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To provide for the establishment of the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. REICHERT, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. DENT, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, and Mr. McNULTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office, and for other purposes.

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 Cooperation through Technology and
6 Science Act” or the “PACTS Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The development and implementation of
2 technology is critical to combating terrorism and
3 other high consequence events and implementing a
4 comprehensive homeland security strategy.

5 (2) The United States and its allies in the glob-
6 al war on terrorism share a common interest in fa-
7 cilitating research, development, testing, and evalua-
8 tion of equipment, capabilities, technologies, and
9 services that will aid in detecting, preventing, re-
10 sponding to, recovering from, and mitigating against
11 acts of terrorism.

12 (3) Certain United States allies in the global
13 war on terrorism, including Israel, the United King-
14 dom, Canada, Australia, and Singapore have exten-
15 sive experience with, and technological expertise in,
16 homeland security.

17 (4) The United States and certain of its allies
18 in the global war on terrorism have a history of suc-
19 cessful collaboration in developing mutually bene-
20 ficial equipment, capabilities, technologies, and serv-
21 ices in the areas of defense, agriculture, and tele-
22 communications.

23 (5) The United States and its allies in the glob-
24 al war on terrorism will mutually benefit from the

1 sharing of technological expertise to combat domes-
2 tic and international terrorism.

3 (6) The establishment of an office to facilitate
4 and support cooperative endeavors between and
5 among government agencies, for-profit business enti-
6 ties, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities of
7 the United States and its allies will safeguard lives
8 and property worldwide against acts of terrorism
9 and other high consequence events.

10 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
11 **NATIONAL COOPERATION ACT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Homeland Security Act of
13 2002 is amended by inserting after section 313 (6 U.S.C.
14 193) the following:

15 **“SEC. 314. PROMOTING ANTITERRORISM THROUGH INTER-**
16 **NATIONAL COOPERATION PROGRAM.**

17 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The term ‘Director’ means
19 the Director selected under subsection (b)(2).

20 “(2) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIV-
21 ITY.—The term ‘international cooperative activity’
22 includes—

23 “(A) coordinated research projects, joint
24 research projects, or joint ventures;

1 “(B) joint studies or technical demonstra-
2 tions;

3 “(C) coordinated field exercises, scientific
4 seminars, conferences, symposia, and work-
5 shops;

6 “(D) training of scientists and engineers;

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

9 “(F) exchanges or sharing of scientific and
10 technological information; and

11 “(G) joint use of laboratory facilities and
12 equipment.

13 “(b) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HOMELAND SECU-
14 RITY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS OF-
15 FICE.—

16 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Under Secretary
17 shall establish the Science and Technology Home-
18 land Security International Cooperative Programs
19 Office.

20 “(2) DIRECTOR.—The Office shall be headed by
21 a Director, who—

22 “(A) shall be selected by and shall report
23 to the Under Secretary; and

24 “(B) may be an officer of the Department
25 serving in another position.

1 “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

2 “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS.—

3 The Director shall be responsible for devel-
4 oping, in consultation with the Department of
5 State, understandings or agreements that allow
6 and support international cooperative activity in
7 support of homeland security research, develop-
8 ment, and comparative testing.

9 “(B) PRIORITIES.—The Director shall be
10 responsible for developing, in coordination with
11 the Directorate of Science and Technology, the
12 other components of the Department of Home-
13 land Security, and other Federal agencies, stra-
14 tegic priorities for international cooperative ac-
15 tivity in support of homeland security research,
16 development, and comparative testing.

17 “(C) ACTIVITIES.—The Director shall fa-
18 cilitate the planning, development, and imple-
19 mentation of international cooperative activity
20 to address the strategic priorities developed
21 under subparagraph (B) through mechanisms
22 the Under Secretary considers appropriate, in-
23 cluding grants, cooperative agreements, or con-
24 tracts to or with foreign public or private enti-
25 ties, governmental organizations, businesses,

1 federally funded research and development cen-
2 ters, and universities.

3 “(D) 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 “(4) COORDINATION.—The Director shall en-
11 sure that the activities under this subsection are co-
12 ordinated with those of other relevant research agen-
13 cies, and may run projects jointly with other agen-
14 cies.

15 “(5) CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS.—The
16 Director may hold international homeland security
17 technology workshops and conferences to improve
18 contact among the international community of tech-
19 nology developers and to help establish direction for
20 future technology goals.

21 “(c) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.—

22 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Under Secretary is
23 authorized to carry out international cooperative ac-
24 tivities to support the responsibilities specified under
25 section 302.

1 “(2) MECHANISMS AND EQUITABILITY.—In car-
2 rying out this section, the Under Secretary may
3 award grants to and enter into cooperative agree-
4 ments or contracts with United States governmental
5 organizations, businesses (including small businesses
6 and small and disadvantaged businesses), federally
7 funded research and development centers, institu-
8 tions of higher education, and foreign public or pri-
9 vate entities. The Under Secretary shall ensure that
10 funding and resources expended in international co-
11 operative activities will be equitably matched by the
12 foreign partner organization through direct funding
13 or funding of complementary activities, or through
14 provision of staff, facilities, materials, or equipment.

15 “(3) LOANS OF EQUIPMENT.—The Under Sec-
16 retary may make or accept loans of equipment for
17 research and development and comparative testing
18 purposes.

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

22 “(5) FOREIGN PARTNERS.—Partners may in-
23 clude Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Aus-
24 tralia, Singapore, and other allies in the global war
25 on terrorism, as appropriate.

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

10 “(d) BUDGET ALLOCATION.—There are authorized
11 to be appropriated to the Secretary, to be derived from
12 amounts otherwise authorized for the Directorate of
13 Science and Technology, \$25,000,000 for each of the fis-
14 cal years 2008 through 2011 for activities under this sec-
15 tion.

16 “(e) FOREIGN REIMBURSEMENTS.—Whenever the
17 Science and Technology Homeland Security International
18 Cooperative Programs Office participates in an inter-
19 national cooperative activity with a foreign country on a
20 cost-sharing basis, any reimbursements or contributions
21 received from that foreign country to meet its share of
22 the project may be credited to appropriate current appro-
23 priations accounts of the Directorate of Science and Tech-
24 nology.

1 “(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL CO-
2 OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.—

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

7 “(A) a brief description of each partner-
8 ship formed under subsection (b)(4), including
9 the participants, goals, and amount and sources
10 of funding; and

11 “(B) a list of international cooperative ac-
12 tivities underway, including the participants,
13 goals, expected duration, and amount and
14 sources of funding, including resources provided
15 to support the activities in lieu of direct fund-
16 ing.

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

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
24 for the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended by

1 adding after the item relating to section 313 the following

2 new item:

“Sec. 314. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation program.”.

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