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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 NEWS REPORTS OF CALL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY BEING USED AS FRONTS FOR CYBERPORNOGRAPHY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11, provides: "The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

WHEREAS, a GMA News online article dated 29 January 2014 reported that the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) raided a call center in Quezon City suspected of engaging in a cybersex racket;

WHEREAS, according to the NBI, "call center agents" acts as models and have sex chats with customers while showing pre-recorded pornographic videos of female Filipinos, mostly aged 15 years old and below.;

WHEREAS, it was reported that "call center agents" are offered around P5,000 to P30,000 per week, depending on their efforts to market their porn sites to clients, mostly from the United States, Australia, and United Kingdom.;

WHEREAS, NBI officials reportedly said they are verifying the connection of the Quezon City call center with a similar establishment in Sta. Mesa, Manila, where at least 20 call center agents were reportedly arrested for using a call center as a front for porn websites;

WHEREAS, Malacañang has reportedly vowed to crack down on online child sex abuse following a global police operation which dismantled a pedophile ring that streamed live sexual abuse of Filipino children over the Internet;

WHEREAS, the news reports show the need for Congress to amend laws that could strengthen, augment, and coordinate the efforts of concerned government agencies to eliminate cyberpornography in the country;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on news reports of call centers in the country being used as fronts for cyberpornography.

Adopted,

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