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Senate Resolution No. 427

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**RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE
IN THE AFTERMATH OF SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA**

WHEREAS, super typhoon "Yolanda" (International name: Haiyan) entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility on November 6, 2013;

WHEREAS, with maximum sustained winds of 235 kph and gustiness of up to 275 kph, and a classification as a Category 5 typhoon, Yolanda was the most powerful tropical cyclone ever recorded;

WHEREAS, the extraordinary strength and speed of Yolanda caused a storm surge to rise in coastal areas, creating waves reported to be as high as five meters, and wiping out buildings, homes and entire island communities;

WHEREAS, the affected population is reportedly at 2,146,418, with the total death toll at 6,069, another 25,559 injured and 1,613 missing;

WHEREAS, the total estimated damages caused by Yolanda has reached a staggering PhP24 billion pesos;

WHEREAS, in the immediate aftermath of Yolanda, the typhoon-stricken areas received much-needed aid¹ in the form of provisions for relief supplies, transport and logistical assistance, and medical services from other countries particularly the nations of Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Luxembourg, Macau Special Administrative Region, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore,

¹ <http://www.gov.ph/faith/full-report/> or the Foreign Aid Transparency Hub accessed on 2 December 2013.

Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, United Kingdom, Vatican, Vietnam; and international organizations, namely: the Arab Gulf Fund for UN Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Union (EU), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA), and World Food Programme (WFP);

WHEREAS, the total foreign medical personnel that arrived and provided treatment to the wounded and the sick has reached 1,201;

WHEREAS, 15 Member States of the UN have military assets operating and more than 25 foreign military aircraft from 11 different Member States are delivering relief items in the typhoon-stricken areas;

WHEREAS, UN OCHA has declared funding amounting to US\$404 million for the Philippines for typhoon Haiyan as of November 2013, according to the Financial Tracking Service (FTS);²

WHEREAS, \$167 million has been contributed for the Typhoon Haiyan Action Plan by over 80 entities including Member States, the Central Emergency Response Fund, multilateral institutions, and private persons;

WHEREAS, the support of other countries, international organizations and our other partners from around the world, who have stood side-by-side with us in this moment of great challenge for millions of Filipinos, is worth commending as a source of inspiration as the country strives to rise from the massive loss of lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to express gratitude to the members of the international community for their humanitarian response in the aftermath of super Typhoon Yolanda.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the embassies/consular offices of the countries and headquarters of foreign organizations mentioned above.

Adopted,


LOREN LEGARDA
Senator

²<http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/OCHAPhilippinesTyphoonHaiyanSitrepN018.27November2P013.pdf>