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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
3 OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT CYBERCRIME INCIDENTS IN THE
4 PHILIPPINES MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 2014

5 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5, provides: "The maintenance of peace
6 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are
7 essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

8 WHEREAS, the Republic Act No. 10175, also known as "Cybercrime Prevention Act of
9 2012," declares:

10 ...The State also recognizes the importance of providing an environment
11 conducive to the development, acceleration, and rational application and
12 exploitation of information and communications technology (ICT) to attain free,
13 easy, and intelligible access to exchange and/or delivery of information; and the
14 need to protect and safeguard the integrity of computer, computer and
15 communications systems, networks, and databases, and the confidentiality,
16 integrity, and availability of information and data stored therein, from all forms
17 of misuse, abuse, and illegal access by making punishable under the law such
18 conduct or conducts. In this light, the State shall adopt sufficient powers to
19 effectively prevent and combat such offenses by facilitating their detection,
20 investigation, and prosecution at both the domestic and international levels, and
21 by providing arrangements for fast and reliable international cooperation.

22 WHEREAS, the Manila Bulletin on 6 April 2015 reported that cybercrime incidents rose
23 by 113 percent in 2014 according to the 2014-2015 Cybercrime Report of the Department of
24 Justice (DOJ);

1 WHEREAS, topping the list of cybercrime complaints that the DOJ received and handled
2 in 2014 were child pornography cases, followed by incidents of Internet fraud-or scam, Internet
3 libel, and voyeurism;

4 WHEREAS, the DOJ allegedly said that there had been a 345 percent increase in child
5 pornography sites from 2001 up to present, and more than 20,000 child pornographic images are
6 posted on the Internet every week;

7 WHEREAS, the *Bulletin* also reported that in February 2014, the DOJ received an
8 investigative lead from the United States Homeland Security Investigations (USHSI) Manila
9 Attaché about an individual in the Philippines who produces child pornography online;

10 WHEREAS, the government must protect children, who are the most vulnerable
11 members of society, from entities seeking to exploit them through pornography;

12 WHEREAS, Congress should intensify existing legislation in an effort to curb child
13 pornography in the Philippines;

14 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
15 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that
16 cybercrime incidents in the Philippines more than doubled in 2014.

Adopted,


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