDPs. It shall also
7 assist local government units in identifying and developing programs and
8 projects, and redirecting resources into more productive activities to achieve
9 the intended development outcomes in their respective areas.

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11 SEC. 34. *Coordination with Autonomous and Administrative Regions.*
12 – The NEDA shall ensure effective coordination with autonomous and
13 administrative regions with separate planning offices in the formulation of
14 the MTPDP and in other relevant planning activities affecting said regions.

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ARTICLE II.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS

18 SEC. 35. *Monitoring and Reporting on the Implementation of Plans*
19 *and Programs.* – The relevant inter-agency committees shall monitor the
20 implementation of the MTPDP, MTRDPs, MTPIP and RMTDIPs, including
21 sectoral plans and programs on an annual basis, to determine if the targets
22 identified in the plans and programs were achieved. The monitoring results
23 shall be reported to the NEDA Board, Congress, and other concerned
24 agencies for purposes of adjustments in policies, programs, and projects.

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

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32 SEC. 36. *Evaluation of the Implementation of Plans and Programs.* –
33 Consistent with a National Evaluation Framework, which provides for the

1 purposive conduct of evaluation in the public sector, a national evaluation
2 agenda shall be formulated. The relevant inter-agency committees shall
3 identify and commission, or instruct agencies to conduct public sector
4 evaluation studies in support of good governance, transparency,
5 accountability, and evidence-based decision making.

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CHAPTER III

TRANSITORY AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9 SEC. 37. *Transitory Provision.* – The powers and functions, applicable
10 funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment, facilities, supplies,
11 property, and personnel of the current NEDA Secretariat are hereby
12 transferred to the new NEDA.

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

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

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

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

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1 SEC. 38. *Transfer of Rights and Obligations.* – The NEDA shall, by
2 virtue of this Act, be subrogated to all the rights and assume all the
3 obligations of the current NEDA Secretariat, and all its liabilities that
4 pertain to its pertinent funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment,
5 facilities, supplies, property, and personnel, including unexpended portions
6 of its members' respective salaries.

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8 SEC. 39. *Funding.* – The amount needed to carry out the initial
9 implementation of this Act shall be charged on the current year's budget of
10 the NEDA. Thereafter, the necessary budget for the continued operation and
11 maintenance of the NEDA shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act (GAA).

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14 SEC. 40. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90)
15 days from the effectivity of this Act, the NEDA Board shall promulgate the
16 rules and regulations, as well as the issuances necessary to ensure the
17 proper implementation of the provisions of this Act. These implementing
18 rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion
19 of their publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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21 SEC. 41. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or portion of this Act is
22 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
23 thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

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25 SEC. 42. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
26 ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which
27 are inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed,
28 amended, and/or modified accordingly.

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30 SEC. 43. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
31 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2)
32 newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,