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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Civil registration is an important factor in the functioning and development of the country. Particularly the registration of births and deaths each year, as well as the causes of their deaths, contribute in order to have well-functioning systems. Registration of legal instruments affecting the civil status of persons helps in providing clear proof in order to protect the rights of persons. Civil registration is not just some mandatory requirement that the government requires everyone to do just for the purpose of records keeping. Civil registration is a key component in protecting the rights of the Filipinos, facilitating public service delivery and monitoring national health. The civil registration system in the country is currently facing challenges mainly because of lack of access to registrar offices.

In response to the need to enhance the civil registration system in the country, this bill seeks to establish a comprehensive civil registration system which shall be more accessible and more responsive to Filipinos. Salient provisions of this Bill include the establishment of Barangay Civil Registration system which shall be utilized in order to assist civil registration within the barangay's respective jurisdiction. Through the establishment of a Barangay Civil Registration system, civil registration will become more accessible and responsive to all Filipinos all over the country. Furthermore, this Bill shall provide the methods of registering different kinds of legal instruments affecting the civil status of persons.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC AND PLANNING AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230 SERIES OF 1987, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REORGANIZATION ACT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the *“The National Economic and Development Authority Act of 2022.”*

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It shall be the declared policy of the State to promote the enhancement of the national economy through measures that seek a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth, a sustained increase in the number of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people, and expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality life of all. Towards these ends, the State shall give the optimum opportunity to all sectors of the economy and all regions in the country to develop through the institutionalization of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) which shall be the forefront

department of the country in the recommendation and implementation of national programs focused on national development.

SECTION 3. *The National Economic and Development Authority.* – The National Economic and Development Authority. – The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) shall hereby be established as an independent economic and planning agency. The NEDA shall generate and provide impartial, objective, and evidence-based analyses and recommendations for the socio-economic betterment of the nation.

Transparency and proactivity shall be the core principles of the NEDA in engaging all Filipinos in the development of and discourse over the government's socio-economic policies, strategies, plans, and programs.

SECTION 4. *Powers, Functions, and Duties of the NEDA.* – The NEDA shall perform the following powers, functions and duties:

- a. Formulate, in consultation with appropriate public agencies, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, people's organizations, the academe, the private sector, and local government units, continuing integrated and coordinated policies, plans, and programs for national and regional development, such as:
 - i. Long-term national development plans;
 - ii. Medium-term and short-term national and regional development plans;
 - iii. Medium-term national and regional public investment programs;
 - iv. Sectoral and inter-sectoral programs; and
 - v. Evaluation agenda
- b. Ensure the integration of national, regional, sub-national and spatial plans and programs consistent with the overall development objectives of the country;
- c. Prioritize policies and strategies, with corresponding programs, activities and projects, and funding from the national government, official development assistance (ODA), public-private partnerships, and other viable sources of funding, as the basis for budget expenditure policies and budget formulation, in coordination with implementing agencies, and for reporting to the National Economic Development Board (NEDB) and its committees;
- d. Ensure the effective implementation of national and regional programs and projects of the government, funded by the national government, public-private partnerships, ODA, and programs vested with public interest;
- e. Review, monitor and assess the impact of policies, regulations, and programs of the government and recommend to concerned government

agencies and instrumentalities strategies and measures including proposed legislation to achieve development goals;

- f. Recommend policies that would encourage investments to ensure that the economic and business environments and regulatory frameworks are consistent with the development agenda and plans of the country;
- g. Ensure the management of national and regional plans and programs by prescribing appropriate rules and regulations, guidelines, and effective mechanisms to ensure continuing integrated and coordinated programs and policies for national development;
- h. Report to the people, Congress, the Cabinet, and the President on the economic performance of the country, including the status and the directions of the fiscal and monetary policies of the government in coordination with the BSP and the Department of Finance, prospects in the macro-economy and labor market, and other relevant information that may be requested, for purposes of transparency and accountability; and
- i. Provide technical, advisory, and secretariat support services to the NEDB and its committees, the Regional Development Councils, and other stakeholders.

SECTION 5. *Organization and Staffing.* – NEDA shall submit the organizational structure and staffing modifications as deemed appropriate to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). The DBM shall then assess the structure and staffing modifications and shall have the right to approve the same or submit its recommendation to the NEDA, if necessary.

Appointments in NEDA, including those which are policy-determining, primarily confidential on highly technical nature, shall be made in accordance with the Civil Service Law.

SECTION 6. *Organization of NEDA.* –NEDA shall consist of the following:

- a) Secretary;
- b) The Offices of the undersecretaries;
- c) Assistant secretaries;
- d) Technical and sectoral staff;
- e) Operations support staff; and
- f) Regional offices.

SECTION 7. *Office of the Secretary of NEDA.* – The Office of the Secretary of NEDA shall consist of the following:

- a) Secretary;
- b) Four (4) undersecretaries;
- c) Eight (8) assistant secretaries;

- d) Technical and sectoral staff;
- e) Operations support staffs; and
- f) Regional offices.

SECTION 8. *Secretary of the NEDA.* – The Secretary, who is the head of the NEDA shall likewise be the Vice-Chairperson of the NEDB. Furthermore, the NEDA Secretary shall be a member of the Cabinet.

The NEDA Secretary shall have the following functions:

- a) Exercise supervisory powers over the entire operations of the NEDA;
- b) Establish policies and standards for the effective, efficient, and economic operations of the NEDA, in accordance with the programs of the government;
- c) Promulgate rules and regulations, necessary in carrying out the NEDA's mandate, objectives, policies, plans, programs, and projects;
- d) Establish effective linkages with provincial and municipal planning and development offices;
- e) Inform the President of the Philippines whenever executive or administrative orders, regulatory and legislative proposals, pertaining to matters of national economic and social development are in the process of promulgation;
- f) Such other powers as may be required for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Representation to the Monetary Board.* – As a general rule, the NEDA Secretary shall represent the NEDA during meetings before the Monetary Board. In the event that the NEDA Secretary is unable to attend the meeting before the Monetary Board, the NEDA Secretary may designate a representative from among four (4) Undersecretaries.

SECTION 10. *Term of Office of the Secretary.* – The Secretary of National Economic and Development Authority shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Commission on Appointments, and shall hold office, unless sooner removed, until the expiration of his/her term of office, or until his/her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

SECTION 11. *Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries.* – The Secretary shall be assisted by four (4) undersecretaries and eight (8) assistant secretaries, who shall be appointed by the President, upon recommendation by the NEDA Secretary.

The Secretary shall provide the respective assignments of the undersecretaries and assistant secretaries, depending on the Secretary's discretion on matters focusing on the socio-economic development of the country.

SECTION 12. *The National Economic Development Board (NEDB).* – The NEDB shall be composed of the following:

- a) The President of the Philippines, as Chairperson;
- b) The Secretary of the NEDA, as Vice-Chairperson;
- c) The Secretary of the Department of Finance;
- d) The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management;
- e) The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government;
- f) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation;
- g) The Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry;
- h) The Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- i) The Secretary of the Department of Education;
- j) The Secretary of the Department of Health;
- k) The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture;
- l) The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways; and
- m) The Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, as a resource institution.

All members of the NEDB, except the Governor of the BSP, shall be voting members. The presence of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, and at least three (3) other voting members shall constitute a quorum. The NEDB may solicit inputs from the private sector.

The President of the Philippines may designate additional members to the NEDB.

SECTION 13. *Meetings.* – The NEDB shall meet at least once every quarter. A special meeting of the NEDB may be convened by the President of the Philippines to address urgent concerns and emergencies.

NEDA shall maintain and preserve a complete record of the proceedings and deliberations of the NEDB, including the recordings and transcripts, either in their original form or in any secured digital format.

SECTION 14. *Full Disclosure Rule.* – Any member of the NEDB with a personal or pecuniary interest in any matter in the agenda of the NEDS shall disclose the interest to the Board and shall withdraw from the meeting when the matter is taken up. The decision taken on the matter shall be made public. The minutes shall reflect the disclosure made and the retirement of the member concerned from the meeting.

SECTION 15. *Functions of the NEDB.* – In the exercise of its authority, the NEDB shall:

- a) Formulate and implement the policies and strategies that shall prioritize national economic development in the country;
- b) Formulate appropriate implementing rules and regulations for the effective discharge of the functions of the NEDB;
- c) Ensure, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and other relevant government oversight agencies, that the annual and multi-year appropriations for programs and projects are aligned with the development strategies in the national and regional development plans and public investment programs;
- d) Approve and endorse to Congress the integrated development plans and programs of NEDA which shall likewise serve as bases in the budget appropriation for the NEDA;
- e) Determine 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;
- f) Ensure the efficient and effective evaluation of major capital programs and projects of the country by determining levels of acceptability and viability relative to overall economic and fiscal conditions of the country;
- g) Approve proposed projects and programs in accordance with existing laws, orders, rules, and regulations;
- h) Direct the reorganization, or establishment of NEDB Committees, including the modification of its membership, structures, powers, and functions.

SECTION 16. *NEDB Committees.* – There shall be created fourteen (14) committees within the NEDB that shall act as advisory bodies to the NEDB.

The respective committees shall be responsible for providing the necessary recommendations applicable to each committee for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act. The NEDB shall designate the Chairperson of the respective committees.

The following shall be the NEDB Committees::

- a) ***Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC).*** – The DBCC shall have the following functions:
 - i. Recommend the level of annual government expenditures and the ceiling government spending for economic and social development, national defense, and government debt service which shall be subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines;
 - ii. Recommend the budget to be allocated for current operating expenditures and capital outlays of government programs and projects;

- iii. Assess overall economic situations of the country, which includes economic growth, monetary, fiscal, and possible economic risks which may require policy reforms;
- iv. Formulate and review the guidelines for the regional allocation of agency budgetary resources;
- v. Ensure that the regional allocations are responsive to poverty, development gap, and economic opportunities;
- vi. Conduct periodic review of macroeconomic targets and the revenue and expenditure projections of the government; and
- vii. Prepare a strategic multi-year fiscal program that supports the long-term and medium-term development objectives of the country;

b) **Investment Coordination Committee (ICC)**. – The ICC shall have the following functions:

- i. Review and recommend to the NEDB a domestic and foreign borrowing program that shall be beneficial for the national development of the country;
- ii. Recommend to the NEDB the timetable of the implementation of major capital programs and projects on a regular basis;
- iii. Review and evaluate specific major capital programs and projects with respect to technical, financial, economic, social, environmental, legal, institutional, feasibility, and viability as well as from the context of sectoral plans and geographical strategies, as may be required by law, orders, and other legal issuances; and
- iv. Review and approve, for final approval of the NEDB, major capital projects based on a cost threshold as may be set by the NEDB.

c) **Infrastructure Committee (INFRACOM)**. – The INFRACOM shall have the following functions:

- i. Formulate national infrastructure development strategies focused on development initiatives across all infrastructure subsectors in the country;
- ii. Perform advisory functions on all matters concerning infrastructure development which shall include but not be limited to: roads, highways, and bridges; airports, seaports, offshore infrastructure and shore protection; railways and subways; power generation, transmission, and distribution; ICT, telecommunications; irrigation, flood control, and drainage; water supply, sewerage, and sanitation; national buildings for government offices; hospitals and related buildings; reclamation; and other public works, whether procured or financed through traditional means, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) or any other method; and

- iii. Coordinate the activities of agencies, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations involved in infrastructure development.
- d) **Resource Mobilization and Other Fiscal Matters Committee (RMFMC).** – The RMFMC shall have the following functions:
- i. Pursue and recommend Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), privatization, and other funding options to augment government's financing capacity;
 - ii. Propose and recommend tax reform measures; and
 - iii. Review and recommend modalities of development financing and capital market development programs in support of long-term programs and projects for both national and local government, and government-owned and/or controlled corporations.
- e) **Social Development Committee (SDC).** – The SDC shall have the following functions:
- i. Formulate policies, programs, and projects that will enhance the welfare and reduce risks of Overseas Filipino Workers, elderly people, differently-abled persons, children, women, indigenous peoples, marginalized farmers and fisherfolk, informal urban and upland settlers;
 - ii. Formulate and recommend government policies, programs, and projects on social development consistent with national development and priorities;
 - iii. Advise the NEDB on matters concerning social development, including education, skills development, health and nutrition, population and family planning, housing, human settlements, social protection, and the delivery of other social services; and
 - iv. Coordinate the activities of government agencies concerned with social development.
- f) **Committee on Tariff and Related Matters (CTRM).** – The CTRM shall have the following functions:
- i. Recommend to the NEDB a continuous rationalization policy and program for the country's tariff structure;
 - ii. Advise the NEDB on tariff and related matters, as well as the effects of various international developments on the country; and
 - iii. Coordinate government agency positions and recommend national positions for international economic negotiations.
- g) **Regional Development Committee (RDCom).** – The RDCom shall have the following functions:
- i. Advise the NEDB on matters concerning regional development;
 - ii. Formulate and monitor the implementation of policies that reduce regional growth disparities;

