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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1736

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. CARNAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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## A BILL

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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 “International Science  
5 and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND**  
2 **TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of the Office of  
4 Science and Technology Policy shall establish a committee  
5 under the National Science and Technology Council with  
6 the responsibility to identify and coordinate international  
7 science and technology cooperation that can strengthen  
8 the domestic science and technology enterprise and sup-  
9 port United States foreign policy goals.

10 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The committee established  
11 under subsection (a) shall—

12 (1) plan and coordinate interagency inter-  
13 national science and technology cooperative research  
14 and training activities and partnerships supported or  
15 managed by Federal agencies;

16 (2) establish Federal priorities and policies for  
17 aligning, as appropriate, international science and  
18 technology cooperative research and training activi-  
19 ties and partnerships supported or managed by Fed-  
20 eral agencies with the foreign policy goals of the  
21 United States;

22 (3) identify opportunities for new international  
23 science and technology cooperative research and  
24 training partnerships that advance both the science  
25 and technology and the foreign policy priorities of  
26 the United States;

1           (4) work with international science and tech-  
2           nology counterparts to establish international science  
3           and technology cooperative research and training  
4           partnerships, as identified under paragraph (3); and

5           (5) establish, periodically update, and maintain  
6           an inventory of all nonclassified international science  
7           and technology cooperative research and training ac-  
8           tivities and partnerships that involve an annual  
9           United States Federal investment of at least  
10          \$500,000 dollars.

11          (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Of-  
12          fice of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit a re-  
13          port annually to Congress at the time of the President’s  
14          budget request describing the priorities and policies estab-  
15          lished under subsection (b)(2).

16          (d) PUBLICATION OF INVENTORY.—The Director of  
17          the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall publish  
18          the inventory required under subsection (b)(5) at least  
19          once every 5 years, beginning 1 year after the date of en-  
20          actment of this Act.

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