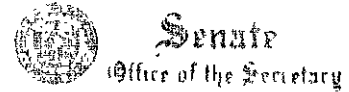


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO LOOK INTO THE INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS INTO THE 2011-2016 MEDIUM-TERM PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DISASTER-RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the 2011 - 2016 Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) is the country's economic development blueprint for the next six years which embodies the government's socioeconomic policies, strategies and programs towards the advancement of the country;

WHEREAS, a single extreme weather event, among other threats of climate change, can undo years of development gains. The damage wrought by Typhoons *Ondoy* and *Pepeng* in 2009 already cost our country 2.7% of our GDP;

WHEREAS, the World Bank and the United Nations joint report *Economics of Effective Prevention* reveals that annual global losses from natural hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and flooding could triple to US\$ 185 billion by the end of the century, even without calculating the impact of climate change. Climate change could add another US\$28-68 billion from tropical cyclones alone;

WHEREAS, the Asian Development Bank estimates that climate change will eventually cost 6% of GDP in the Philippines without early adaptation action;

WHEREAS, disasters clearly set back economic development, yet making disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation an element of the government's poverty-reduction strategies can save us billions of reconstruction budget that can be used instead for other government priorities such as education, health, public infrastructure development, or agriculture and rural development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9729, otherwise known as the *Climate Change Act of 2009* declared the integration of the concept of climate change in development plans by all agencies of the government as a State policy. The National Climate Change Action Plan, which will serve as the country's climate change adaptation blueprint by virtue of RA 9729,

shall be integrated into the MTPDP to harmonize strategies in addressing development gaps and climate impacts;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon Congress to ensure that government policies are well in place to equip the country, especially the most vulnerable poor, for the impact of climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Climate Change to look into the integration of climate change considerations into the 2011-2016 Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan, with the end in view of ensuring the achievement of disaster-resilient development.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LOREN LEGARDA', is written over the printed name.

LOREN LEGARDA
Senator