

REORGANIZATION OF MINISTRY, SUB-MINISTRY, AND DEPARTMENT ACT,
B.E. 2545 (2002)¹

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX;
Given on the 2nd Day of October B.E. 2545;
Being the 57th Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to revise the law on reorganization of ministry, sub-ministry, and department;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of the National Assembly, as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called the “Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act, B.E. 2545 (2002)”.

Section 2.² This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. The following shall be repealed:

- (1) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act, B.E. 2534 (1991);
- (2) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 2), B.E. 2534 (1991);

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² Published in the Government Gazette, Vol. 119, Part 99 Kor, Page 14, dated 2nd October B.E. 2545 (2002).

- (3) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 3), B.E. 2535 (1992);
- (4) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 4), B.E. 2535(1992);
- (5) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act(No. 5), B.E. 2535 (1992);
- (6) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 6), B.E. 2535 (1992);
- (7) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 7), B.E. 2535 (1992);
- (8)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act(No. 8), B.E. 2536 (1993);
- (9)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 9), B.E. 2536 (1993);
- (10)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 10), B.E. 2537 (1994);
- (11)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 11), B.E. 2537(1994);
- (12)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 12), B.E. 2538 (1995);
- (13)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act(No. 13), B.E. 2538 (1995);
- (14)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 14), B.E. 2539 (1996);
- (15)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act(No. 15), B.E. 2541 (1998);
- (16)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 16), B.E. 2541 (1998);
- (17)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 17), B.E. 2542 (1999);
- (18)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 18), B.E. 2542 (1999);
- (19)Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 19), B.E. 2542 (1999);

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(20) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 20), B.E. 2542 (1999);

(21) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 21), B.E. 2542 (1999);

(22) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 22), B.E. 2543 (2000);

(23) Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 23), B.E. 2544 (2001).

Section 4. The Prime Minister shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Section 5. The following Ministries and Ministry-level government agencies shall be established:

- (1) Office of the Prime Minister;
- (2) Ministry of Defence;
- (3) Ministry of Finance;
- (4) Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (5) Ministry of Tourism and Sports;
- (6) Ministry of Social Development and Human Security;
- (7) Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives;
- (8) Ministry of Transport;
- (9) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment;
- (10) Ministry of Information and Communication Technology;
- (11) Ministry of Energy;
- (12) Ministry of Commerce;
- (13) Ministry of Interior;
- (14) Ministry of Justice;
- (15) Ministry of Labour;
- (16) Ministry of Culture;
- (17) Ministry of Science and Technology;
- (18) Ministry of Education;
- (19) Ministry of Public Health;
- (20) Ministry of Industry.

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CHAPTER I
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Section 6. The Office of the Prime Minister shall have the powers and duties relating to general civil service of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet; general administration of State affairs; providing policy and planning recommendations on economy, social, political and security development; civil service in connection to management of budgets, the civil service system, personnel, as well as laws and legal development; monitoring and assessment of civil service performance; and performing special functions as well as other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Office of the Prime Minister or its affiliated government agencies, or those falling outside specific powers and duties of any Ministry.

Section 7. The Office of the Prime Minister shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (2) Public Relations Department;
- (3) Office of the Consumer Protection Board;

The following government agencies shall be under direct supervision of the Prime Minister:

- (4) The Secretariat of the Prime Minister;
- (5) The Secretariat of the Cabinet;
- (6) National Intelligence Agency;
- (7) Bureau of the Budget;
- (8) Office of the National Security Council;
- (9) Office of the Council of State;
- (10) Office of the Civil Service Commission;
- (11) Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board;
- (12)³ Office of Public Sector Development Commission.

³ Section 7 (12) was added by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 4), B.E. 2550 (2007).

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CHAPTER II MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Section 8.The Ministry of Defence shall have the powers and duties in defending and maintaining national security from external and internal threats; protecting national interests; providing supports for national development; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Defense or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 9.The administrative organization of Ministry of Defense shall be in accordance with the laws, regulations and rules applicable to it.

CHAPTER III MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Section 10.The Ministry of Finance shall have the powers and duties relating to public finance; assessment of property values; management of government supplies; activities concerning government real properties and national treasures; taxation; revenues; revenue-generating activities which can be operated solely by the State and are outside the powers and duties of other government agencies; public debts management; administration and development of state enterprises and national securities; as well as other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Finance or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 11.The Ministry of Finance shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) The Treasury Department;
- (4) The Comptroller General's Department;
- (5) The Customs Department;
- (6) The Excise Department;

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- (7) The Revenue Department;
- (8) State Enterprise Policy Office;
- (9) Public Debt Management Office;
- (10) Fiscal Policy Office.

CHAPTER IV MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Section 12. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall have the powers and duties relating to foreign affairs and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 13. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Consular Affairs;
- (4) Department of Protocol;
- (5) Department of European Affairs;
- (6) Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation;
- (7) Department of International Economic Affairs;
- (8) Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs;
- (9) Department of Information;
- (10) Department of International Organizations;
- (11) Department of American and South Pacific Affairs;
- (12) Department of ASEAN Affairs;
- (13) Department of East Asian Affairs;
- (14) Department of South Asian, Middle East and African Affairs.

CHAPTER V MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND SPORTS

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Section 14.The Ministry of Tourism and Sports shall have the powers and duties relating to the promotion, support, and development of tourism industry, sports, sport-education, recreation activities, and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 15.The Ministry of Tourism and Sports shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Office of Sports and Recreation Development;
- (4) Office of Tourism Development.

CHAPTER VI

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SECURITY

Section 16.The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security shall have the powers and duties relating to social development; creation of social fairness and equality; promotion and development of quality of life, human security, family institution, and communities; as well as other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 17.The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Social Development and Welfare;
- (4) Office of Women's Affairs and Family Development;
- (4/1)⁴ National Office for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities;
- (5) Office of Welfare Promotion, Protection and Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups.

⁴ Section 17 (4/1) was added by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 11), B.E. 2556 (2013).

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CHAPTER VII
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES

Section 18.⁵The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives shall have the powers and duties relating to agriculture; water sourcing and irrigation development; promotion and development of agriculturist and cooperative system, including production process and agricultural commodities; as well as other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 19.The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (2/1)⁶ Rice Department;
- (3) Royal Irrigation Department;
- (4) Cooperative Auditing Department;
- (5) Department of Fisheries;
- (6) Department of Livestock Development;
- (6/1)⁷ Department of Royal Rainmaking and Agricultural Aviation;
- (7)⁸ (Repealed);

⁵ Section 18 was amended as a result of the Royal Decree on Transfer of the Royal Forest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to be under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and on Reorganization of Powers, Duties and Affairs of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, the Royal Forest Department and the National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, B.E. 2546 (2003).

⁶ Section 19 (2/1) was added by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 2), B.E. 2549 (2006).

⁷ Section 19 (6/1) was added by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 10), B.E. 2556 (2013).

⁸ Section 19 (7) was repealed as a result of the Royal Decree on Transfer of the Royal Forest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to be under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and on Reorganization of Powers, Duties and Affairs of the Department of

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- (8) Land Development Department;
- (9) Department of Agriculture;
- (10) Department of Agricultural Extension;
- (11) Cooperative Promotion Department;
- (11/1)⁹The Queen Sirikit Department of Sericulture;
- (12) Agricultural Land Reform Office;
- (13) National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards;
- (14) Office of Agricultural Economics.

CHAPTER VIII MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Section 20. The Ministry of Transport shall have the powers and duties relating to transportation; transportation-related businesses; traffic planning; transport infrastructure development; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Transport or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 21. The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Marine Department;
- (4) The Department of Land Transport;
- (5) The Department of Civil Aviation;
- (6) The Department of Highways;
- (7) Department of Rural Roads;
- (8) Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning.

Marine and Coastal Resources, the Royal Forest Department and the National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, B.E. 2546 (2003).

⁹ Section 19 (11/1) was added by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 7), B.E. 2552 (2009).

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CHAPTER IX
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Section 22.¹⁰The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment shall have the powers and duties relating to forestry; preservation, conservation and restoration of natural resources and environment; management for sustainable uses; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 23.The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Pollution Control Department;
- (4) Department of Marine and Coastal Resources;
- (5) Department of Mineral Resources;
- (6) Department of Water Resources;
- (7) Department of Groundwater Resources;
- (7/1)¹¹Royal Forest Department;
- (8) Department of Environmental Quality Promotion;
- (9) National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department;
- (10) Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning.

¹⁰ Section 22 was amended as a result of the Royal Decree on Transfer of the Royal Forest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to be under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and on Reorganization of Powers, Duties and Affairs of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, the Royal Forest Department and the National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, B.E. 2546 (2003).

¹¹ Section 23 (7/1) was added as a result of the Royal Decree on Transfer of the Royal Forest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to be under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and on Reorganization of Powers, Duties and Affairs of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, the Royal Forest Department and the National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, B.E. 2546 (2003).

CHAPTER X
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Section 24.The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology shall have the powers and duties relating to planning, promotion and development of, and carrying out functions on, information and communication technology; meteorology; statistics; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 25.The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Post and Telegraph Department;
- (4) The Meteorological Department;
- (5) National Statistical Office.

CHAPTER XI
MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Section 26.The Ministry of Energy shall have the powers and duties relating to acquisition, development and management of energy; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Energy or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 27.The Ministry of Energy shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Mineral Fuels;
- (4) Department of Energy Business;
- (5) Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency;

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(6) Energy Policy and Planning Office.

CHAPTER XII
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

Section 28.The Ministry of Commerce shall have the powers and duties relating to trade; services business; intellectual properties; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Commerce or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 29.The Ministry of Commerce shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Foreign Trade;
- (4) Department of Internal Trade;
- (5)¹² (Repealed);
- (6) Department of Trade Negotiations;
- (7) Department of Intellectual Property;
- (8) Department of Business Development;
- (9) Department of International Trade Promotion.

CHAPTER XIII
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Section 30.The Ministry of Interior shall have the powers and duties relating to eradicating hardship and nurturing well-beings; maintaining national peace and security; provision of social fairness; political and administrative promotion and development; development of provincial administration; promotion of local administration and community

¹²Section 29 (5) was repealed by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 3), B.E. 2550 (2007).

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development; civil registration; internal security; disaster management; city development; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Interior or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 31.The Ministry of Interior shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Provincial Administration;
- (4)The Community Development Department;
- (5) Department of Lands;
- (6) Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation;
- (7) Department of Public Works and Town &Country Planning;
- (8)Department of Local Administration.

CHAPTERXIV MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Section 32.The Ministry of Justice shall have the powers and duties relating to administration of justice system; enhancement and facilitation of social fairness; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Justice or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 33.The Ministry of Justice shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Probation;
- (4) Rights and Liberties Protection Department;
- (5) Legal Execution Department;
- (6) Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection;
- (7) Department of Corrections;
- (8) Department of Special Investigation;

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(9) Office of Justice Affairs;

(10) Central Institute of Forensic Science;

The following government agency is under direct supervision of the Minister:

(11) Office of the Narcotics Control Board.

CHAPTER XV
MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Section 34. The Ministry of Labour shall have the powers and duties relating to administration and protection of labour; skill development; promoting employment for people; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Labour or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 35. The Ministry of Labour shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

(1) Office of the Minister;

(2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;

(3) Department of Employment;

(4) Department of Skill Development;

(5) Department of Labour Protection and Welfare;

(6) Social Security Office.

CHAPTER XVI
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

Section 36. The Ministry of Culture shall have the powers and duties relating to arts; religions; cultures; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Culture or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 37. The Ministry of Culture shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

(1) Office of the Minister;

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- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Religious Affairs Department;
- (4) Fine Arts Department;
- (5)¹³ Department of Cultural Promotion;
- (6) Office of Contemporary Art and Culture.

CHAPTER XVII
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Section 38. The Ministry of Science and Technology shall have the powers and duties relating to planning, promoting and development of science and technology; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Science and Technology or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 39. The Ministry of Science and Technology shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Science Service;
- (4) Office of Atoms for Peace.

CHAPTER XVIII
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Section 40. The Ministry of Education shall have the powers and duties relating to promotion and oversight of education at all levels and types; strategizing education policies, plans, and standards; provision of resources for education; promotion and coordination on religions, arts, cultures, and sports for education, including monitoring, inspection, and assessment of education administration; and other civil service prescribed by

¹³ Section 37 (5) was amended by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 8), B.E. 2553 (2010).

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law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Science and Technology or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 41.The administrative organization of Ministry of Education shall be in accordance with the laws applicable to it.

CHAPTER XIX MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Section 42.The Ministry of Public Health shall have the powers and duties relating to health promotion; prevention, control, and treatment of diseases; rehabilitation; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Public Health or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 43.The Ministry of Health shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Medical Services;
- (4) Department of Disease Control;
- (5) Department for Development of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine;
- (6) Department of Medical Sciences;
- (7) Department of Health Service Support;
- (8) Department of Mental Health;
- (9) Department of Health;
- (10) Office of Food and Drug Administration.

CHAPTERXX MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

Section 44.The Ministry of Industry shall have the powers and duties relating to promotion and development of industries; investment promotion; improvement of

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entrepreneurs; and other civil service prescribed by law to be the powers and duties of the Ministry of Industry or its affiliated government agencies.

