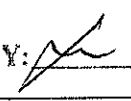




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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF COMMUNITIES MOST AFFECTED BY THE STILL UNRESOLVED CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF).

WHEREAS, the conflict in Mindanao between the GRP and the MILF has now been ongoing for the past four (4) decades notwithstanding numerous efforts to end it;

WHEREAS, the conflict has had a profound detrimental effect on the lives of countless and generations of citizens in the conflict-affected areas;

WHEREAS, the people in the conflict-affected areas have needs and concerns that may be addressed by legislation;

WHEREAS, the communities and people most affected by the conflict and have the most stake in ending the conflict are the ones least heard;

WHEREAS, holding a hearing in a city proximate to the conflict-affected communities will give the residents of these communities a chance to be heard, and the Senate to draft legislation that is attuned to these communities' needs;

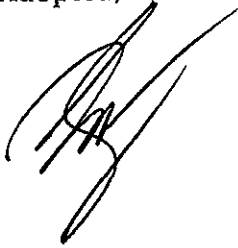
WHEREAS, there were close to one (1) million persons displaced by the fighting between government forces and the MILF in year 2000, more than four (4) hundred thousand in 2003, and more than seven (7) hundred thousand in 2008; and,

WHEREAS, among all the cities of Mindanao, Cotabato City is the most affected, due to its proximity to the headquarters of the MILF, and due to its being surrounded by communities that have produced the most number of displaced persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the needs and concerns of communities most affected by the still unresolved conflict between the GRP and the MILF;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to authorize the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation to conduct committee hearings in Mindanao.

Adopted,

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