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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT GLOBAL ACTION AGAINST NINE "UNACCEPTABLY" TOXIC CHEMICALS THAT POSE SIGNIFICANT RISK TO HUMAN AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH

Whereas, developing countries, such as the Philippines, are used as dumping grounds for toxic products that have been banned or are about to be banned in industrialized nations;

Whereas, the Stockholm Convention was a treaty ratified by the Senate in 2004 to protect human health and the environment from Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs);

Whereas, POPs are highly toxic chemicals that persist in the environment for years or even decades, traveling long distances via air and water and accumulating in living things;

Whereas, included in the agenda of the 4th Conference of Parties (COP4) of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) scheduled in Geneva on May 4-8, where the Philippines will participate, is to back the move to expand the original "dirty dozen" POPs chemicals;

Whereas, the initial "dirty dozen" POPs covered by the Convention includes pesticides (aldrin, chlordane, DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, mirex and toxaphene), industrial chemicals (hexachlorobenzene, which is also used as pesticide, and polychlorinated biphenyls) and unintentional chemical byproducts (dioxins and furans);

Whereas, up for approval at COP4 as additional POPs are flame retardants, pesticides and waste products such as 1) alpha and beta hexachlorocyclohexane, 2) chlordecone, 3) hexabromobiphenyl, 4) lindane, 5) pentachlorobenzene, 6) perfluorooctane sulfonate, 7) perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, 8) components of c-octa, hexa and hepta bromodiphenyl ether, and 9) components of c-penta and tetra bromodiphenyl ether;

Whereas, supporting the proposal to list these nine (9) chemicals on the Stockholm Convention will ensure that these toxic substances are banned throughout the globe to protect our people, food, and environment from further harm: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to express the sense of the Philippine Senate and the Government of the Philippines to actively support global action against nine “unacceptably” toxic chemicals that pose significant risk to human and ecological health.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
Senator