

Subtitle E--Committee on Symmetrical Access
to Technological Research

SEC. 3871. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.--There is established an interagency committee to be known as the "Committee on Symmetrical Access to Technological Research" (hereafter in this section referred to as the "Committee").

(b) COMPOSITION

(1) The Committee shall be composed of--

(A) the Secretary of Defense, or a delegate of the Secretary of Defense;

(B) the United States Trade Representative, or a delegate of the United States Trade Representative;

(C) the Secretary of State, or a delegate of the Secretary of State;

(D) the Director of the National Science Foundation, or a delegate of the Director; and

(E) the Secretary of Commerce, or a delegate of the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary of Commerce, or a delegate of the Secretary, shall be the chairman of the Committee.

(c) USE OF RESOURCES.--The Committee shall, to the maximum extend practicable, draw upon the resources of the departments and agencies represented on the Committee, as well as such other departments and agencies as it may determine to be necessary, including the United States International Trade Commission.

(d) FUNCTIONS.--The Committee shall--

(1) study the general concept of symmetrical access, which is the availability of equally valued technological knowledge and research across countries;

(2) advise the Department of State when considering international science and technology agreements of the degree of symmetrical access between the United States and a proposed foreign government partner along with a recommendation on the advisability of the agreement from a trade and technology perspective and recommend language to ensure the protection of their interests;

(3) recommend negotiating goals for the United States Trade Representative to follow in negotiations with foreign countries which are--designed to increase and the degree of symmetrical access between the United States and foreign countries; and

(4) submit an annual report to Congress, which shall include--

(A) the description of the international science and technology agreement entered into that year;

(B) recommendations for administrative or legislative changes in United States' policy that would improve symmetrical access to technological research between the United States and foreign countries;

(C) an explanation of the general concept of symmetrical access employed by the Committee and suggestions as to how that concept might be refined;

(D) a description of the negotiating goals

recommended to, and adopted by, the United States Trade Representative pursuant to paragraph (3); and

(E) an assessment of the progress made by the United States Trade Representative in achieving such goals during the year with which the report is concerned.