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Preamble

WHEREAS competitiveness is core to the Government of Alberta's plan to position Alberta for long-term prosperity;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta's international strategy sets the overall course for the Government's engagement internationally with the goal of making Alberta more globally competitive;

WHEREAS Asia, which includes key markets such as China, Japan, Korea and India, is Alberta's 2nd largest export market, following North America, worth over \$6.5 billion in 2009, and a geographic priority in Alberta's International Strategy, and represents tremendous economic, research, educational and cultural opportunities for Alberta;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to pursuing global advocacy, advancing Alberta's international relations and strengthening Alberta's reputation globally to create opportunities for Albertans;

WHEREAS Alberta's strong financial position, educated workforce, entrepreneurial spirit and abundant natural resources present an opportunity to support the flow of investment, trade and people both to and from the global community;

WHEREAS global competition for access to existing and emerging markets and for investment capital, people and skills is ever increasing; and

WHEREAS strengthened collaboration among Albertans, business, industry and Government will benefit international relations;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) "Council" means the Asia Advisory Council;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Establishment

2 The Asia Advisory Council is established.

Mandate

3 The mandate of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Minister on measures to expand existing economic, research, educational and cultural opportunities between Alberta and Asia, including, without limitation,

- (a) pursuing new market opportunities and supporting market entry for Alberta exporters,
- (b) promoting Alberta as an attractive destination for international investment,
- (c) facilitating improved communication and partnership between the Government of Alberta, industry, academia and cultural organizations,

- (d) seeking opportunities to expand air service linkages and transportation infrastructure, and
- (e) increasing tourism opportunities and cultural exchanges.

Council members

- 4(1)** The Council is to consist of not more than 10 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for terms not exceeding 3 years.
- (2)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one of the Council members appointed under subsection (1) as Chair and another as Vice-chair.
- (3)** A member of the Council continues to hold office after the expiry of that member's term of office until
- (a) the member is reappointed,
 - (b) a successor is appointed, or
 - (c) a period of 3 months has elapsed,
- whichever occurs first.
- (4)** A member of the Council is eligible for reappointment if the reappointment does not result in more than 6 consecutive years of service by that member.
- (5)** The Chair of the Council may serve as a member of the Council for more than 6 consecutive years.

Remuneration and expenses

- 5(1)** No remuneration is payable to the members of the Council.
- (2)** The members of the Council may be paid their reasonable travelling, living and other expenses incurred in the course of their duties as members in accordance with an order respecting expenses made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Bylaws

- 6** The Council may make bylaws for the conduct of its business and affairs.

Administrative and other support services

7 The Minister may provide administrative and other support services to the Council.

Annual report

8(1) Before June 30 in each year, the Chair of the Council shall submit to the Minister an annual report consisting of a general summary of its activities during the previous fiscal year.

(2) The Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Expiry

9 This Act expires on December 31, 2014 unless it is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.