Section 45.The Ministry of Industry shall have the following affiliated government agencies:

- (1) Office of the Minister;
- (2) Office of the Permanent Secretary;
- (3) Department of Industrial Works;
- (4) Department of Industrial Promotion;
- (5) Department of Primary Industries and Mines;
- (6) Office of the Cane and Sugar Board;
- (7) Thai Industrial Standards Institute;
- (8) Office of Industrial Economics;

The following government agency shall be under direct supervision of the Minister:

- (9) Office of the Board of Investment.

CHAPTER XXI

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTRY, OR SUB-MINISTRY

Section 46.The following are government agencies not affiliated with the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry, or Sub-Ministry:

- (1) the Office of His Majesty's Principal Private Secretary, having the powers and duties relating to private secretariat duties to His Majesty the King;
- (2) Bureau of the Royal Household, having the powers and duties relating to administration of palaces and maintenance of properties and interests of His Majesty the King;
- (3) National Office of Buddhism, having the powers and duties relating to Buddhist activities; promotion of Buddhism; maintenance of ecclesiastical properties in accordance with the law on monkhood; and other powers and duties as prescribed by law;
- (4) Office of the Royal Development Project Board, having the powers and duties relating to coordination on the Royal Development Projects as prescribed by Royal Decree;

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(5) the Office of the National Research Council of Thailand, having the powers and duties relating to researches and other powers and duties as prescribed by law;

(6) the Royal Institute, having the powers and duties relating to technical academic, researches, and publication; as well as other powers and duties as prescribed by law;

(7) Royal Thai Police, having the powers and duties relating to maintaining peace and public security and other powers and duties as prescribed by law;

(8) Anti-Money Laundering Office, having the powers and duties relating to implementation of resolutions by the Anti-Money Laundering Board and the Transaction Committee as well as other powers and duties as proscribed by law;

(9)¹⁴ (Repealed).

The government agencies under paragraph one (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) and (7) shall have status equivalent to Department and be under supervision of the Prime Minister.

The government agency under paragraph one (8) shall have status equivalent to Department and be under supervision of the Minister of Justice¹⁵.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Section 47. All activities, powers and duties, properties, budgets, debts, rights, and obligations of the Ministries, Sub-Ministries, Departments and other government agencies dissolved under section 3 shall be transferred to the Ministries, Departments or other government agencies as named under this Act. Details of the transfer to other government agencies shall be in accordance with Royal Decree. The Royal Decree may indicate that certain details shall be further stipulated by Cabinet Resolution or Announcement of relevant Minister.

Section 48. All civil servants, employees and manpower of the Ministries, Sub-Ministries, Departments, and other government agencies dissolved under section 3 shall be

¹⁴ Section 46(9) was repealed by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 9), B.E. 2553 (2010).

¹⁵ Section 46 paragraph three was amended by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 9), B.E. 2553 (2010).

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transferred to the Ministries, Departments or other government agencies as named under this Act, in accordance with Royal Decree. The Royal Decree may indicate that certain details shall be further stipulated by Cabinet Resolution or Announcement of relevant Minister.

Section 49. All legally authorized powers and duties of the government agencies dissolved under section 3, or of the Ministers, position holders, or officers working in those government agencies shall be transferred to other government agencies, or Ministers, position holders, or officers working in other government agencies in accordance with Royal Decree.

In case of the transfer under paragraph one, any change to the component of the Committee set up by law or any amendment to relevant provisions of laws, if necessary, in order to be in conformity with the transfer and intention of those laws, shall be done by enactment of Royal Decree. The Royal Decree may specify conditions or period of time for the government agencies whose powers and duties are transferred; Ministers; position holders; or officers working in those government agencies to continue having their former powers and duties for the benefits of uninterrupted administration of civil service.

The Royal Decree under this section shall be deemed as amendment to relevant provisions of laws.

Section 50. The Minister attached to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Commerce, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health, and the Minister of Industry, of those Ministries dissolved under section 3 and their Deputy Ministers, shall be the Minister attached to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Commerce, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Science and Technology, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Industry, and relevant Deputy Ministers of the Ministries under section 5 respectively, until there is a Royal Command announcing new Ministers.

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Section 51. Pending the completion of administrative organization of the Ministry of Education to be in conformity with the law on national education, the Ministry of Education shall have internal government agencies in accordance with the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act, B.E. 2534 (1991), and as amended for the Ministry of Education, except for the government agencies under the Ministry of Education set forth otherwise in this Act to be affiliated with other Ministry, Sub-Ministry or Department.

