

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1736

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.

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 2009”.

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 a committee
8 under the National Science and Technology Council with
9 the responsibility to identify and coordinate international
10 science and technology cooperation that can strengthen
11 the United States science and technology enterprise, im-
12 prove economic and national security, and support United
13 States foreign policy goals.

14 (b) **COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP.**—The committee es-
15 tablished under subsection (a) shall be co-chaired by sen-
16 ior level officials from the Office of Science and Tech-
17 nology Policy and the Department of State.

18 (c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The committee established
19 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, through work-
19 shops and other appropriate venues;

20 (5) work with international science and tech-
21 nology counterparts, both non-governmental and
22 governmental (in coordination with the Department
23 of State), to establish and maintain international
24 science and technology cooperative research and

1 training partnerships, as identified under paragraph
2 (3); and

3 (6) address broad issues that influence the abil-
4 ity of United States scientists and engineers to col-
5 laborate with foreign counterparts, including bar-
6 riers to collaboration and access to scientific infor-
7 mation.

8 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Of-
9 fice of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit a re-
10 port annually to Congress at the time of the President’s
11 budget request containing a description of the priorities
12 and policies established under subsection (c)(2), the ongo-
13 ing and new partnerships established in the previous fiscal
14 year, and how stakeholder input, as required under sub-
15 section (c)(4), was received.

Passed the House of Representatives June 8, 2009.

Attest:

Clerk.

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