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**A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE SENATE THAT HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING WORSENS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

*Whereas*, human trafficking situation in the Philippines has worsen according to the 2009 US Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report;

*Whereas*, the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report is an annual account of foreign governments' efforts to eliminate severe forms of trafficking in persons;

*Whereas*, the United States' Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended, mandates the submission of the US Congress of the TIP report;

*Whereas*, the TVPA guides efforts to combat human trafficking;

*Whereas*, the report summarizes the evaluation on countries' prosecution, convictions, and legislation tied to human trafficking;

*Whereas*, the 2009 TIP report places the Philippines to Tier 2 Watch List, one notch lower from last year's Tier 2 status;

*Whereas*, Tier 2 Watch List countries do not comply to the obligations set by the TVPA and the number of victims is significant or rising;

*Whereas*, the TIP Report describes the Philippines as a *source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor*;

*Whereas*, the report also discloses that organized crime syndicates were heavily involved in Manila's commercial sex industry;

*Whereas*, there may be a need for legislation to provide government policy capable to immediately address the problem of worsening problem of human trafficking in the country.

*Be it resolved*, as it is hereby resolved, to express the concern of the Senate that human trafficking worsens in the Philippines.

*Adopted,*



RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.