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OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230 SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED,
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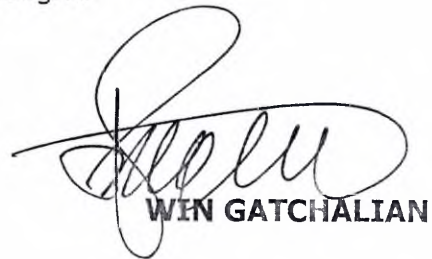
The vision of this landmark legislation is to instill a culture of planning in the formulation and implementation of the country's economic and development policies – and emphasizes the importance of participatory planning by expanding stakeholder participation through various stages.

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 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “The National
2 Economic and Development Authority Act of 2022.”
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- 4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall adopt and implement continuing
5 integrated and coordinated long, medium, and short term development plans and
6 policies to achieve the following goals: full employment towards sustainable and
7 inclusive economic growth; equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and
8 wealth; and increased productivity as a key to raising the quality of life for all. To this
9 end, it is recognized that the formulation of socioeconomic policies and plans is a vital
10 process that calls for the participation of the public and private sectors at the national
11 and sub-national levels. The formulation and adoption of these policies and plans need

1 to be coordinated and implemented by an independent economic and planning
2 agency, to be headed by the President, to ensure the consistency of policies, plans
3 and programs for national development and the sustainable use of the nation's
4 resources.

5 **CHAPTER I**

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

8 **ARTICLE I.**

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

11 *SEC. 3. The National Economic and Development Authority.* – There is hereby
12 established an independent economic and planning agency, which shall be known as
13 the National Economic and Development Authority, hereafter referred to as NEDA.
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15 *SEC. 4. Powers and Functions.* – The NEDA shall have the following powers
16 and functions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (8) Provide technical, advisory and secretariat support services to the NEDA
24 Board and its committees, the Regional Development Councils, and other
25 stakeholders.

1 **ARTICLE II.**

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

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

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

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

10 (3) The Secretary of Finance;

11 (4) The Secretary of Budget and Management;

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

13 (6) The Secretary of Trade and Industry;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 *SEC. 8. Exercise of Authority.* – In the exercise of authority, the NEDA Board,
14 upon its recommendation to and upon approval thereof by the President, shall:

15 (1) Direct the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies that
16 would promote economic development and address development concerns of national
17 importance;

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

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

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

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

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

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

6

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

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

12 The NEDA Board may create other inter-agency committees, or modify existing
13 ones, in respect to their structures, compositions, powers, and functions.

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

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

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

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

27 (a) Recommend for Presidential approval the level of annual
28 government expenditures and the ceiling of government spending for
29 economic and social development, national defense, and government debt
30 service;

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

3 (c) Assess the overall economic situation of the country, which
4 includes economic growth, monetary, fiscal, and possible economic risks which
5 may require policy reforms;

6 (d) Conduct periodic review of fiscal and macroeconomic targets, and
7 the revenue and expenditure projections of the government;

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

10 (f) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the framework for
11 regional development of the medium-term development plan.

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

17 (a) Review and submit to the President a status of the fiscal,
18 monetary and balance of payment implications of major capital programs and
19 projects;

20 (b) Identify and determine the level of expenditure program of
21 national government agencies by region, in accordance with the approved
22 regional medium-term development plans and regional medium-term
23 development investment programs;

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

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

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

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

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

10 (a) Formulate a national infrastructure development strategy that will
11 coordinate, integrate and accelerate the development initiatives across all
12 infrastructure subsectors in the country;

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

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

24 (4) *Social Development Committee (SDC)* - The SDC, to be composed of the
25 Secretaries of Social Welfare and Development, National Economic and Development
26 Authority, Budget and Management, Education, Agrarian Reform, Agriculture, Health,
27 Interior and Local Government, and Labor and Employment, the Executive Secretary,
28 and the Lead Convenor of the National Anti-Poverty Commission, shall have the
29 following functions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (c) Coordinate government agency positions and recommend
22 national positions for international economic negotiations.

