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RESOLUTION NO. 23

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE IN THE AFTERMATH OF SUPER
TYPHOON *YOLANDA*

WHEREAS, super typhoon "*Yolanda*" (international name: *Haiyan*) entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility on November 8, 2013;

WHEREAS, with maximum sustained winds of 270 kph and gustiness of up to 312 kph, and a classification as a Category 5 typhoon, *Yolanda* was the most powerful storm to make landfall in recorded history;

WHEREAS, the extraordinary strength and speed of *Yolanda* caused a storm surge to rise in coastal areas, creating waves reported to be so high, they wiped out buildings, homes and entire island communities;

WHEREAS, the affected population suffered tremendous loss of lives, injured thousands of people and many more still unaccounted for;

WHEREAS, the total estimated damages caused by *Yolanda* has reached staggering billions of pesos;

WHEREAS, in the immediate aftermath of *Yolanda*, the typhoon-stricken areas received much-needed aid in the form of provisions for relief supplies, transport and logistical assistance, and medical services from other countries particularly the nations of Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Luxembourg, Macau Special Administrative Region, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, United Kingdom, Vatican, Vietnam; and international organizations, namely: the Arab Gulf Fund for UN Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Union (EU), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) and World Food Programme (WFP);

WHEREAS, foreign medical personnel from different countries and various nongovernment organizations arrived and provided treatment to the injured and the sick;

WHEREAS, Member States of the UN sent military assets and aircraft to deliver relief items in the typhoon-stricken areas;

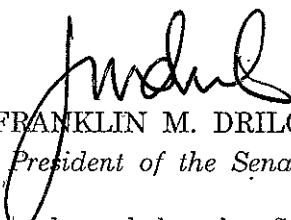
WHEREAS, an overwhelming support of cash donations and pledges; assets and equipment; deployment of volunteer organizations to expedite response operations has been contributed for the Typhoon *Haiyan* Action Plan by over 80 entities including Member States, the Central Emergency Response Fund, multilateral institutions and private persons;

WHEREAS, the support of other countries, international organizations and our other partners from around the world, who have stood side-by-side with us in this moment of great challenge for millions of Filipinos, is worth commending as a source of inspiration as the country strives to rise from the massive loss of lives and property: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To express gratitude to the members of the international community for their humanitarian response in the aftermath of super typhoon Yolanda.


Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the embassies/consular offices of the countries and headquarters of foreign organizations mentioned above.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 22, 2014.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate