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## A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO INCORPORATE A GENDER-SENSITIVE PERSPECTIVE IN ITS MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION EFFORTS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND IN THE PROMOTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES

WHEREAS, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is an international organization of Parliaments of sovereign States;

**WHEREAS,** in the recent 120<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in Addis Abba, Ethiopia, the topic on climate change, sustainable development models, and renewable energies was exhaustively discussed in the Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of Women Parliamentarians of the IPU in the 120<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly contributed to the resolution of the Second Standing Committee;

WHEREAS, embodied in the resolution are recommendations and calls on the member Parliaments to adopt relevant measures, in their respective Parliaments, to ensure sustainable development and to strike a balance between the growing scarcity of natural resources and an increasing demand for them as a result of the boom in population;

WHEREAS, the move of the members of the Committee of Women Parliamentarians to incorporate a gender-sensitive perspective in all climate change and renewable energy efforts, plans and programs of the different Parliaments has been adopted by the Second Standing Committee;

WHEREAS, this is due to the fact that women and children living in poverty are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change because of their limited capacity and resources to respond. This is especially more evident in developing countries;

WHEREAS, a national assessment of the impact of climate change on women and children should be pursued in order to develop evidence-based policies and national plans of action responsive to the differential impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS, public awareness campaigns on the effects of climate change and energy-saving solutions to mitigate these effects, and initiatives, through educational and training programs and micro-credit schemes, must target women and children, especially in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, the participation of women in the field of renewable energy and green energy production must be actively promoted, with the government supporting and funding their research and development initiatives;

WHEREAS, a gender-sensitive budget must likewise be enacted taking into account the differential impact of climate change between men and women and the potential involvement of women in the development and promotion of renewable energies;

WHEREAS, state and global policies in the area of climate change and renewable energies must be more inclusive of women as key stakeholders and more inclusive of women's participation in overseeing the implementation of international conventions on climate change;

WHEREAS, according to the 2006 Stern Review, if we do not take steps today, the world will be threatened not only by serious environmental changes but also massive social and economic disruption, creating the risk of violence and instability and jeopardizing national and international security;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Senate Committee on Climate Change to incorporate a gender-sensitive perspective in its mitigation and adaptation efforts against the effects of climate change and in the promotion of renewable energies.

Adopted.