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

29 (a) Advise the NEDA Board on matters concerning regional
30 development;

1 (b) Formulate and monitor the implementation of policies that reduce
2 regional growth disparities;

3 (c) Promote equitable allocation of resources among regions by
4 strengthening the linkage between national and regional/local planning,
5 investment programming and budgeting, and providing recommendations to
6 the DBCC on the guidelines for the regional allocation of budgetary resources;

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

9 (e) Formulate and monitor the implementation of the framework for
10 regional development of the medium-term development plan; and

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

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

23 (a) Advise the NEDA Board on matters concerning land use and
24 physical planning;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (a) Formulate policies that promote sustainable economic
29 development and inclusive growth;

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

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

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

11 (e) Monitor and evaluate continuous improvements in national
12 productivity and competitiveness of domestic products and services.

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

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

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

27
28 SEC. 10. *Meetings and Reports of the Inter-Agency Committees.* - The inter-
29 agency committees shall meet regularly, but may be convened to such special

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

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

5 **ARTICLE III.**

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

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

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

16 SEC. 12. *Organization of NEDA.* – The NEDA shall consist of the Office of the
17 Secretary, the Offices of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries, technical and
18 sectoral staffs, operations support staffs, and regional offices.

19
20 SEC. 13. *Office of the Secretary of NEDA.* – The Office of the Secretary of NEDA
21 shall consist of the Secretary, four (4) Undersecretaries, eight (8) Assistant
22 Secretaries, the Internal Audit Service, and the Legislative Liaison Office.

23
24 SEC. 14. *Functions of the Secretary of NEDA.* – The Secretary of the National
25 Economic and Development Authority shall have the following functions:

26 (1) Provide executive direction and supervision over the entire operations of
27 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 in
5 carrying out the NEDA's mandate, objectives, policies, plans, programs, and projects;

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

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

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

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

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16 SEC. 15. *Term of Office of the Secretary.* – The Secretary of National Economic
17 and Development Authority shall be appointed by the President who shall serve until
18 the expiration of the President's term unless sooner terminated.

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20 SEC. 16. *Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries.* – The Secretary shall be
21 assisted by four (4) Undersecretaries and eight (8) Assistant Secretaries, who are
22 appointed by the President, upon recommendation by the Secretary.

23 The Secretary shall have the flexibility to determine the respective assignments
24 of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries, depending on the Secretary's
25 strategic directions and/or emerging development trends affecting the country's
26 economy.

27

28 SEC. 17. *Staffs and Offices.* – The NEDA shall be composed of the following
29 technical and sectoral staffs, administrative and support staffs, and regional offices:

30 (1) National Policy and Planning Staff;

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

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

22

23 SEC. 18. *NEDA Regional Offices (NROs)*. – The NROs shall have the following
24 functions:

- 25 (1) Oversee the integration of plans and programs of regional agencies,
26 state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and controlled corporations
27 (GOCCs), and local government units (LGUs) into the regional and national plans. The
28 NROs shall provide assistance to regional line agencies, LGUs, SUCs, and GOCCs in
29 identifying and developing programs and projects;

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

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

5 (4) Provide technical and secretariat services to their respective Regional
6 Development Councils;

7 (5) Undertake research and ensure knowledge utilization for regional
8 development and productivity;

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

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

15

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

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

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

23 (2) Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA);

24 (3) Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);

25 (4) Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI); and

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

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

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

30 (2) Tariff Commission (TC)

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

8
9 SEC. 21. *Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC).* – The
10 NEDA shall continue to serve as the principal secretariat of the LEDAC, consistent with
11 RA No. 7640. It shall perform the following functions under Section 3 thereof, including
12 the preparation of the budget and administration of the funds of the Council:

13 (1) Determine and recommend socioeconomic development goals in
14 pursuance of established policies which shall guide the formulation and
15 implementation of the national development plan;

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

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

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

23 (5) Assess effectiveness of implementation of the national development
24 plan;

25 (6) Integrate environmental concepts, principles and practices into the
26 national development plan for a balanced and cohesive approach to national
27 development;

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

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

4 **ARTICLE IV.**

5 **DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS, REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

6 SEC. 22. *Long-Term Development Plan.* – The NEDA, in consultation with
7 regional, local, and other stakeholders, shall formulate a Long-Term National,
8 Regional, and Local Development Plan which will provide the overall direction to the
9 medium-term and short-term development plans of the country, to ensure consistency
10 of government strategies, policies, programs, and projects across political
11 administrations. The long-term development plan shall contain the development goals
12 and milestones each administration should attain to realize the long-term vision of the
13 Filipino people.

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

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

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28 SEC. 24. *Medium-Term Public Investment Program (MTPIP) and Regional*
29 *Medium-Term Development Investment Programs (RMTDIPs).* – The preparation of

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

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

12
13 *SEC. 25. National Physical Framework Plan (NPPF).* – The NEDA shall prepare a
14 framework which provides analytical parameters for the planned allocation, use and
15 management of the country's land and other physical resources. The NPPF shall help
16 plan and manage these resources at the national and sub-national levels.

17 The NEDA Regional Offices shall coordinate the preparation of the sub-national
18 physical framework or physical development plans for the approval of their respective
19 RDCs.

20 The NPPF and sub-national physical framework or physical development plans
21 shall serve as the main reference documents in the preparation of the physical plans
22 and land use plans of provinces, cities, and municipalities in the country.

23
24 *SEC. 26. Socioeconomic Report (SER) and Regional Development Reports*
25 *(RDRs).* – To monitor the implementation of the MTPDP and MTRDPs, the NEDA shall
26 prepare periodic socioeconomic reports. The SER and RDRs shall serve as inputs to
27 policy and decision makers in the formulation of policies, budgeting, and
28 implementation of programs and projects based on the development plans of the
29 country.

1 SEC. 30. *Planning, Programming and Budgeting Linkage.* – The NEDA shall
2 ensure a strong, efficient, and effective linkage between development planning,
3 programming and budgeting.

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

8
9 SEC. 31. *Adoption and Implementation of Plans and Investment Programs.* –
10 The RDCs shall approve their respective MTRDPs and RMTDIPs for consideration in
11 the MTPDP and MTPIP. The NEDA Board shall approve the MTPDP and MTPIP for
12 adoption and implementation of government agencies.

13
14 SEC. 32. *Integration of National, Regional, and Local Plans and Programs.* – The
15 NEDA shall ensure the integration of major regional and local development priorities
16 into the MTPDP and MTRDPs, respectively. Furthermore, the NEDA, through the NEDA
17 Regional Offices, shall provide oversight in the formulation of provincial development
18 and physical framework plans so that local development thrusts are aligned with and
19 contribute to the national and regional level plans and programs.

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

23
24 SEC. 33. *Consultations and Technical Assistance.* – There shall be maximum
25 participation by and consultation with concerned local government units, community
26 organizations and beneficiaries, civil society organizations, non-government
27 organizations, people’s organizations, the academe, or other private organizations in
28 order to ensure that the priority needs are incorporated into the formulation of policies,
29 plans, programs and projects.

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

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

13 **ARTICLE II.**

14 **MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS**

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

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

28
29 *SEC. 36. Evaluation of the Implementation of Plans and Programs.* –
30 Consistent with a National Evaluation Framework, which provides for the purposive

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

5 **CHAPTER III**

6 **TRANSITORY AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

6
7 SEC. 39. *Funding.* – The amount needed to carry out the initial implementation
8 of this Act shall be charged on the current year’s budget of the NEDA. Thereafter, the
9 necessary budget for the continued operation and maintenance of the NEDA shall be
10 included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

11
12 SEC. 40. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from
13 the effectivity of this Act, the NEDA Board shall promulgate the rules and regulations,
14 as well as the issuances necessary to ensure the proper implementation of the
15 provisions of this Act. These implementing rules and regulations shall take effect
16 fifteen (15) days after the completion of their publication in two (2) newspapers of
17 general circulation.

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

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

26
27 SEC. 43. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion
28 of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
29 circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,