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RESOLUTION NO. 40

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
SENATE TO SUPPORT THE DECADE OF
ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY 2011-2020

WHEREAS, nearly 1.3 million people die as a result of a road traffic collision, and ninety percent (90%) of road traffic deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries;

WHEREAS, with its present rate, road traffic accidents are estimated to be the third leading cause of deaths worldwide;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) predicts that road crashes will be the leading cause of premature death and disability for children aged five and above;

WHEREAS, this "epidemic-on-wheels" is a crisis for public health and a major contributor to the causes of poverty;

WHEREAS, on 2 March 2010, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming 2011-2020 as Decade of Action for Road Safety with the goal of stabilizing and then reducing global road fatalities by 2020;

WHEREAS, the resolution calls upon member States to implement road safety activities, particularly in the areas of road safety management, road infrastructure, vehicle safety, road user behaviour, road safety education and the post-crash response;

WHEREAS, supporting the regular monitoring of progress towards the achievement of area of activity should be set by individual member States;

WHEREAS, the resolution requests that the World Health Organization and the UN Regional Commissions, in cooperation with other partners in the UN Road Safety Collaboration and other stakeholders, prepare a global plan for the Decade of Action as a guiding document to support the implementation of its objectives;

WHEREAS, the overall goal of the Decade of Action is to halt the avoidable rise in road injury and then begin to achieve year on year reductions around the world in 2020;

WHEREAS, activities over the Decade of Action should take place at local, national, regional and global levels;

WHEREAS, countries are encouraged to implement activities according to five pillars, to wit: road safety management; safer roads and mobility; safer vehicles; safer road users; and post-crash response;

WHEREAS, the proposed Decade of Action is a real opportunity for countries to work together in putting the matter of road safety to the international agenda;

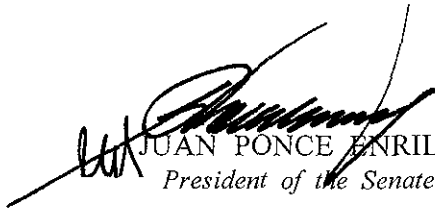
WHEREAS, the Philippines, as member of the United Nations and an advocate of road safety, through the Department of Transportation and Communications, has set up a national plan in accordance with the Decade of Action;

WHEREAS, on 11 May 2011, the Philippines will participate in the global launch of the Decade of Action, which will be a "rolling launch" beginning in New Zealand, travelling through every international time zone and ending in Mexico;

WHEREAS, last 4 March 2011, representatives from the government, private sector, media, transport groups, and other stakeholders assembled to discuss and enhance the proposed activities for the launching of the National Plan for the Decade of Action: Now, therefore, be it

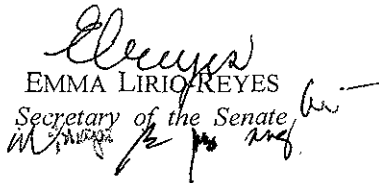
Resolved by the Senate, as it is hereby resolved, To support the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2011.



EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate