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**AN ACT
CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

1 referred to as the DEDP, which shall serve as the primary government agency tasked to
2 prepare and recommend national economic development goals, policies, and programs, and
3 monitor the implementation of the same. the DEDP shall take over the powers, duties, and
4 functions of the National Economic and Development Authority.
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6 **SEC. 4. Mandate of the DEDP.** – The DEDP shall be the agency that shall direct
7 the government’s planning and investment programming processes towards sustainable and
8 inclusive economic growth; equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; and
9 increased productivity. As such, it shall formulate the country’s continuing, integrated, and
10 coordinated policies, plans, and programs for development; foster a culture of planning
11 across all government organizations; ensure the vertical and horizontal alignment and
12 coherence of national and subnational policies, plans, programs, and projects; ensure
13 alignment of appropriations for programs with national and subnational development plans
14 towards optimal use of financial resources; and oversee the country’s public investment
15 program.
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17 **SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the DEDP.** – In accordance with Chapter I
18 Article III of this Act, the DEDP shall have the following powers and functions:
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20 (a) Visioning and plan formulation;

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22 (b) Harmonization of plans;

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24 (c) Investment programming;

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26 (d) Linkage of planning with budgeting;

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28 (e) Policy advisory;

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30 (f) Project appraisal;

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32 (g) Monitoring and assessment;

- 1 (h) Evaluation;
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- 3 (i) Independent review;
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- 5 (j) Research;
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- 7 (k) Knowledge management and communication;
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- 9 (l) Transparency and accountability reports;
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- 11 (m) Capacity building of development planning;
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- 13 (n) Economic and financial literacy;
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- 15 (o) Innovation and futures thinking, or the creative processing, exploration, and
- 16 management of change as a component of strategy and policy development; and
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- 18 (p) Secretariat support to the Economics and Development Planning Council.
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20 **SEC. 6. Stakeholder Engagement.** – In the discharge of these functions, the DEDP

21 shall undertake consultations with appropriate public agencies, civil society organizations,

22 non-government organizations, people's organizations, academe, private sector, and LGUs

23 to incorporate their respective priority needs in the formulation of policies, plans, programs

24 and projects.

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26 **SEC. 7. Organization of the DEDP.** – The DEDP shall consist of the Office of the

27 Secretary, the offices of the undersecretaries and assistant secretaries, technical and

28 sectoral staff, operations support staff, and regional offices.

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30 **SEC. 8. The Secretary of Economics and Development Planning.** – The DEDP

31 shall be headed by the Secretary who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines,

32 subject to the confirmation by the Commission on Appointments, and shall hereinafter be

33 referred to as the Secretary.

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2 The Secretary, who shall serve as the country's Chief Economist, shall have the
3 following minimum qualifications: a natural-born citizen and resident of the Philippines;
4 of good moral character; of recognized probity, competence, and independence; must be
5 professionally distinguished in public, civic, or academic service in the field of economics;
6 must have been in active professional practice for at least ten years; and must not have been
7 a candidate for any elective national or local office in the immediately preceding elections,
8 whether regular or special.

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10 **SEC. 9. Powers and Functions of the Secretary of Economics and Development**
11 **Planning.** – The Secretary shall have the following powers and functions:

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13 (a) Advise the President of the Philippines on the promulgation of executive or
14 administrative orders and other issuances, and ~~on~~ the formulation of regulatory
15 and legislative proposals, pertaining to matters of national economic and social
16 development;

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18 (b) Render a report on the status of implementation of national and subnational
19 plans as inputs to the State of the Nation Address by the President of the
20 Philippines;

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22 (c) Serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Economics and Development Planning
23 Council, created under Section 43 of this Act;

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25 (d) Lead the discourse on futures thinking in the public sector, and pursuant thereto,
26 consider the latest trends, strategic issues, and key developments in the country
27 in order to assist government agencies better anticipate and address their
28 implications;

29 (e) Direct the conduct of research on development matters, examine evaluation
30 results, and gather current information and data for evidence-based formulation
31 of broad policies, plans and relevant programs;

1 (f) Exercise executive direction, control, and supervision over the entire operations
2 of the DEDP, and its agencies, bureaus, officers, and personnel;

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4 (g) Establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient, and economical
5 operations of the DEDP, in accordance with the programs of the government;

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7 (h) Promulgate rules and regulations, and exercise other powers as may be required
8 to implement the objectives of this Act; and

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10 (i) Perform other functions as may be provided by law or as may be assigned by
11 the President of the Philippines.

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13 **SEC. 10. *The Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries.*** – The Office of the
14 Secretary of Economics and Development Planning shall be composed of at least four (4)
15 undersecretaries and eight (8) assistant secretaries.

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17 The undersecretaries and assistant secretaries shall be appointed by the President
18 of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Secretary, subject to the rules and
19 regulations promulgated by the Career Executive Service Board. The Secretary shall have
20 the flexibility to determine the respective assignments of the Undersecretaries and
21 Assistant Secretaries and to reorganize the DEDP, depending on the DEDP's strategic
22 directions and on emerging development trends affecting the country's economy. As the
23 duties and responsibilities of the DEDP are expanded, the number of Undersecretaries and
24 Assistant Secretaries may be increased as deemed necessary.

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26 **SEC. 11. *Offices and Staff.*** – The DEDP shall be composed of the following
27 technical and sectoral staff, administrative and support staff, and regional offices for the
28 following offices:

29
30 (a) Macroeconomics;

31 (b) Trade, services, and industry;

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33 (c) Agriculture, natural resources, and environment;

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- 2 (d) Governance;
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- 4 (e) Social development;
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- 6 (f) Strategic foresight and futures;
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- 8 (g) Innovation;
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- 10 (h) Public investment;
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- 12 (i) Social infrastructure;
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- 14 (j) Connectivity infrastructure;
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- 16 (k) Spatial planning and regional development;
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- 18 (l) Program evaluation;
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- 20 (m) Project monitoring;
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- 22 (n) Knowledge management and communication;
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- 24 (o) Development planning training;
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- 26 (p) Administrative;
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- 28 (q) Human resource development;
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- 30 (r) Financial planning and management;
- 31 (s) Information and communications technology;
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- 1 (t) Legal;
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- 3 (u) Internal audit service;
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- 5 (v) Legislative liaison office; and
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- 7 (w) Regional offices.
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9 The Secretary shall recommend to the Department of Budget and Management
10 (DBM) for approval, the creation of additional offices, positions, or staffing modifications
11 as may be necessary.

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13 The DEDP's organizational structure and staffing requirements shall be submitted
14 to the DBM for review and approval. It shall adopt a position classification and
15 compensation structure consistent with the existing polices, rules and regulations.

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17 **SEC. 12. *DEDP Regional Offices.*** -- The DEDP Regional Offices, hereinafter
18 referred to as DROs, shall have the following functions:

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- 20 (a) Ensure that regional and local development priorities are integrated in the
21 national and subnational plans;
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- 23 (b) Ensure the alignment of the provincial development and physical framework
24 and the comprehensive development plans of highly urbanized cities and
25 independent component cities with the national and regional development
26 plans;
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- 28 (c) Oversee the integration of plans and programs of regional agencies, state
29 universities and colleges (SUCs), special development bodies, and local
30 government units (LGUs) into the regional and national plans. The DROs shall
31 provide assistance to regional line agencies, LGUs, SUCs and special
32 development bodies in identifying and developing programs and projects;
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- 1 (d) Evaluate and review proposed policies, land use plans, programs and projects
2 in the region;
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4 (e) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans, policies, programs and
5 projects;
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7 (f) Provide technical and secretariat support to their respective Regional
8 Development Councils (RDCs);
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10 (g) Undertake research and ensure knowledge utilization for regional development
11 and productivity; and
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13 (h) Provide technical assistance to development partners in the region in
14 accordance with the functions of the DEDP.
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16 **SEC. 13. *Attached Agencies.*** – The agencies currently attached to the National
17 Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall hereinafter be attached to the DEDP
18 and shall continue to operate and function in accordance with their respective charters,
19 laws, or orders creating them, except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Administrative
20 Code of 1987, and subsequent laws.
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22 The following agencies shall be attached to the DEDP for policy and program
23 coordination purposes:
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- 25 (a) Commission on Population and Development, created pursuant to Republic Act
26 No. 6365, otherwise known as the "Population Act of 1971, as Amended."
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28 (b) Philippine Institute for Development Studies, created pursuant to Presidential
29 Decree 1201 dated September 26, 1977;
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31 (c) Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency, created pursuant
32 Executive Order 635, series of 1980;

1 (d) Philippine Statistics Authority, created pursuant to Republic Act No. 10625,
2 otherwise known as the “Philippine Statistical Act of 2013”; and

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4 (e) Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute, created pursuant to
5 Republic Act No. 10625.
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7 The following agencies shall be attached to the DEDP for administrative purposes
8 only:

9 (a) Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines, created pursuant
10 Executive Order No. 8, series of 2010 as amended by Executive Order No. 136,
11 series of 2013; and

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13 (b) Tariff Commission (TC), created pursuant to Republic Act No. 10863,
14 otherwise known as the “Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)”.

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16 **SEC. 14. *Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council.*** – The DEDP shall
17 serve as the principal secretariat of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory
18 Council (LEDAC), pursuant to Republic Act No. 7640, otherwise known as “An Act
19 Constituting the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council”. As principal
20 secretariat, the DEDP shall oversee and coordinate the provision of overall technical and
21 administrative support to the LEDAC, and shall have the following duties and
22 responsibilities, consistent with Article III, Section 2 of the rules and regulations issued to
23 implement Republic Act No. 7640:

24
25 (a) Provide technical and administrative support to the LEDAC and its sub-
26 committees, if any;

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28 (b) Determine and prepare the agenda for ~~and the minutes~~ of the LEDAC meetings,
29 and prepare the minutes of each meeting;

30 (c) Serve as venue for the initial processing and discussion of the work of the
31 LEDAC;

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33 (d) Receive and prepare communications pertinent to the work of the LEDAC;

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- 2 (e) Manage and maintain the official records of the LEDAC;
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- 4 (f) Prepare the annual budget of the LEDAC;
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- 6 (g) Prepare reports as required by the LEDAC; and
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- 8 (h) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the LEDAC.
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10 **ARTICLE III**
11 **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF DEDP**
12 **I. Visioning and Plan Formulation**
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14 **SEC. 15. *Visioning.*** – The DEDP shall formulate a long-term vision, hereinafter
15 referred to as the Vision, which embodies the long-term aspirations of all Filipinos. It shall
16 be data-driven and evidence-based, encompassing all dimensions of economic, social, and
17 environmental development. The Vision shall undergo a review every ten (10) years in
18 consideration of changing aspirations and preferences.
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20 **SEC. 16. *Long-term Development Framework.*** – The DEDP shall formulate the
21 country’s long-term development framework, hereinafter referred to as the Framework.
22 The Framework is a high-level and broad strategy spanning twenty-five (25) years that
23 shall guide the nation towards sustainable growth and development and the attainment of
24 the Vision. It shall serve as a tool to coordinate, guide, and inform the preparation and
25 consideration of future, more detailed national and subnational development plans, national
26 and subnational public investment programs, and sectoral and inter-sectoral plans and
27 programs. It shall embody the development goals and milestones to serve as basis for the
28 overall direction of government policies, programs, and projects across political
29 administrations.

30 **SEC. 17. *Physical Planning Framework.*** – The DEDP shall formulate the National
31 Framework for Physical Planning (NFPP), which shall provide policies and principles to
32 achieve efficient settlement, production, service delivery systems, and sustainable use of

1 land and other physical resources in the country. At the subnational level, the DEDP
2 Regional Offices, in consultation with their respective RDCs, shall formulate the regional
3 spatial and physical framework (RSPF) which shall encompass an implementation period
4 of twenty-five (25) years. The RSPF shall define the objectives and indicative uses of land
5 and the physical resources in the region.

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7 The NFPP and RSPF shall serve as the main reference documents in the preparation
8 of the provincial development and physical framework plans and land use plans of cities
9 and municipalities.

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11 The NFPP and RSPF shall undergo a review every ten (10) years in consideration
12 of physical changes, economic and demographic trends, as well as climate projections.

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14 **SEC. 18. *Planning Call.*** – The DEDP shall issue a Planning Call to government
15 agencies and shall provide the standards and guidelines for preparing the national and
16 subnational development plans and public investment programs. Within one (1) month
17 from the approval of the Philippine Development Plan by the Economics and Development
18 Planning Council, national government agencies shall submit to the DEDP their respective
19 short-term development plans and investment programs.

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21 **SEC. 19. *Philippine Development Plan and Regional Development Plans.*** – The
22 DEDP, in consultation with public agencies, civil society organizations, non-government
23 organizations, people’s organizations, academe, private sector, and LGUs, shall formulate
24 within six (6) months from the assumption of office of the President of the Philippines a
25 national economic and development blueprint, known as the Philippine Development Plan,
26 hereinafter referred to as the PDP, which shall be anchored on the Framework. The PDP
27 shall establish a set of measurable goals and objectives with corresponding strategies, in
28 terms of policies, programs, and projects, that shall be the basis for each political
29 administration’s pursuit of its economic and development agenda. At the subnational level,
30 this shall be known as the Regional Development Plan, hereinafter referred to as the RDP,
31 which shall be formulated by the DEDP Regional Offices within six (6) months from the
32 assumption of office of the President of the Philippines, in consultation with public
33 agencies, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, people’s

1 organizations, the academe, the private sector, and local government units. The RDP shall
2 be aligned with the PDP, defining the region's development direction.

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4 The PDP and the RDPs shall undergo a midterm review and updating in
5 consideration of accomplishments, and emerging trends and developments.

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7 **SEC. 20. *Coordination with Autonomous and Administrative Regions.*** – The
8 DEDP shall ensure effective coordination with autonomous and administrative regions that
9 have separate planning offices in the formulation of the PDP and in the conduct of other
10 relevant planning activities affecting said regions.

11 12 **II. Harmonization of Plans**

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14 **SEC. 21. *Harmonization of Plans.*** – The DEDP shall direct the government's
15 planning cycle to ensure the harmonization and coherence of national, subnational,
16 sectoral, and spatial plans and programs by prescribing standards, guidelines, compliance,
17 and accountability mechanisms. Moreover, the DEDP shall review the short-term
18 development plans submitted by the agencies as stipulated in Section 18 of this Act in order
19 to recommend appropriate action.

20 21 **III. Investment Programming**

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23 **SEC. 22. *Investment Programming.*** – The DEDP shall direct and oversee the
24 government's investment programming process to ensure that the plans are translated into
25 programs and projects by prescribing standards and guidelines, as well as compliance and
26 accountability mechanisms, especially considering the results of relevant evaluation
27 studies, and their conformity to the NFPP and RSPF which are the main reference
28 references for land use and physical framework plans as mandated under Section 17 of this
29 Act.

30 **SEC. 23. *Public Investment Program and Regional Development Investment***
31 ***Program.*** – The DEDP, in consultation with public agencies, shall formulate the Public
32 Investment Program, hereinafter referred to as the PIP, which shall identify the priority

1 programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) that are responsive to the sectoral goals and
2 outcomes of the PDP, for implementation through national government funds or the
3 General Appropriations Act (GAA), Official Development Assistance (ODA), Public-
4 Private Partnership (PPP), joint ventures (JV), and other viable implementation and
5 financing options. At the subnational level, this shall be known as the Regional
6 Development Investment Program, hereinafter referred to as the RDIP, which shall be
7 formulated by the DROs in consultation with their respective RDCs.

8 9 **IV. Linkage of Planning with Budgeting**

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11 **SEC. 24. *Linkage of Planning with Budgeting.*** – The DEDP shall recommend to
12 the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) the priorities for budget
13 expenditure policies including sectoral and regional allocations. Together with the DBM
14 and other relevant government oversight agencies, the DEDP shall ensure that the annual
15 and multi-year appropriations for programs and projects are aligned with the development
16 strategies in the PDP and RDPs.

17 18 **V. Policy Advisory**

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20 **SEC. 25. *Policy Advisory.*** – The DEDP shall undertake policy reviews to provide
21 objective, evidence-based, critical analyses of development issues and policy alternatives
22 and report findings and recommendations to the President of the Philippines, the Congress
23 of the Philippines, or the Economics and Development Planning Council, created under
24 Sec. 43 of this Act, as appropriate.

25 26 **VI. Project Appraisal**

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28 **SEC. 26. *Project appraisal.*** – The DEDP shall appraise proposed programs and
29 projects as provided by existing laws and regulations, and as may be determined by the
30 Economics and Development Planning Council in terms of economic and societal benefits
31 and viability. The DEDP shall adopt and implement appropriate evaluation measures and
32 criteria to determine the viability of programs and projects. Only programs and projects

1 that have been found viable by the DEDP shall be endorsed to the Economics and
2 Development Planning Council through the appropriate inter-agency committee.

4 **VII. Monitoring and Assessment**

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6 **SEC. 27. *Monitoring and Assessment*** – The DEDP shall monitor and assess
7 the progress of implementation of priority national and subnational programs and projects,
8 as defined by the Economics and Development Planning Council, with respect to physical
9 and financial performance, among others. The DEDP shall also identify implementation
10 bottlenecks and facilitate resolution of problems. The Department of the Interior and Local
11 Government (DILG) shall complement the monitoring, reporting, and facilitation of
12 programs and projects at the sub-regional level. Moreover, the DEDP shall determine the
13 continued viability of national programs or projects and recommend corresponding
14 measures to the Economics and Development Planning Council.

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16 **SEC. 28. *Philippine Development Report and Regional Development Reports.*** –
17 The DEDP and its Regional Offices shall formulate annually the Philippine Development
18 Report (PDR) and Regional Development Reports (RDRs). The PDR and RDRs shall serve
19 as monitoring reports on the implementation of the PDP and RDPs, respectively. The
20 results from such monitoring activities shall serve as inputs to policy and decision makers
21 in the formulation of policies, budgeting, and implementation of programs and projects. To
22 this end, the PDRs and RDRs shall contain the latest data and information pertaining to the
23 goals, policies, and strategies, as specified in the PDP.

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25 **SEC. 29. *Official Development Assistance Portfolio Review.*** – The DEDP shall
26 review the status of all projects funded by ODA pursuant to Republic Act No. 8182,
27 otherwise known as the "*Official Development Assistance Act of 1996*".

28 **VIII. Evaluation**

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30 **SEC. 30. *Evaluation.*** – The DEDP shall formulate a medium-term national
31 evaluation agenda to assess the impact and outcomes of programs and projects. It shall

1 oversee the conduct of evaluation studies consistent with the agenda, in support of good
2 governance, transparency, accountability, and evidence-based decision-making.

3 4 **IX. Independent Review**

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6 **SEC. 31. *Independent Review.*** - In the course of its monitoring and assessment of
7 programs and projects, the DEDP may independently review and evaluate facts and
8 circumstances as a means of determining whether sufficient cause exists to initiate
9 appropriate legal action, in which case, a report shall be prepared and referred to the proper
10 agency or body.

11 12 **X. Development Research**

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14 **SEC. 32. *Research.*** – The DEDP shall conduct research, special surveys, and
15 related studies as inputs to the formulation of policies and plans, and the design of programs
16 and projects. The DEDP shall establish a Development Research Program so that broad
17 policies, plans, and relevant programs can be formulated based on a sound analysis of data
18 and evidence.

19 20 **XI. Knowledge Management and Communication**

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22 **SEC. 33. *Knowledge Management and Communication.*** – The DEDP shall
23 develop and maintain knowledge management systems, applications, and tools for timely
24 and effective dissemination, accessibility, and comprehensibility of information and
25 knowledge on economics and development planning issues. It shall develop and
26 sustain communication and stakeholder engagement platforms towards well-informed and
27 cost-effective public and private sector participation in the development process.

28 29 **XII. Transparency and Accountability Reports**

30 **SEC. 34. *Transparency and Accountability Reports.*** – Within the first quarter of
31 every year, the DEDP shall submit a report to the President of the Philippines, Cabinet,
32 Congress, and the Filipino people through the mass media, on the economic performance

1 of the country. The report shall include the status and the directions of the fiscal and
2 monetary policies of the government in coordination with the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*,
3 the Department of Finance (DOF) and the DBM; macroeconomic outlook and labor market
4 prospects; and other relevant information that may be requested, for purposes of
5 transparency and accountability.

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7 **SEC. 35. *Inter-generational Report.*** – The DEDP shall submit an Inter-
8 Generational Report (IGR) to the President of the Philippines and Congress every six (6)
9 years. The IGR shall be an assessment of the long-term sustainability of existing
10 government policies over the next 25 years, taking into account projected demographic,
11 environmental and other changes.

12 13 **XIII. Capacity Building of Development Planners**

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15 **SEC. 36. *Capacity Building of Development Planners.*** – The DEDP, in
16 coordination with appropriate institutions including state universities and colleges, subject
17 to accreditation procedures, shall establish and implement a capacity building program on
18 development planning for national and local planners to build, strengthen, and continually
19 update the technical competencies of development planners in the country. The capacity
20 building program shall also serve as a platform for wider dissemination of the country's
21 vision, development plans, policies, and programs.

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23 **SEC. 37. *Technical Assistance to Development Planners.*** – The DEDP shall
24 provide technical assistance to the LGUs on how to localize national development
25 strategies, particularly in planning and investment programming to ensure alignment of
26 local development plans and strategies with the PDP and RDP.

27 28 **XIV. Economic and Financial Literacy**

29 **SEC. 38. *Economic and Financial Literacy.*** – The DEDP shall lead the
30 participation of government agencies and instrumentalities, including LGUs, government-
31 owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) and educational institutions, in the conduct

1 of knowledge-expanding activities on economic and financial literacy, pursuant to
2 Republic Act No. 10922, otherwise known as the "*Economic and Financial Literacy Act*".

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XV. Innovation and Futures Thinking

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7 **SEC. 39. *Innovation.*** – The DEDP shall provide secretariat support, and prepare
8 and recommend priorities, policies, programs, projects, strategies, and other outputs to the
9 National Innovation Council to realize the country's strategic vision for innovation,
10 pursuant to Republic Act No. 11293, or the "*Philippine Innovation Act*".

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12 **SEC. 40. *Futures Thinking.*** – The DEDP shall continually undertake scenario
13 planning exercises, anticipating future trends or discontinuities, and recommend
14 responsive measures to the President of the Philippines and the Congress, as appropriate.

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16 **SEC. 41. *Foresight Tools.*** – The DEDP shall employ or develop, as circumstances
17 warrant, foresight tools to deal with emergent trends, understand plausible future states,
18 craft corresponding strategies, and monitor relevant indicators of anticipated futures.

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XVI. Technical and Secretariat Support

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22 **SEC. 42. *Technical and Secretariat Support.*** – The DEDP shall serve as the
23 Secretariat to the Economics and Development Planning Council and its Committees, the
24 RDCs, and the National Innovation Council. In this capacity, the DEDP shall ensure that
25 all policies, programs, and projects approved by these bodies are strictly aligned with the
26 PDP and RDP. As secretariat support, it shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

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28 (a) Provide technical and administrative support;

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30 (b) Determine and prepare the agenda;

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31 (c) Prepare the minutes of the meeting;

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1 (d) Manage and maintain the official records; and

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3 (e) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the said bodies.

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5 Furthermore, the DEDP shall provide technical inputs, review, appraisal, or
6 evaluation as applicable, for all programs and projects as defined by existing and
7 subsequent laws, or those which may be defined by the Economics and Development
8 Planning Council prior to the endorsement of such programs and projects to the Council
9 for approval. At the subnational level, the DEDP Regional Offices shall provide prior
10 technical inputs, review, appraisal, or evaluation for endorsement of programs and projects
11 to RDCs for approval.

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13 The DEDP shall also provide advisory services to these bodies.

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15 **CHAPTER 2**

16 **ARTICLE I**

17 **THE ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

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19 **SEC. 43. *The Economics and Development Planning Council.*** – The Economics
20 and Development Planning Council is hereby established, hereinafter referred to as the
21 Council. The Council shall be headed by the President of the Philippines, shall be an
22 executive collegial body responsible for directing and providing overall policy direction
23 on economic, financial, social, and environmental matters to achieve inclusive and
24 sustained economic growth.

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26 **SEC. 44. *Composition of the Council.*** – The Council shall be composed of the
27 following:

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29 (a) President of the Philippines as Chairperson;

30 (b) Executive Secretary;

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32 (c) Secretary of Economics and Development Planning as Vice-Chairperson;

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- (d) Principals of the agencies chairing the Committees of the Council;
- (e) National of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines; and
- (f) Governor of the BSP, as a resource institution.

The President of the Philippines may, however, revise the membership of the Council whenever the same is deemed necessary for the effective performance of the Council's function.

All members of the Council, except the Governor of the BSP, are voting members. The presence of a majority of all members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. The Council may request inputs from the private sector.

SEC. 45. Powers and Functions of the Council. – The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) Direct the formulation and implementation of policies, plans, and programs that would promote economic development and address development concerns of national importance;
- (b) Approve the PDP, PIP, and their respective midterm updates;
- (c) Approve the level of annual government expenditures, as well as projections, forecast, resource requirement, and the ceiling of government spending for social and economic development, national defense, government debt service, and the proper allocation of expenditures for each development activity between current operating expenditures and capital outlay;
- (d) Approve the level of expenditure program of national government agencies by region, in accordance with the approved RDPs and RDIPs;

- 1 (e) Define cost threshold and other criteria for priority programs and projects that
2 shall require Council approval, unless already provided by existing laws, rules
3 and regulations,
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- 5 (f) Approve projects, programs, and plans, as endorsed by the DEDP, as required
6 under existing laws, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances;
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- 8 (g) Initiate the formulation of proposals for the enactment of laws that may be
9 necessary for the integration and implementation of economic and development
10 policies, plans and programs or any of their component parts;
- 11 (h) Issue rules and regulations necessary for the effective discharge of the powers
12 and functions vested on the Council; and
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- 14 (i) Direct the reorganization, or establishment of Committees of the Council,
15 including the modification of their respective membership, structures, powers,
16 and functions.
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18 **SEC. 46. Meetings.** – The Council shall meet at least once every quarter. A special
19 meeting of the Council may be convened by the President of the Philippines to address
20 urgent concerns, or emergencies, such as natural disasters, calamities, or other
21 extraordinary circumstances which would affect the economy or and national development.
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23 The DEDP shall maintain and preserve a complete record of the proceedings and
24 deliberations of the Council, including the recordings and transcripts thereof, either in their
25 original form, or in any secured format made available by existing technology, such as
26 digital formatting.
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28 **SEC. 47. Full Disclosure Rule.** – In addition to the requirements of Republic Act
29 No. 6713, otherwise known as the “Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public
30 Officials and Employees”, any member of the Economics and Development Council with
31 personal and pecuniary interest in any matter in the agenda of the Council shall disclose
32 the interest to the Economics and Development Council and shall withdraw from the
33 meeting when the matter is taken up. The decision taken on the matter shall be made public.

1 The minutes shall reflect the disclosure made and the retirement of the member concerned
2 from the meeting.

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ARTICLE II

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COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

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8 **SEC. 48. *Committees of the Economics and Development Council.*** – The
9 Economics and Development Council shall have committees that shall act as its primary
10 advisory bodies.

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12 These Committees shall be the main coordinating mechanism that ensures that the
13 policy environment is conducive to the promotion of rapid, inclusive, and sustained
14 economic growth that raises the quality of life for all.

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16 The President of the Philippines shall designate the respective Chairpersons of the
17 Committees. The DEDP shall serve as the Secretariat for all Committees, unless otherwise
18 provided in this Act. The Council may create new committees, modify or abolish existing
19 ones with respect to their structures, composition, powers, and functions. It may also create
20 sub-committees, whenever appropriate, for the purpose of dispensing with any of their
21 respective functions. To avoid duplication and ensure policy coherence, no other inter-
22 agency body with the same or similar mandates to the Council's Committees shall be
23 created.

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25 Members of Congress may, upon invitation of the President of the Philippines,
26 serve as resource persons in any of the Committees.

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28 **SEC. 49. *Development Budget Coordination Committee (BudgetCom).*** – The
29 Development Budget Coordination Committee (BudgetCom) shall be composed of the
30 Secretaries of the DBM, the DEDP, the DOF, the Executive Secretary, and the Governor
31 of the BSP.

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1 A technical committee of the BudgetCom, composed of duly designated
2 Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical
3 review of matters that require appropriate action by BudgetCom.

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5 The BudgetCom shall discharge the following functions:

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7 (a) Endorse for final approval of the Council:

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9 (1) The level of annual government expenditures and the ceiling of government
10 spending for economic and social development, national defense, and
11 government debt service;

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13 (2) The budget to be allocated for current operating expenditures and capital
14 outlays of government programs and projects;

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16 (3) A strategic multi-year fiscal program which supports the long-term and
17 medium-term development objectives of the country; and

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19 (4) A domestic and foreign borrowing program.

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21 (b) Assess the overall economic situation of the country, which includes economic
22 growth, monetary, fiscal, and possible economic risks which may require policy
23 reforms;

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25 (c) Ensure that the regional allocations are responsive to poverty, development
26 gaps, and economic opportunities; and

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28 (d) Conduct periodic review of fiscal and macroeconomic targets, and the revenue
29 and expenditure projections of the government, including general examination
30 of costs, accomplishments and performance standards applied in undertaking
31 development projects; and

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1 (e) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of the
2 BudgetCom.

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4 The DBM shall serve as the Secretariat to the BudgetCom.

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6 **SEC. 50. *Investment Coordination Committee (InvestmentCom).*** – The
7 Investment Coordination Committee (InvestmentCom) shall be composed of the
8 Secretaries of the DOF, the DEDP, the DBM, the DILG, the DTI, the Executive Secretary,
9 and the Governor of BSP.

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11 A technical committee of the InvestmentCom, composed of duly designated
12 Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical
13 review of matters that require appropriate action by InvestmentCom.

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15 The InvestmentCom shall discharge the following functions:

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17 (a) Ensure the efficient and effective evaluation of major capital programs and
18 projects of the country by determining levels of acceptability and viability
19 relative to overall economic and fiscal conditions of the country;

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21 (b) Endorse the following to the Council for its approval:

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23 (1) Timetable of the implementation of major capital programs and projects on
24 a regular basis;

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26 (2) Public-private partnerships, privatization, and other funding options to
27 augment government's financing capacity;

28 (3) Modalities of development financing and capital market development in
29 support of long-term programs and projects for both national and local
30 government, and GOCCs;

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1 (4) Specific major programs and projects with respect to technical, financial,
2 economic, social, environmental, legal, institutional, feasibility, and
3 viability as well as from the context of sectoral plans and geographical
4 strategies, as may be required by law, orders, and other legal issuances; and
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6 (5) Major capital projects based on a cost threshold or other criteria as may be
7 set by the Council.
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9 (c) Submit to the President of the Philippines a status of the fiscal, monetary and
10 balance of payment (BOP) implications of major capital programs and projects;
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13 (d) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of
14 the InvestmentCom.
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16 **SEC. 51. *Economic Development Committee (EconDevCom)*.** – The Economic
17 Development Committee (EconDevCom) shall be composed of the Secretaries of the
18 DEDP, the DOF, the DTL, the DBM, the Department of Public Works and Highways
19 (DPWH), the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Department of Information and
20 Communications Technology (DICT), the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department
21 of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department
22 of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), , the DILG, the
23 Governor of BSP, and the Executive Secretary.
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25 A technical committee of the EconDevCom, composed of duly designated
26 Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical
27 review of matters that require appropriate action by EconDevCom.
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29 The EconDevCom shall endorse for approval of the Council:

30 (a) Policies that would ensure equitable and sustainable distribution of economic
31 opportunities and benefits to Filipinos;
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1 (b) Policies towards the development of agriculture, industry, and services which
2 are vital to achieving food security and more equitable and sustainable growth;

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4 (c) Policies for the improvement of national productivity, competition and
5 competitiveness of domestic products and services;

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7 (d) Policies and measures to promote an environment conducive to the growth and
8 competitiveness of private enterprises and the creation of jobs that will
9 empower people and provide them with opportunities to rise above poverty to
10 improve the quality of their lives; and

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12 (e) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of
13 the EconDevCom.

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15 **SEC. 52. *Infrastructure Committee (InfraCom).*** – The Infrastructure Committee
16 (InfraCom) shall be composed of the Secretaries of the DPWH, the DEDP, the DBM, the
17 DOF, the DICT, the DOTr, the DTI, the DOE, the DA, the DOT, and the Executive
18 Secretary.

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20 A technical committee of InfraCom, composed of duly designated Undersecretaries
21 of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical review of
22 matters that require appropriate action by InfraCom.

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24 The InfraCom shall discharge the following functions:

25
26 (a) Endorse for Council approval a national infrastructure development strategy
27 that will coordinate, integrate and accelerate the development initiatives across
28 all infrastructure subsectors in the country;

29 (b) Advise the Council on all matters concerning infrastructure development,
30 including roads, highways, and bridges; airports, seaports, offshore
31 infrastructure and shore protection; railways and subways; power generation,
32 transmission and distribution; ICT, telecommunications; irrigation, flood

1 control and drainage; water supply, sewerage and sanitation; national buildings
2 for government offices; hospitals and related buildings; state colleges and
3 universities, elementary and secondary school buildings; reclamation; and
4 other public works, whether procured or financed through traditional means,
5 public-private partnerships, or any other method;
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7 (c) Coordinate the activities of agencies, including GOCCS involved in
8 infrastructure development; and
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10 (d) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of
11 the InfraCom.
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13 **SEC. 53. *Social Development Committee (SocialDevCom).*** – The Social
14 Development Committee (SocialDevCom) shall be composed of the Secretaries of the
15 Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the DEDP, the DBM, the
16 Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Agrarian Reform, the DA, the
17 Department of Health, the DILG, the DOLE, and the Executive Secretary.
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19 A technical committee of SocialDevCom, composed of duly designated
20 Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical
21 review of matters that require appropriate action by SocialDevCom.
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23 The SocialDevCom shall discharge the following functions:
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25 (a) Endorse for approval of the Council policies and programs that enhance the
26 welfare and reduce risks of Overseas Filipino Workers, older persons,
27 differently-abled persons, children, women, indigenous peoples, marginalized
28 farmers and fisher folk, and informal urban and upland settlers;

29 (b) Advise the Council on matters concerning social development, including
30 education, skills development, health and nutrition, population and family
31 planning, housing, human settlements, social protection, and the delivery of
32 other social services; and

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- (c) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of the SocialDevCom.

SEC. 54. *Committee on Trade and Related Matters (TradeCom).* – The Committee on Trade and Related Matters (TradeCom) shall be composed of the Secretaries of the DTI, DEDP, DA, DBM, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), DOF, Department of Foreign Affairs, DICT, DOTr, the Executive Secretary, the Governor of BSP, and the Chairperson of the Tariff Commission.

A technical committee of TradeCom, composed of duly designated Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical review of matters that require appropriate action by TradeCom.

The TradeCom shall discharge the following functions:

- (a) Endorse for approval of the Council a continuous rationalization policy and program for the country's tariff structure;
- (b) Advise the Council on trade and related matters, as well as the effects of various international developments on the country;
- (c) Coordinate government agency positions and recommend national positions for international economic negotiations; and
- (d) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of the TradeCom.

SEC. 55. *Regional Development Committee (RDCom).* – The Regional Development Committee (RDCom) shall be composed of the Secretaries of the DEDP, DILG, DBM, DTI, three (3) RDC Chairpersons representing Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, and one (1) representative from the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines.

1 A technical committee of RDCom, composed of duly designated Undersecretaries
2 of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical review of
3 matters that require appropriate action by RDCom.

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5 The RDCom shall discharge the following functions:

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7 (a) Formulate and monitor the implementation of policies that reduce regional
8 development disparities;
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10 (b) Promote equitable allocation of resources among regions by providing
11 recommendations to the DBCC on the guidelines for the regional allocation of
12 budgetary resources;
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14 (c) Periodically review the viability of the regional configuration of the country,
15 and recommend to the Council the re-delineation of regions, as may be
16 necessary; and
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18 (d) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of
19 the RDCom.
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21 **SEC. 56. *Marine Resource and Land Use Committee (MaRLUCom).*** – The
22 Marine Resource and Land Use Committee (MaRLUCom) shall be composed of the
23 Secretaries of the DEDP, the DAR, the DA, the DOE, the DENR, the DILG, the DOST,
24 the DOT, and the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, the
25 Chairperson of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, the Chairperson of the
26 National Coast Watch Council, and the presidents of the League of Provinces, the League
27 of Municipalities, and the League of Cities.

28 A technical committee of MaRLUCom, composed of duly designated
29 Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical
30 review of matters that require appropriate action by MaRLUCom.

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32 The MaRLUCom shall discharge the following functions:

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- (a) Advise the Council on matters concerning Marine Resource Use Planning and Land Use Physical Planning;
- (b) Endorse for approval of the Council the NFPP as provided in Section 17 of this Act that guides the rational utilization and management of the country's marine resources, land resources, and other physical resources, and the preparation of sub-national physical framework plans;
- (c) Endorse for approval of the Council resolutions concerning marine resource use and land use policy conflicts among agencies of the national government;
- (d) Ensure the integration of marine resource use, land use and physical planning policies, plans, and programs, including disaster risk management, into national socioeconomic plans and programs; and
- (e) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of the MaRLUCom.

SEC. 57. Governance Committee (GovCom). – The Governance Committee (GovCom) shall be composed of the Secretaries of the DBM, the DEDP, the DILG, the DOF, the DTI, the Executive Secretary, the Department of Justice, the Chairperson of the Commission on Audit, the Director General of the Anti-Red Tape Authority, and the Chairperson of the Governance Commission for GOCCs.

A technical committee of GovCom, composed of duly designated Undersecretaries of the same member agencies, is hereby established to conduct a technical review of matters that require appropriate action by GovCom.

The GovCom shall endorse for approval of the Council:

- (a) Policies that promote transparency, accountability, and participatory governance;

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- (b) Policies that strengthen public institutions to effectively and efficiently implement their respective mandates;
- (c) Policies, plans, and programs that improve policy and regulatory environment to reduce cost of doing business and promote market competition; and
- (f) Perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the mandates of the GovCom.

SEC. 58. Regional Development Council. – The Regional Development Councils (RDCs) are the regional counterparts of the Council. Each RDC shall be composed of the provincial governors, the city mayors, the mayors of the municipalities designated as provincial capitals, the presidents of the provincial league of mayors, the mayors of municipalities designated as regional centers, the regional directors of the agencies represented in the Council, the regional directors of the DepEd, the DSWD, and the DOT, and the private sector representatives who shall comprise one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the fully constituted RDC.

The President of the Philippines shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the RDC. The DROs shall serve as secretariat of the RDCs.

CHAPTER 3

TRANSITORY AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 59. Transitory Provision. – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) is hereby abolished. The powers and functions, applicable funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment, facilities, supplies, property, and personnel of the NEDA are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the DEDP. All current officials and employees of the NEDA shall be retained under the DEDP. Any reference to the NEDA, or to the Director General of the NEDA or the Secretary of Socio-economic Planning in any existing law, Executive Order, Administrative Order, or Presidential Proclamation, rules and regulations, and other issuances with respect to any duty or function assumed by

1 the DEDP created in this Act, shall be deemed hereinafter to be referenced to the DEDP or
2 to the Secretary of Economics and Development Planning, respectively.

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4 Within six (6) months upon effectivity of this Act, the DEDP shall prepare the 25-
5 year Framework. For this purpose, the amount necessary to carry out the necessary
6 preparation of the Framework shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act.

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8 All programs and projects submitted to the NEDA for appraisal and those endorsed
9 by the current Investment Coordination Committee for the approval of the NEDA Board
10 prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be processed by the DEDP and the Economics and
11 Development Council, respectively, subject to the prevailing laws, rules and regulations,
12 guidelines, and issuances at the time of submission or endorsement.

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14 **SEC. 60. *Transfer of Rights and Obligations.*** – The DEDP shall, by virtue of this
15 Act, be subrogated to all the rights and assume all the obligations of the NEDA, and all its
16 liabilities that pertain to its pertinent funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment,
17 facilities, supplies, property, and personnel, including unexpended portions of its members’
18 respective salaries.

19 **SEC. 61. *Separation and Retirement from Service.*** – The NEDA employees who
20 are separated from service as a result of the consolidation and reorganization under the
21 provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to the following applicable separation incentives:

22 (a) One half (1/2) of the actual monthly basic salary for every year of service, for
23 those who have rendered less than eleven (11) years of service;

24 (b) Three-fourths (3/4) of the actual monthly basic salary for every year of service,
25 computed starting from the first year, for those who have rendered eleven (11)
26 to less than twenty-one (21) years of service;

27 (c) The actual monthly basic salary for every year of service, computed starting
28 from the first year, for those who have rendered twenty-one (21) to less than
29 thirty-one (31) years of service; and
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1 (d) One and one-fourth (1¼) of the actual monthly basic salary for every year of
2 service, computed starting from the first year, for those who have rendered
3 thirty-one (31) years of service and above.

4 The NEDA employees who opt to retire under existing retirement laws shall also
5 be entitled to the above incentives in addition to the retirement benefits to which they may
6 be entitled under applicable laws and issuances: *Provided*, That personnel who avails of
7 the separation incentives under this Act shall not be re-employed in any agency of the
8 executive branch for a period of five (5) years, except as a teaching or medical staff in
9 educational institutions and hospitals, respectively: *Provided, further*, That retired or
10 separated personnel who are re-employed within the prohibited period shall refund the
11 separation incentives received on a pro-rated basis:

12 For purposes of the additional separation incentives, the actual monthly basic salary
13 shall refer to the salary of the affected personnel as of the date of approval of the
14 department's organizational structure and staffing pattern by the DBM.

15 **SEC. 62. Other Benefits of Retired and Separated Personnel.** – The affected
16 personnel who shall retire or are separated from the service shall, in addition to the
17 applicable benefits abovementioned, be entitled to the following:

18 (a) Refund of Pag-IBIG contributions, both personal and government, pursuant to
19 existing rules and regulations of the home development mutual fund; and

20 (b) Commutation of unused vacation and sick leave credits of the affected
21 personnel in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

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23 **SEC. 63. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to cover the initial
24 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the
25 NEDA. Thereinafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued and effective
26 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA.

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28 Such sums as may be necessary to implement the Capacity Building Program of the
29 DEDP, DEDP Research Program and DEDP Evaluation Program shall also be included in
30 the annual GAA.

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SEC. 64. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety days (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DEDP shall promulgate the rules and regulations, as well as the necessary issuances required for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 65. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 66. *Repealing Clause.* – Executive Order No. 230, Series of 1987, entitled “Reorganizing the National Economic and Development Authority,” and Book V, Title II, Subtitle C, entitled “The National Economic and Development Authority” of Executive Order No. 292, Series of 1987, otherwise known as the “Administrative Code of 1987,” are hereby repealed. All other laws, ordinances, orders, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are contrary or inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 67. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,