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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES
TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT
GOALS VIS-A-VIS THE PROGRESS OF OTHER COUNTRY-SIGNATORIES IN
THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS & OTHER COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION MEASURES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE COUNTRY'S
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

WHEREAS, in September 2000, one hundred eighty-nine (189) member-countries of the United Nations (UN) reaffirmed their commitment to peace and security, good governance, and attention to the most vulnerable with the adoption of the UN Millennium Declaration, which provided for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) comprised of specific targets and milestones in eliminating extreme poverty worldwide;

WHEREAS, the MDG is a set of eight (8) time-bound, concrete and specific targets aimed at significantly reducing, if not decisively eradicating, poverty and the worst forms of human deprivation by the year 2015. They include goals and targets on income poverty, hunger, maternal and child mortality, disease, inadequate shelter, gender inequality, environmental degradation and the Global Partnership for Development;

WHEREAS, the achievement of the MDG requires each Member State to the United Nations Millennium Declaration to integrate these goals as a top priority in the country's development planning efforts through specific programs to be established and implemented by particular government agencies;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a signatory to the United Nations Millennium Declaration, came up with four Philippines Progress Reports on the MDGs, the latest being on Sept 2010, based on data compiled by the National Statistical Coordination Board as the official repository of the MDG indicators, and prepared by the National Economic Development Authority;

WHEREAS, only five (5) years remain before the 2015 deadline to achieve the MDGs, and it is imperative that a comprehensive review of the Philippines' progress be undertaken vis-a-vis progress of the other signatories to the UN Millennium

Declaration in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region and even worldwide;

WHEREAS, the fight to eradicate poverty and the worst forms of human deprivation by the year 2015 have been unacceptably slow, and some hard-won accomplishments are being eroded by extreme disasters brought about by climate change, as well as food and economic crises, as United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has initially reported.

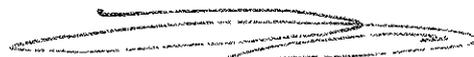
WHEREAS, there is a strong correlation between reducing disaster risk and the achievement of our MDGs. the United Nations Secretary General himself stated that, "Reducing disaster risk and increasing resilience to natural hazards in different development sectors can have multiplier effects and accelerate achievement of the Millennium Development Goals."

WHEREAS, the country's progress and investments made towards achieving the MDGs must be tracked closely, including how disaster risk reduction is factored-in in the implementation of projects aimed at reaching the MDGs.

WHEREAS, this comprehensive of review of progress made by the Philippines is important and necessary in determining not only what the country has accomplished and achieved with respect to the MDG, but also what remains to be done and what lessons can be learned from the efforts, experiences, and best practices of other countries, particularly in ASEAN, in order to chart the country's course of accelerated action for the next five (5) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Foreign Relations and Oversight Committee on Climate Change to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the progress of the Philippines towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals as adopted under the United Nations Millennium Declaration, vis-a-vis the progress of other country-signatories in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations region as well as other countries worldwide and the importance of implementing Disaster Risk Reduction Measures in order to protect the country's accomplishments.

Adopted,



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