- iii. Promote equitable allocation of resources among regions by strengthening the linkage between national and regional/local planning, investment programming, and budgeting, and providing recommendations to the DBCC on the guidelines for the regional allocation of budgetary resources;
- iv. Serve as a clearinghouse for key regional development policy proposals that have impacts on at least two (2) regions;
- v. Formulate and monitor the implementation of the framework for regional development of the medium-term development plan; and
- vi. Periodically review the viability of the regional configuration of the country, and recommend to the NEDB the re-delineation of regions, as may be necessary.

h) **Marine Resource and Land Use Committee (MRLUC).** – The MRLUC shall have the following functions:

- i. Advise the NEDB on matters concerning marine resource use planning, and land use physical planning in the country;
- ii. Formulate a national physical framework policy and other inter-sectoral plans and programs consistent with the rational utilization management of the country's marine resources, land resources and other physical resources, and the preparation of sub-national physical framework plans;
- iii. 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;
- iv. Recommend and implement proper solutions concerning marine resource use and land use policy conflicts among agencies of the national government;
- v. Oversee, in conjunction with concerned government agencies, the establishment and maintenance of a database system that will identify and classify the present and possible uses of specific marine rights, as well as land areas, public and private, comprising the total land resource of the country; and
- vi. Provide policy directions to the Regional Marine Resource and Land Use Committees in the performance of their respective physical planning functions.

i) **Economic Development Committee (EDC).** – The EDC shall have the following functions:

- i. Formulate policies that promote sustainable economic development and inclusive growth;
- ii. Promote an environment conducive to growth and competitiveness of private enterprises and human capital

resources, and the creation of jobs that will empower people and provide them with opportunities and benefits to Filipinos;

- iii. Recommend policy directions towards the development of farms and rural enterprises which are vital to achieving food security and more equitable growth; and
- iv. Monitor and evaluate continuous improvements in national productivity and competitiveness of domestic products and services.

j) **Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STIC).** – The STIC shall have the following functions:

- i. Recommend policies and programs that will promote a culture of research, planning, and innovation, and encourage knowledge creation, dissemination, and utilization to encourage the country's sustainable economic development, food security and safety, industrialization, defense and security, and competitiveness worldwide; and
- ii. Oversee and coordinate the preparation of a national agenda that would provide the framework and strategies for research and development and innovation in the country.

k) **Sustainable and Resilient Development Committee (SRDC).** – The SRDC shall have the following functions:

- i. Recommend policies that will promote the conservation of the environment, strategies, and other measures to promote disaster resilience and the sustainable utilization of the country's natural resources;
- ii. Monitor and evaluate the impact of environmental programs and projects on the Philippine economy in general, and the utilization of the nation's resources.

l) **Governance Committee (GovCom)** – The GovCom shall have the following functions:

- i. Recommend policies that promote transparency, accountability, and participatory governance, and strengthen public institutions to effectively and efficiently implement their respective mandates;
- ii. Recommend policies that would capacitate national government agencies in linking its respective budget with performance outcomes;
- iii. Recommend policies, plans, and programs that would ensure an improved policy and regulatory environment to reduce the cost of doing business in the country and improve market competition;
- iv. Facilitate and promote the resolution of governance issues in development planning, the participation of various sectors in the governance processes, and the development of capacities in the

identification, development, implementation and evaluation of critical governance reforms; and

- v. Review and conduct studies on reforms in the country's system of governance within the larger context of national economic development.

m) ***Human Resource and Cultural Development Committee (CultureCom)***. – The CultureCom shall have the following functions:

- i. Coordinate the development of research programs and recommend policies related to culture, which shall include history, arts, values, and sports and which shall be consistent with development objectives and priorities; and
- ii. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of projects, activities, and programs on culture.

The NEDB shall designate the respective members of each committee and may create sub-committees, if necessary, for the proper dispensation of the committees' functions.

Furthermore, the President of the Philippines may designate a representative from the local government units to sit as a member in any or all of the NEDB committees and may modify the membership of the NEDB Committees as it may deem necessary, for the effective performance of the committees' functions.

SECTION 17. *Meetings and Reports of the NEDB Committees.* – The NEDB Committees shall meet regularly on a monthly basis. Special meetings shall be allowed if the same shall be necessary. The members of the NEDB shall be duly notified of any meeting at least 1 (one) week before the said meeting, except for special meetings where notice of at least 1 (one) day before the meeting shall be sufficient. The NEDA shall serve as the secretariat to each NEDB Committee.

The NEDB Committees shall furnish the NEDB their respective reports and outputs during such meetings.

THE NEDA SECRETARIAT

SECTION 18. *Offices and Staff.* – The NEDA shall be composed of the following:

1. National Policy and Planning staff;
2. Public Investment staff;
3. Social Infrastructure staff;
4. Connectivity Infrastructure staff;
5. Social Development staff;
6. Trade, Services, and Industry staff;
7. Spatial Planning and Regional Development staff;
8. Monitoring and Evaluation staff;
9. Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment staff;

10. Culture staff;
11. Science, Technology, and Innovation staff;
12. Governance staff;
13. Administrative staff;
14. Knowledge Management and Development Communication staff;
15. Financial Planning and Management staff;
16. Information and Communications Technology staff;
17. Legal staff;
18. Internal Audit Service;
19. Legislative and Liaison Office; and
20. Regional Offices in all the administrative regions of the country, except those with planning offices created by law.
21. Such other additional positions necessary for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act subject to the approval of the DBM.

SECTION 19. NEDA Regional Offices (NROs). – The NRO shall have the following functions:

- a) Supervise the integration of plans and programs of regional agencies, state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owner/controlled corporations (GOCCs), and local government units into the regional and national plans. The NROs shall provide assistance to regional line agencies, LGUs, SUCs, and GOCCs in identifying and developing programs and projects;
- b) Evaluate and review proposed policies, land use plans, programs, and projects in the region;
- c) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans, policies, programs, and projects;
- d) Provide technical and secretariat services to their respective Regional Development Councils;
- e) Undertake research and ensure knowledge utilization for regional development and productivity; and
- f) Provide technical assistance to development partners in the region in accordance with NEDA's functions.

SECTION 20. Attached Agencies. – The agencies attached to the NEDA shall continue to operate and function in accordance with the respective charters, laws, or order creating them, except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Administrative Code of 1987, and subsequent laws.

The following agencies shall be attached to the NEDA for policy and program coordination, and budgetary purposes:

- a) Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS);
- b) Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA);
- c) Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);
- d) Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PRSTI); and

- e) Commission on Population and Development (POPDEVCOM).

The following agencies shall be attached to the NEDA for budgetary purposes and administrative supervision:

- a) Public-Private Partnership Center of the Philippines (PPPC); and
- b) Tariff Commission (TC).

SECTION 21. *Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC).* – The NEDA shall continue to serve as the principal secretariat of the LEDAC, consistent with Republic Act No. 7640, otherwise known as “An Act Constituting the Legislative-Executive Department Advisory Council”.

The LEDAC shall perform the following functions under Section 5 of this Act, including the preparation of the budget and administration of the funds the Council:

- a) Determine and recommend socioeconomic development goals pursuant to established policies which shall guide the formulation and implementation of the national development plan;
- b) Provide policy advice to the President of the Philippines on vital issues affecting the socio-economic development of the country;
- c) Direct the study of measures to ensure that regional development plans and programs are integrated into the national development plan;
- d) Receive and, in appropriate cases, require reports on, and study measures to improve the implementation of official development assistance from multilateral and bilateral entities;
- e) Assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the national development plan;
- f) Integrate environmental concepts, principles, and practices into the national development plan for a balanced and cohesive approach to national development;
- g) Pursue the integration and harmonization of the national development plan and the legislative agenda priorities of the Congress of the Philippines; and
- h) Study and recommend to the President of the Philippines and to Congress sources of revenue as well as measures to reduce unnecessary expenditures to the end that the resources of the Government will be used to the optimum.

