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Introduced by SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO LOOK INTO THE EFFORTS OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION AND ALL OTHER INVOLVED AGENCIES IN PREPARING THE COUNTRY'S INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION AS PART OF ITS COMMITMENT FOR THE COP21 NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS THIS DECEMBER 2015

WHEREAS, Article II Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9729 otherwise known as the Climate Change Act of 2009 establishes the Climate Change Commission as the policy-making body of the government tasked to coordinate, monitor, and evaluate programs and projects related to climate change;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the same law provides that the Climate Change Commission is tasked to mainstream climate change in synergy with disaster risk reduction into the national, sectoral and local development plans;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as part of its commitments to ensure the conclusion of a "universal, equitable, and ambitious" international climate agreement for the post-2020 period during the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris this year, has targeted its submission of its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) by August 2015;

WHEREAS, the call for INDCs which was first raised during COP19 held in Warsaw, Poland in 2013 and further refined after COP20 in Lima, Peru last year, urges all nations to submit their individual plans for reducing emissions after the year 2020 with the objective of limiting the increase in global temperatures to below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels;

WHEREAS, as the independent government body in charge of formulating a Framework Strategy on Climate Change, the Climate Change Commission is now coordinating with other relevant agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation and Communications, and the National Economic and Development Authority, in preparing the country's INDC;

WHEREAS, given the status of the Philippines as third highest in the world in terms of vulnerability to weather-related extreme events based on a 2013 World Bank study, and following its acceptance of the presidency this year of the Climate Vulnerability Forum—a South-South cooperation platform involving twenty (20) countries highly vulnerable to a warming planet, the country must lead by example among developing countries and submit to the UNFCCC Secretariat an INDC “that facilitates clarity, transparency, and understanding”;

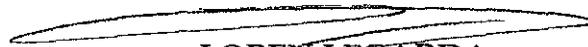
WHEREAS, even as the country remains a minor contributor to global warming, its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are projected to quadruple in the energy sector and double in the transport sector by 2030 due to a rapidly growing economy, urbanization, and motorization;

WHEREAS, with the conclusion of the *Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction* in Sendai, Japan in March 2015, and in anticipation of the UN Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda on sustainable development goals in September 2015, this year provides a unique opportunity to build momentum and rally global action in the pursuit of a disaster-resilient and climate-adaptive sustainable growth path for all;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Philippines highlights its commitment in the pursuit of climate justice and equitable growth for all;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Climate Change to look into the efforts of the Climate Change Commission and all other involved agencies in preparing the country’s intended nationally determined contribution as part of its commitment for the COP 21 negotiations in Paris this December 2015.

Adopted,


LOREN LEGARDA
Senator