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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED 3,000 UNREGISTRERED AND
UNDOCUMENTED CHINESE NATIONALS WORKING IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 7 provides: "The State shall pursue an independent foreign policy. In its relations with other states, the paramount consideration shall be national sovereignty, territorial integrity, national interest, and the right to self-determination";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 9 provides: "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;"

WHEREAS, *Business World*, in an article printed in its 24 September 2013 issue, reported that the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) issued a statement expressing alarm over the growing number of Chinese allegedly working illegally for a multinational private company in Bataan and Batangas;

WHEREAS, the TUCP reportedly said that some 3,000 Chinese citizens are allegedly working as construction workers in the country illegally;

WHEREAS, TUCP officials reportedly said that this phenomenon has very serious adverse implications not only in the local construction industry but also in the current unemployment and underemployment situation in the country

WHEREAS, TUCP officials also reportedly said that the Chinese are working for a multinational private contractor under a scheme that circumvents the law by having them apply for work permits while actually employing hundred other foreign workers;

WHEREAS, TUCP reportedly called for the Bureau of Immigration, the municipal and the city mayors, and the regional labor officers to step in and assert government power and authority the soonest time possible;

WHEREAS, unless Congress, in coordination with concerned government agencies, addresses this alarming situation promptly, the presence of illegal aliens working in the country without proper documentations will undermine the job production efforts of the government and endanger the job security of our own countrymen;

WHEREAS, Congress should formulate measures that will strictly enforce the country's immigration and labor laws in view of this violation of national laws that damage both the country's sovereignty and economy;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved in the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported 3,000 unregistered and undocumented Chinese nationals working in the country.

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MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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