


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS OF CHINA'S LAND RECLAMATION ON THE
PHILIPPINES' ENERGY ASPECTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 12, Section 2 provides: "The State shall protect the
nation's marine wealth in its archipelagic waters, territorial sea, and exclusive economic zone";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 27 April 2015 reported that China's land reclamation
is affecting the Philippines' energy bid;

WHEREAS, according to the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA),
South China Sea has about 11 billion barrels of oil and 190 trillion cubic feet of natural gas rated
as probable reserves;

WHEREAS, Energy Secretary Carlos Jericho Petilla reportedly said that China's
occupation and buildup of its military structures in the West Philippine Sea and South China Sea
is a huge dent on the Philippines' efforts to achieve energy security;

WHEREAS, Petilla further noted that the concentration and focus of drilling contracts of
the Philippines are in the West Philippine Sea;

WHEREAS, Petilla claimed that it is unclear how much oil and gas reserves are in the
area but stressed that the Philippines cannot give up its claim;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the Philippines has formally protested before the United
Nations China's aggressive incursion into the country's territorial waters;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is still waiting for the United Nations decision after the
government filed a case before the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
questioning the legality of China's claim;

1 WHEREAS, Petilla reportedly said that the government owes it to the future generation
2 of Filipinos to pursue its territorial claim;

3 WHEREAS, as the country faces energy crisis, energy security is a crucial need;

4 WHEREAS, the government must be more aggressive in finding ways to stop China's
5 massive land reclamation in the West Philippine Sea and South China Sea that may affect the
6 country's energy security;

7 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
8 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the effects of China's
9 land reclamation on the Philippines' energy aspects.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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