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RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GROWING TRADE OF THE REPORTED CASH FOR CYBER SEX IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, cyber pornography is prevalent throughout the country that law enforcers consider it the No. 1 crime in the Philippines, more menacing even than the illegal drug trade;¹

WHEREAS, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), obtained information from a local unit in the Visayas that the cash for cybersex scheme is a growing trade;²

WHEREAS, it is reported that fifteen thousand (15,000) images of young children aged between 2 and 13 years old were among those seized by the NBI from a child pornography operator that the bureau had arrested in Central Mindanao;³

WHEREAS, sexual exploitation is widespread and has become a cottage industry thereby confirming reports from local non-governmental organizations that do anti-trafficking work;

WHEREAS, in most cases, involvement in the prostitution is due to lack of jobs available and turning out to be an alternative source of income;

WHEREAS, this is a matter of high priority and we should emphasize the vital need of our government in stopping the rampant cases of human trafficking in all its forms and manifestations through concerted action by all concerned government agencies in cooperation with other countries;

¹ http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/565483/cyberporn-now-deemed-countrys-no-1-crime

² http://www.rappler.com/nation/48123-nbi-online-prostitution-cottage-industry-ph

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³ http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/565465/15000-child-porn-images-seized-by-nbi-in-gensan

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the growing trade of the reported cash for cyber sex in the Philippines.

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