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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 COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT  
THAT THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY (POEA) FAILED  
TO IMPLEMENT SANCTIONS ON ILLEGALLY OPERATING RECRUITMENT  
AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 28 February 2015 reported that according to the Commission on Audit (COA) annual report, the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) appears to have been remiss in its duties in implementing sanctions against 64 recruitment agencies that are still operating despite having expired, suspended, or cancelled licenses;

WHEREAS, the POEA allegedly issued provisional licenses to 35 newly-opened recruitment agencies; out of these 35, seven agencies failed to get full licenses but still continued to operate even after the expiration of their provisional license; these are A&S Manpower Resources Inc., ETT Innovative Manpower Solutions Inc., Global Hospitality Placement Agency Phils. Inc., Human Resources Overseas Employment Agency Inc., I Employ Manpower Services Inc., Orion Site Medlink International Resourcing Inc., and Quaestus International Placement Services;

1           WHEREAS, it was likewise reported that during a random check by the COA last  
2 year, it was found that 57 recruitment agencies with suspended or cancelled licenses in  
3 2013 were still accepting applicants;

4           WHEREAS, it is common knowledge that unsupervised and illegal recruiters send  
5 Filipino overseas workers abroad without ensuring their welfare against abusive  
6 employers;

7           WHEREAS, the POEA should be vigilant against illegal recruiters in order to  
8 guarantee the safety and welfare of overseas Filipino workers;

9           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE  
10 to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the  
11 report that the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) failed to implement  
12 sanctions on illegally operating recruitment agencies.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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