The Office of the National Education Commission under the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act, B.E. 2534 (1991) shall have status equivalent to Department and be affiliated with the Office of the Prime Minister in accordance with this Act, until the administrative organization of the Ministry of Education pursuant to the law on national education is in place.

Section 52. The Sub-Ministry of University Affairs and the government agencies affiliated with it, in accordance with the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act, B.E. 2534 (1991) and as amended, which are dissolved by section 3, shall continue to be the Sub-Ministry of University Affairs, having equivalent status as Ministry, and those affiliated government agencies. The Minister for the Sub-Ministry of University Affairs, the Permanent Secretary of the Sub-Ministry of University Affairs, and their civil servants shall continue to have the authorized powers and duties, until the administrative organization of the Ministry of Education pursuant to the law on national education is in place.

Section 53. Within two years as from the day this Act comes into force, the activities, powers and duties, properties, budgets, debts, rights, obligations, civil servants, employees, and manpower of the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation, as well as all powers and duties of its position holders or officers shall be transferred to one of the affiliated government agencies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or to the position holders or officers in that government agency, as the case may be, as prescribed in Royal Decree. The Royal Decree may indicate that certain details shall be further stipulated by Cabinet Resolution or Announcement of relevant Minister.

The Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation shall be dissolved when the Royal Decree under paragraph one is enacted and comes into force.

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Section 54.¹⁶(Repealed)

Section 55. Within two years as from the day this Act comes into force, the Government shall propose a legislation to revise the law on administrative organization of the Ministry of Defence to be in conformity with the military services in accordance with the Constitution.

Section 56. Within two years as from the day this Act comes into force, the Government shall propose a legislation to transfer those activities of the Office of the Royal Thai Police, which are not the core duties in maintaining order as well as prevention and suppression of wrongdoers, to other relevant government or State agencies, in order to reduce their regional activities to be coherent with readiness level of relevant local government agencies in maintaining order as well as prevention and suppression of wrongdoers.

Section 57. Within one year as from the day this Act comes into force, the Government shall propose a legislation to establish the Office of Promotion of Information Technology and Communication; the Office of Research and Development of Information Technology and Communication; and the Department of Survey, to be affiliated with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology.

Section 58. The activities, properties, rights, duties, budgets, civil servants, and employees of the Post and Telegraph Department, in accordance with the law on the Organization to Assign Radio Frequency and Regulate the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Services, shall be transferred to the Office of National Telecommunications Commission, just as the Office of Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology being the Office of Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport. The Post and Telegraph Department shall be dissolved upon completion of the transfer.

¹⁶ Section 54 was repealed by the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act (No. 6), B.E. 2552 (2009).

Section 59. Subject to paragraph two, the Ministries, Departments and government agencies as named and having status equivalent to Department under the Reorganization of Ministry, Sub-Ministry, and Department Act, B.E.2534 (1991) and as amended, shall continue having their former powers and duties as well as administration, except for the Ministry of Defence, the Office of H.M. Principal Private Secretary, the Bureau of the Royal Household, the Office of the Royal Development Project Board, the Office of the National Research Council of Thailand, the Royal Institute, the Royal Thai Police, the Anti-Money Laundering Office, and the Office of the Attorney-General, which shall have the powers and duties and administration in accordance with this Act, as from the date this Act comes into force.

Upon enactment of the Royal Decree under section 47, section 48 and section 49 to regulate the Ministries, Departments, or government agencies as named and having status equivalent to Department, those Ministries, Departments or government agencies shall have the powers and duties and administration in accordance with this Act, as from the date this Act comes into force.

In the initial phase of the administrative organization, if any Ministry deems it appropriate to have work clusters, it shall enact Ministerial Regulation setting up those clusters to be in force concurrently with the Royal Decree under paragraph two.

In case the administrative organization of any Ministry is completed in accordance with this Act, if the positions of Deputy Permanent Secretary and Assistant to the Permanent Secretary of that Ministry are exceeding the number identified by the law on State administration and if they cannot be transferred to other appropriate offices in that or other Ministry, those positions shall continue to exist, but not exceeding two years as from the date this Act comes into force.

Section 60. Upon the date expiry of the first and second year of the entry into force of this Act, the Government shall report to the House of Representatives and the Senate the regular expenditures and numbers of civil servants and employees of the central and regional government agencies, in comparison with those existing prior to the entry into force of this Act.

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