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Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Reported in Senate)

TITLE XII--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON ANTITERRORISM TECHNOLOGIES

SEC. 1201. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM CAPABILITIES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

- (a) Findings- The Congress finds the following:
- (1) The development and implementation of technology is critical to combating terrorism and other high consequence events and implementing a comprehensive homeland security strategy.
 - (2) The United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism share a common interest in facilitating research, development, testing, and evaluation of equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services that will aid in detecting, preventing, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against acts of terrorism.
 - (3) Certain United States allies in the global war on terrorism, including Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and Singapore have extensive experience with, and technological expertise in, homeland security.
 - (4) The United States and certain of its allies in the global war on terrorism have a history of successful collaboration in developing mutually beneficial equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services in the areas of defense, agriculture, and telecommunications.
 - (5) The United States and its allies in the global war on terrorism will mutually benefit from the sharing of technological expertise to combat domestic and international terrorism.
 - (6) The establishment of an office to facilitate and support cooperative endeavors between and among government agencies, for-profit business entities, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities of the United States and its allies will safeguard lives and property worldwide against acts of terrorism and other high consequence events.
- (b) Promoting Antiterrorism Through International Cooperation Act-
- (1) IN GENERAL- The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by inserting after section 316, as added by section 601 of this Act, the following:

SEC. 317. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAM.

- ^ (a) Definitions- In this section:*
 - ^ (1) DIRECTOR- The term 'Director' means the Director selected under subsection (b)(2).*
 - ^ (2) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY- The term 'international cooperative activity' includes--*
 - ^ (A) coordinated research projects, joint research projects, or joint ventures;*
 - ^ (B) joint studies or technical demonstrations;*
 - ^ (C) coordinated field exercises, scientific seminars, conferences, symposia, and workshops;*
 - ^ (D) training of scientists and engineers;*
 - ^ (E) visits and exchanges of scientists, engineers, or other appropriate personnel;*
 - ^ (F) exchanges or sharing of scientific and technological information; and*
 - ^ (G) joint use of laboratory facilities and equipment.*
- ^ (b) Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office-*
 - ^ (1) ESTABLISHMENT- The Under Secretary shall establish the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office.*
 - ^ (2) DIRECTOR- The Office shall be headed by a Director, who--*
 - ^ (A) shall be selected (in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Policy Directorate) by and shall report to the Under Secretary; and*
 - ^ (B) may be an officer of the Department serving in another position.*
 - ^ (3) RESPONSIBILITIES-*
 - ^ (A) DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS- The Director shall be responsible for developing, in coordination with the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and other Federal agencies, mechanisms and legal frameworks to allow and to support international cooperative activity in support of homeland security research.*
 - ^ (B) PRIORITIES- The Director shall be responsible for developing, in coordination with the Directorate of Science and Technology, the other components of the Department (including the Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Policy Directorate), the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and other Federal agencies, strategic priorities for international cooperative activity.*

` (C) ACTIVITIES- The Director shall facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of international cooperative activity to address the strategic priorities developed under subparagraph (B) through mechanisms the Under Secretary considers appropriate, including grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts to or with foreign public or private entities, governmental organizations, businesses, federally funded research and development centers, and universities.

` (D) IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS- The Director shall facilitate the matching of United States entities engaged in homeland security research with non-United States entities engaged in homeland security research so that they may partner in homeland security research activities.

` (4) COORDINATION- The Director shall ensure that the activities under this subsection are coordinated with the Office of International Affairs and the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and other relevant Federal agencies or interagency bodies. The Director may enter into joint activities with other Federal agencies.

` (c) Matching Funding-

` (1) IN GENERAL-

` (A) EQUITABILITY- The Director shall ensure that funding and resources expended in international cooperative activity will be equitably matched by the foreign partner government or other entity through direct funding, funding of complementary activities, or through the provision of staff, facilities, material, or equipment.

` (B) GRANT MATCHING AND REPAYMENT-

` (i) IN GENERAL- The Secretary may require a recipient of a grant under this section--

` (I) to make a matching contribution of not more than 50 percent of the total cost of the proposed project for which the grant is awarded; and

` (II) to repay to the Secretary the amount of the grant (or a portion thereof), interest on such amount at an appropriate rate, and such charges for administration of the grant as the Secretary determines appropriate.

` (ii) MAXIMUM AMOUNT- The Secretary may not require that repayment under clause (i)(II) be more than 150 percent of the amount of the grant, adjusted for inflation on the basis of the Consumer Price Index.

` (2) FOREIGN PARTNERS- Partners may include Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Singapore, and other allies

in the global war on terrorism, as determined by the Secretary of State.

`(d) Funding- Funding for all activities under this section shall be paid from discretionary funds appropriated to the Department.

`(e) Foreign Reimbursements- If the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office participates in an international cooperative activity with a foreign partner on a cost-sharing basis, any reimbursements or contributions received from that foreign partner to meet the share of that foreign partner of the project may be credited to appropriate appropriations accounts of the Directorate of Science and Technology.'

(2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT- The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) is amended by adding after the item relating to section 316, as added by section 601 of this Act, the following:

`Sec. 317. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation program.'

SEC. 1202. TRANSPARENCY OF FUNDS.

For each Federal award (as that term is defined in section 2 of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note)) under this title or an amendment made by this title, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall ensure full and timely compliance with the requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).