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RESOLUTION No. 64

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE
RATIFICATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE INTERNATIONAL
RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, the *Headquarters Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute* was signed on 28 August 2006 in Pasay City;

WHEREAS, the *Headquarters Agreement* defines IRRI's headquarters seat and grants immunities and privileges accorded to international organizations of a universal character based in the Philippines. The privileges and immunities provided under the *Headquarters Agreement* are accorded to


ensure in all circumstances the free operation of the IRRI and the complete freedom of its trustees, officers, staff, and internationally recruited consultants relative to the performance of their functions;

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 07 February 2008, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), PhilRice, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), IRRI Filipino Employees Association (IFEA), UP Los Baños, and representatives from the Municipalities of Bay, and Los Baños in the Province of Laguna endorsed the concurrence in the ratification of the *Headquarters Agreement*;


WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "*No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate*": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the *Headquarters Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute*.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2008.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate
