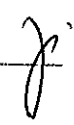


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THERE IS A LACK OF UP-TO-DATE
SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(NAIA)

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

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6975, also known as “Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990”, Section 35, paragraph b (7) states: “...The Aviation Security Unit, in coordination with airport authorities, shall secure all the country's airports against offensive and terroristic acts that threaten civil aviation, exercise operational control and supervision over all agencies involved in airport security operation, and enforce all laws and regulations relative to air travel protection and safety”;

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 24 April 2015 reported that according to the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) lacks surveillance cameras and its present surveillance cameras are already twenty years old;

WHEREAS, last month, there were six baggage handlers that were allegedly caught stealing passengers’ bags at Naia;

WHEREAS, the baggage handlers were reportedly employees of an airline company;

WHEREAS, the MIAA reportedly received a complaint again from a woman who found her checked-in bag “slashed open” when it came out on the arrival baggage conveyor at Naia-Terminal;

WHEREAS, upon receiving her bag, it allegedly did not contain the golden necklace and some brand-new clothes she had put there;

WHEREAS, Supt. Adrian Tecson of the Naia-Terminal 1 airport police claimed that there is a section in the terminal called the “baggage build up breakdown area”, which is jointly

1 manned by airline employees and airport baggage-handling and security personnel who are
2 tasked to sort and screen checked-in bags of both arriving and departing passengers;

3 WHEREAS, this area is reportedly monitored through 10 closed-circuit television
4 cameras (CCTVs) which were installed in the 1990s;

5 WHEREAS, according to David de Castro, spokesman for MIAA general manager Jose
6 Angel Honrado, the 10 surveillance cameras have proven to be sufficient to cover the breakdown
7 area, but MIAA is looking for bidders who can expand the camera network in all four NAIA
8 terminals;

9 WHEREAS, de Castro noted that the plan, which was announced last year, is to install a
10 total of 707 cameras at a cost of ₱428 million;

11 WHEREAS, according to de Castro, the first bidding was declared a failure and those
12 who participated in the second bidding held in February are still being assessed;

13 WHEREAS, the *Inquirer* reportedly learned from Naia insiders that the existing security
14 cameras at Terminal 1 rely only on lenses that are already blurred and have very poor resolution;

15 WHEREAS, the busiest airport in our country should have up-to-date security equipment
16 in order to ensure the passengers and their personal belongings' safety and the airport's order;

17 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
18 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that there
19 is a lack of up-to-date surveillance cameras in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia).

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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