

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4942

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting
5 Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Co-
6 operation Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The development and implementation of
10 technology is critical to combating terrorism and
11 other high consequence events and implementing a
12 comprehensive homeland security strategy.

13 (2) The United States and its allies in the glob-
14 al war on terrorism share a common interest in fa-
15 cilitating research, development, testing, and evalua-
16 tion of technologies that will aid in detecting, pre-
17 venting, responding to, recovering from, and miti-
18 gating against acts of terrorism.

19 (3) Certain United States allies in the global
20 war on terrorism, including Israel, the United King-
21 dom, Canada, Australia, and Singapore have exten-
22 sive experience with, and technological expertise in,
23 homeland security.

24 (4) The United States and certain of its allies
25 in the global war on terrorism have a history of suc-

1 successful collaboration in developing mutually bene-
2 ficial technologies in the areas of defense, agri-
3 culture, and telecommunications.

4 (5) The United States and its allies in the glob-
5 al war on terrorism will mutually benefit from the
6 sharing of technological expertise to combat domes-
7 tic and international terrorism.

8 (6) The establishment of a program to facilitate
9 and support cooperative endeavors between and
10 among government agencies, for-profit business enti-
11 ties, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities of
12 the United States and its allies will safeguard lives
13 and property worldwide against acts of terrorism
14 and other high consequence events.

15 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
16 **NATIONAL COOPERATION ACT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Homeland Security Act of
18 2002 is amended by inserting after section 313 (6 U.S.C.
19 193) the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 314. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
21 **NATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAM.**

22 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
24 the Director selected under subsection (c)(1).

1 “(2) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVI-
2 TIES.—The term ‘international cooperative activities’
3 includes—

4 “(A) coordinated research projects, joint
5 research projects, or joint ventures;

6 “(B) joint studies or technical demonstra-
7 tions;

8 “(C) coordinated field exercises, scientific
9 seminars, conferences, symposia, and work-
10 shops;

11 “(D) training of scientists and engineers;

12 “(E) visits and exchanges of scientists, en-
13 gineers, or other appropriate personnel;

14 “(F) exchanges or sharing of scientific and
15 technological information; and

16 “(G) joint use of laboratory facilities and
17 equipment.

18 “(3) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term ‘Under
19 Secretary’ means the Under Secretary for Science
20 and Technology of the Department of Homeland Se-
21 curity.

22 “(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
23 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
24 meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the
25 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

1 “(b) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.—

2 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Under Secretary is
3 authorized to carry out international cooperative ac-
4 tivities to support the responsibilities specified under
5 section 302.

6 “(2) MECHANISMS AND EQUITABILITY.—In car-
7 rying out this section, the Under Secretary may
8 award grants to and enter into cooperative agree-
9 ments or contracts with United States governmental
10 organizations, businesses, federally funded research
11 and development centers, institutions of higher edu-
12 cation, and foreign public or private entities. The
13 Under Secretary shall ensure that funding and re-
14 sources expended in international cooperative activi-
15 ties will be equitably matched by the foreign partner
16 organization through direct funding or funding of
17 complementary activities, or through provision of
18 staff, facilities, materials, or equipment.

19 “(3) COOPERATION.—The Under Secretary is
20 authorized to conduct international cooperative ac-
21 tivities jointly with other agencies.

22 “(4) FOREIGN PARTNERS.—Under this section,
23 the Under Secretary may form partnerships with
24 United States allies in the global war on terrorism,
25 including Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Aus-

1 tralia, Singapore, and other countries as appro-
2 priate.

3 “(5) EXOTIC DISEASES.—As part of the inter-
4 national cooperative activities authorized in this sec-
5 tion, the Under Secretary may facilitate the develop-
6 ment of information sharing and other types of co-
7 operative mechanisms with foreign countries, includ-
8 ing nations in Africa, to strengthen American pre-
9 paredness against threats to the Nation’s agricul-
10 tural and public health sectors from exotic diseases.

11 “(c) PROGRAM AND DIRECTOR.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Under Secretary
13 shall establish the Science and Technology Home-
14 land Security International Cooperative Program to
15 facilitate international cooperative activities through-
16 out the Science and Technology Directorate. The
17 Program shall be headed by a Director, who shall be
18 selected by and shall report to the Under Secretary.

19 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR.—

20 “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS.—

21 The Director shall be responsible for devel-
22 oping, in consultation with the Department of
23 State and in coordination with other Federal
24 agencies, mechanisms and legal frameworks to
25 allow and to support international cooperative

1 activities in support of homeland security re-
2 search.

3 “(B) IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS.—

4 The Director shall facilitate the matching of
5 United States entities engaged in homeland se-
6 curity research with non-United States entities
7 engaged in homeland security research so that
8 they may partner in homeland security research
9 activities.

10 “(C) COORDINATION.—The Director shall

11 ensure that the activities under this subsection
12 are coordinated with those of other components
13 of the Department and of other relevant re-
14 search agencies.

15 “(D) CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS.—

16 The Director, periodically, shall support the
17 planning and execution of international home-
18 land security technology workshops and con-
19 ferences to improve contact among the inter-
20 national community of technology developers
21 and to help establish direction for future tech-
22 nology goals.

23 “(3) PROGRAM MANAGER AUTHORITY.—This

24 subsection shall not be construed to limit the ability
25 of a program manager to initiate or carry out inter-

1 national cooperative activities provided that such ac-
2 tivities are appropriately coordinated with the Pro-
3 gram established under this subsection.

4 “(d) BUDGET ALLOCATION.—There are authorized
5 to be appropriated to the Secretary, to be derived from
6 amounts otherwise authorized for the Directorate of
7 Science and Technology, \$25,000,000 for each of the fis-
8 cal years 2007 through 2010 for activities under this sec-
9 tion.

10 “(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL CO-
11 OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.—

12 “(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
14 Under Secretary, acting through the Director, shall
15 transmit to the Congress a report containing—

16 “(A) a brief description of each partner-
17 ship formed under subsection (b)(4), including
18 the participants, goals, and amount and sources
19 of funding; and

20 “(B) a list of international cooperative ac-
21 tivities underway, including the participants,
22 goals, expected duration, and amount and
23 sources of funding, including resources provided
24 to support the activities in lieu of direct fund-
25 ing.

1 “(2) UPDATES.—At the end of the fiscal year
2 that occurs 5 years after the transmittal of the re-
3 port under subsection (a), and every 5 years there-
4 after, the Under Secretary, acting through the Di-
5 rector, shall transmit to the Congress an update of
6 the report required under subsection (a).”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The table
8 of contents of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
9 amended by adding after the item relating to section 313
10 the following new item:

“Sec. 314. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation pro-
gram.”.

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2006.

Attest:

Clerk.

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