SECTION 22. *Long-Term Development Plan.* – The NEDA, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, shall formulate a long-term development plan which will provide the overall direction to the medium-term and short-term development plans of the country, to ensure consistency of government strategies, policies, programs, and projects across political administrations. The long-term plan shall contain the development goals and milestones each administration should attain to realize the long-term vision of the Filipino people.

SECTION 23. *Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and Regional Development Plan (RDP).* – The NEDA, in consultation with appropriate public agencies, various private sector, and local government units, shall prepare an economic development blueprint for the next six (6) years which shall be known as the Philippine Development Plan (PDP). The PDP shall embody the government’s socio-economic policies, strategies, and programs in support of and consistent with the development agenda of the President of the Philippines, and geared towards the attainment of the development goals and objectives in the long-term development plan.

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

SECTION 24. *Philippine Investment Program (PIP) and Regional Development Investment Plan (RDIP).* – The preparation of the PIP and RDIPs shall be formulated in support of PDPs and RDPs. The NEDA shall prepare a list of priority programs and projects to be implemented by the national government, GOCCs, government financial institutions (GFIs), and other national government offices and instrumentalities that will contribute to the attainment of the sectoral goals and outcomes in the PDP and RDP.

The PIP and RDIPs shall be regularly updated. The NEDA, in consultation with appropriate government agencies and stakeholders, shall prioritize sectoral and geographic programs, projects and activities to be funded from government appropriations, resources generated by GOCCs, and other government bodies and instrumentalities and other viable sources of funding.

SECTION 25. *National Physical Framework Plan (NPF) and Regional Physical Framework Plan (RPF).* – The NEDA shall prepare a framework that provides analytical parameters for the planned allocations, use, and management of the country’s land and other physical resources. The NPF shall help plan and manage these resources at the national and sub-national levels.

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

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

SECTION 26. *Socio-Economic Reports (SERs) and Regional Development Reports (RDRs).* – To monitor the implementation of the PDP and RDP, the NEDA shall prepare periodic socio-economic reports. The SER and RDRs shall serve as inputs to policy and decision-makers in the formulation of policies, budgeting, and implementation of programs and projects, based on the development plans of the country.

SECTION 27. *Official Development Assistance (ODA) Portfolio Review.* –

The NEDA shall review the status of all projects funded by ODA, both multilateral and bilateral, and identify causes of implementation problems and proposed solutions to bottlenecks, actual and prospective cost overruns, and continued program or project viability. The NEDA shall submit to the President of the Philippines and Congress a report on the outcome of the review not later than June 30 of each year.

SECTION 28. *Knowledge Management.* – The NEDA shall establish a repository of data and information, publication, research and analyses, and other information concerning the Philippine economy and development. It shall manage, maintain, and make available such information and documents to the public for knowledge sharing.

SECTION 29. *Planning and Program Formulation.* – A Planning Call by the NEDB shall be issued not later than two months after the newly elected President of the Philippines has assumed office. The NEDA Secretary shall propose to the NEDB the standards and guidelines for the Planning Call in the preparation of the PDP, RDPs, PIP, and RDIPs, including a timeline for the planning and investment programming activities preceding the budget preparation activities to ensure that the strategic programs and projects identified are provided with the required funding allocation.

The NEDA, in coordination with concerned government agencies and other government instrumentalities, shall determine a timetable for the preparation and formulation of sectoral plans and programs, to ensure that the policies and strategies contained in the respective sectoral plans and programs are considered and incorporated in the PDP. The timetable for the formulation of the PDP/RDPs and PIP/RDIPs shall align with the budgeting timetable to ensure that the strategic programs and projects identified are provided with the required funding allocation.

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

The NEDA, together with the Department of Budget and Management and other relevant government oversight agencies, shall ensure that the annual and multi-year appropriations for programs and projects are aligned with the development strategies in the PDP and RDPs.

