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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT THAT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY FROM THE PHILIPPINES IS BEING STREAMED LIVE OVER THE INTERNET TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN GREECE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 15, Section 3(2) provides: “The state shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and other conditions prejudicial to their development;”

WHEREAS, the Child and Youth Welfare Code, or Presidential Decree No. 603, Article 3, (8) further states that: “Every child has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances, prejudicial to his physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development;”

WHEREAS, citing an Associated Press article, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 22 June 2014 reported that Greek authorities charged five men, which included two policemen, with allegedly paying to watch on their computers children being sexually abused by men in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, a police statement from Greece reportedly said that the arrested Greek men were identified following a tip-off from Interpol, which is presently conducting a global investigation into internet child pornography;

WHEREAS, it was reported that, in January this year, the chief of the Philippine National Police and Cybercrime Group Sr. Superintendent Gilbert Sosa said that online child pornography has become a “cottage industry” in more than 30 provinces in the Philippines, and added that victims can be young as twelve years old;

WHEREAS, Greek police also reportedly said those who were nabbed paid between \$100 to \$2,500 to watch the abuse of Filipino children up to nine years old;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the existing laws in child pornography and cybersex the increasing widespread of child pornography and cybersex particularly involving minors;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the Associated Press report that child pornography from the Philippines is being streamed live over the internet to other parts of the world, particularly in Greece.

Adopted,

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