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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

To authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “International Science
3 and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND**
5 **TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS.**

6 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Director of the Office of
7 Science and Technology Policy shall establish or designate
8 a working group under the National Science and Tech-
9 nology Council with the responsibility to identify and co-
10 ordinate international science and technology cooperation
11 that can strengthen the United States science and tech-
12 nology enterprise, improve economic and national security,
13 and support United States foreign policy goals.

14 (b) **NSTC WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP.**—The
15 working group established under subsection (a) shall be
16 co-chaired by officials from the Office of Science and
17 Technology Policy and the Department of State.

18 (c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The working group estab-
19 lished under subsection (a) shall—

20 (1) plan and coordinate interagency inter-
21 national science and technology cooperative research
22 and training activities and partnerships supported or
23 managed by Federal agencies and work with other
24 National Science and Technology Council commit-
25 tees to help plan and coordinate the international

1 component of national science and technology prior-
2 ities;

3 (2) establish Federal priorities and policies for
4 aligning, as appropriate, international science and
5 technology cooperative research and training activi-
6 ties and partnerships supported or managed by Fed-
7 eral agencies with the foreign policy goals of the
8 United States;

9 (3) identify opportunities for new international
10 science and technology cooperative research and
11 training partnerships that advance both the science
12 and technology and the foreign policy priorities of
13 the United States;

14 (4) in carrying out paragraph (3), solicit input
15 and recommendations from non-Federal science and
16 technology stakeholders, including universities, sci-
17 entific and professional societies, industry, and rel-
18 evant organizations and institutions; and

19 (5) identify broad issues that influence the abil-
20 ity of United States scientists and engineers to col-
21 laborate with foreign counterparts, including bar-
22 riers to collaboration and access to scientific infor-
23 mation.

24 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Of-
25 fice of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit a re-

1 port, to be updated every 2 years, to the Committee on
2 Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on
3 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and to
4 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
5 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.
6 The report shall also be made available to the public on
7 the reporting agency's website. The report shall contain
8 a description of—

9 (1) the priorities and policies established under
10 subsection (c)(2);

11 (2) the ongoing and new partnerships estab-
12 lished since the last update to the report;

13 (3) the means by which stakeholder input was
14 received, as well as summary views of stakeholder
15 input; and

16 (4) the issues influencing the ability of United
17 States scientists and engineers to collaborate with
18 foreign counterparts.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 2015.

Attest:

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