SECTION 31. *Adoption and Implementation of Plans and Investment Programs.* – The RDCs shall approve their respective RDPs and RDIPs for consideration in the PDP and PIP. The NEDB shall approve the PDP and PIP for adoption and implementation of government agencies.

SECTION 32. *Integration of National, Regional, and Local Plans and Programs.* – The NEDA shall integrate major regional and local development priorities into the PDP and RDPs, respectively. Furthermore, the NEDA, through the NEDA

Regional Offices, shall oversee the formulation of provincial development and physical framework plans so that local development thrusts are aligned with and shall contribute to the national and regional level and plans and programs.

The NEDA shall mainstream the inclusion of regional priorities in the programs and projects of national government agencies by region, in accordance with the approved regional medium-term development plans and regional medium-term development investment programs.

SECTION 33. *Regional Development Council (RDC).* – The NEDA Regional Offices shall serve as the secretariat of the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions created pursuant to Section 14, Article X of the Constitution. All District Representatives shall sit as non-voting members of their respective RDCs.

To ensure that socio-economic development programs and activities of government are undertaken with extensive and active participation and support of various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions at the national, regional, and local levels, the NEDA shall prepare and submit for presidential approval, policy proposals for the strengthening of the RDCs to make them more effective in ensuring sustainable, participatory and equitable development. The strengthening of the RDCs must also serve the purpose of providing a responsive forum at the regions for the meaningful participation and support of the concerned District Representatives.

SECTION 34. *Consultations.* – The NEDA shall aim to maximize the participation of all concerned local government units, community organizations and beneficiaries, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, people's organizations, the academe, and other private organizations in order to reflect that the priority needs are incorporated into the formulation of policies, plans, programs, and projects. Civil society organization Advisory Boards shall be organized at the national and regional levels, as an institutionalized consultative mechanism at all planning levels and planning committees in the formulation of the PDP and RDPs, respectively.

SECTION 35. *Technical Assistance.* – The NEDA shall provide technical assistance to the local government units on how to localize national development strategies, particularly in planning and investment programming to ensure alignment of local development plans and strategies with PDP and RDP. It shall also assist local government units in identifying and developing programs and projects, and redirecting resources into more productive activities to achieve the intended development outcomes in their respective areas.

SECTION 36. *Coordination with Autonomous and Administrative Regions.* – The NEDA shall ensure effective coordination with autonomous and administrative regions that have separate planning offices in the formulation of the PDP and the conduct of other relevant planning activities affecting said regions.

SECTION 37. *Monitoring and Reporting on the Implementation of Plans and Programs.* – The relevant NEDB Committees shall monitor the implementation of the PDP, RDP, PIP, and RDIPs, including sectoral plans and programs on annual basis, to determine if the targets identified in the plans and programs were achieved. The monitoring results shall be reported to the NEDB, the House of Representatives and the Senate, and other concerned agencies for purposes of adjustments in policies, programs, and projects.

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

SECTION 38. *Evaluation of the Implementation of Plans and Programs.* – A national evaluation agenda shall be formulated consistent with a National Evaluation Framework that shall provide for the purposive conduct of evaluation of plans and programs implemented by the public sector. Relevant NEDB Committees shall identify and commission, or instruct agencies to conduct public sector evaluation studies in support of good governance, transparency, accountability, and evidence-based decision making.

SECTION 39. *Transitory Provision.* – The powers and functions, applicable funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment, facilities, supplies, property, and personnel of the current NEDA Secretariat are hereby transferred to the new NEDA. All officials and employees of the current NEDA Secretariat shall be retained.

SECTION 40. *Transfer of Rights and Obligations.* – The NEDA shall, by virtue of this Act, be subrogated to all the rights and assume all the obligations of the current NEDA Secretariat, and all its liabilities that pertain to its pertinent funds and appropriations, records, files, equipment, facilities, supplies, property, and personnel, including unexpended portions of its members' respective salaries.

SECTION 41. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to cover the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the NEDA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SECTION 43. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 44. *Repealing Clause.* – All acts, executive orders, memorandum circulars/guidelines and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 45. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.