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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The country was one of the signatories of the 2000 Millennium Declaration which committed the world community to work for the achievement of Eight (8) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The deadline is due to end this September 2015; while strides were made toward the achievement of these goals, so much still need to be done, especially in area of poverty eradication and ending hunger. The world community likewise needs to address climate change, its causes and impact on the environment.

As early as 2014, the United Nations started a participative process to solicit ideas from its member countries on what plan of action needs to be taken Post-2015. Entitled "Transforming our World by 2030 – A New Agenda for Global Action", the new agenda sets out to 1) end poverty and hunger; 2) secure education, health and basic services for all; 3) achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; 4) combat inequalities within and between countries; 5) foster inclusive economic growth, shared prosperity and sustainable lifestyles for all; 6) promote safe and inclusive cities and human settlements; 7) protect the planet, fight climate change, use natural resources sustainably and safeguard our oceans; 8) strengthen governance and promote peaceful, safe, just and inclusive societies; and 9) revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Taking off from the new agenda agreed upon, a total of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were identified, as follows: Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere; Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture; Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages; Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all; Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all; Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation; Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries; Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns; Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate

change and its impacts; Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development; Goal 15: Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss; Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for all levels; and Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Given the enormous tasks involved, it is imperative that the public and private sectors work hand-in-hand to maximize the country's performance toward the achievement of these goals. The proposed creation of an SDG Fund for the use of local government units in implementing programs and projects, on top of activities implemented by national government agencies, is designed to create greater awareness among LGUs, local communities and civil organizations of the SDGs and encourage them to actively participate in the conceptualization, planning and implementation of SDG-related activities.

In view of the foregoing, immediate consideration and passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL (SDG)
FUND TO MAXIMIZE THE COUNTRY'S POTENTIAL TOWARD THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE POST-2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

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

Section 1. Title. – This act shall be known as the Sustainable Development Goal Fund Act.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State that no one shall be left behind as it strides toward growth and development, and that every one should have a common responsibility in playing their part in attaining this vision. This is manifest in its 2011-2016 Medium Term Development Plan where the State adopts the framework of inclusive growth - sustained growth that creates jobs, draws the majority into the economic and social mainstream, and continuously reduces mass poverty.

Toward this end, the State shall harness the resources generated by all agencies of the government and enjoin the support of the local government units who are the frontliners in the government's efforts to reach all its citizens and ensure that all citizens are directly involved and benefited by development programs and projects.

SEC. 3. Creation of the SDG Fund. – There is hereby created the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Fund, the proceeds of which shall be raised from the following sources:

- a. Special PCSO lotto draws. At least one special PCSO lotto draw per year up to 2030 shall be conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO); the 30% of Net Receipts (minus operating and other expenses) usually set aside as contribution to the charity fund shall be set aside for the SDG Fund;
- b. PAGCOR. One percent (1%) of Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)'s net income per year shall be set aside for the SDG Fund; and

c. Collection from Sin Taxes. One percent (1%) of tax collected from sin taxes allotted to health programs shall be set aside for the SDG Fund.

SEC. 4. Board of Trustees.- The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Trustees, composed of the following:

Ex-officio Members (7):

Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government, as Chairperson

Secretary-General of the National Economic and Development Authority

Secretary of the Department of Health

Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development

Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Secretary of the Department of Education

Secretary of the Department of Agriculture

Appointive Members:

Four (2) representatives from the private sector, one of who shall serve as the Executive Director and ex officio Vice Chairperson.

The Executive Director shall be elected by the Board annually from among the four (4) appointive members appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The selection, appointment, and term of office of the appointive members shall be in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 10149, otherwise known as the GOCC Governance Act of 2011.

SEC. 5. Per Diems. – The members of the Board shall receive per diem for every board meeting attended: *Provided*, That per diems and any other allowances of the Board shall follow the guidelines set by the Department of Budget and Management: *Provided, further*, That the Directors shall not be entitled to retirement benefits as such directors.

SEC. 6. Management of the SDG Fund.- The SDG Fund shall be managed by a secretariat to be created within the Department of Interior and Local Government. The SDG secretariat shall be headed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be directly responsible for the hiring of the staff needed to operationalize the Fund.

SEC. 7. Compensation. – The Executive Director and staff shall receive compensation at rates in accordance with the Salary Standardization Law.

SEC. 8. Projects under the SDG Fund. The Board of Trustees, through the SDG Secretariat, shall evaluate, assess and approve project proposals to be submitted by LGUs on the 17 SDG-related projects. The Board shall allocate the Fund by region, based on the priorities identified by the national government consistent with the Medium Term Development Plan.

The LGUs shall be required to contribute 25% of the total project fund, with the balance of 75% to be sourced from the SDG Fund: *Provided*, That the LGUs may use up

to the maximum of 5% of total project fund for MOOE: *Provided, however,* That no amount shall be used for personal services.

SEC. 9. *Funding.* – The Executive Director shall submit to the Board its annual budget including operating and maintenance expenses as well as personal services to be allocated from the SDG Fund.

SEC. 10. *Rules and Regulations.*– Within six months following approval, the Board created herein, in consultation with DILG, NEDA, DOH, DENR, DSWD, DA and DepEd, and private sector representatives, shall prepare the implementing rules and regulations to implement this Act. In particular, the IRR shall identify priority areas where the Fund shall be implemented, type of programs/projects to be funded, schedule of release of funds, etc.

SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*– In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*– All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 13. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national papers of general circulation.

Approved,