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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to establish an independent institution for international studies and national security development as an improvement on the present National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) which was established by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 190, as amended.

In its more than two decades of existence, the National Defense College of the Philippines has lagged far behind the national defense colleges of other countries.

The pressing need for continuing and intensive studies in national security cannot be overemphasized. The author believes that the establishment of the National Center for International Studies and National Security Development will enable the country to become more responsive to the changing international environment.

This measure would vest the proposed institution with corporate powers, provide it with a budget independent of other government agencies, impose qualification standards and provide security of tenure for its faculty and staff and more importantly, install safeguards commensurate with the intended reforms.

Hence, approval of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY DEVELOPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a National Center for International Studies and National Security Development, hereinafter referred to as the Center, with its main campus in Metro Manila.

SECTION 2. Objectives of the Center. The Center shall primarily provide advance studies and progressive leadership in national security development and administration. It shall strengthen international relations and promote research and extension services in relevant fields.

SECTION 3. The Center shall offer courses in the field of international studies and national security development and administration and such courses as its governing body may deem necessary to carry out its objectives.

SECTION 4. The Center shall have the general powers of a corporation as set forth in the Corporation Law.

SECTION 5. Board of Regents. The governing body of the Center shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board. The administration of the Center and the exercise of the corporate powers shall be vested in the Board and the President of the Center, as authorized by the Board. All Members of the Board, except the President of the College, are *ex officio* Members.

SECTION 6. Composition of the Board – The Board shall be composed of the following:

1. Secretary of National Defense – Chairman

2. Chairman, Commission on Higher Education – Co-Chairman

3. President of the Center – Vice- Chairman

4. Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports – Member

5. Secretary of Foreign Affairs – Member

6. Secretary of Justice – Member

7. Secretary of Interior and Local Government – Member

8. Chairman, National Economic and Development Authority – Member

9. Chief, Armed Forces of the Philippines - Member

SECTION 7. The Center shall be headed by a President to be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Board of Regents. He shall hold office for a term of six (6) years without reappointment, unless he reaches the age of retirement or earlier removed for cause or incapacitated to discharge the duties of office.

SECTION 8. There shall be an Administrative Council of the Center consisting of the President of the Center as Chairman, the vice president(s), deans, directors and other officials of equal rank, whose duty is to implement the policies governing the administration, management and development planning of the College as approved by the Board.

SECTION 9. The body of instructors and professors of the Center shall constitute the faculty of the Center. The faculty of the Center shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the Civil Service Law.

SECTION 10. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,