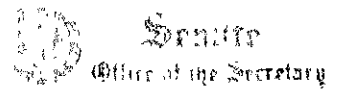


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 136

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Relations on MAY 1 2 2015.

Re : P.S. Res. No. 1333, prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor : Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the Agreement, entitled:

**AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY  
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AND THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1333, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**RESOLUTION  
CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE  
AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES AND THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK**

be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

  
**MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO**  
Chair  
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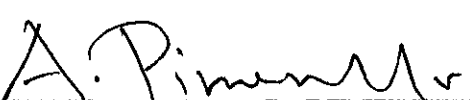
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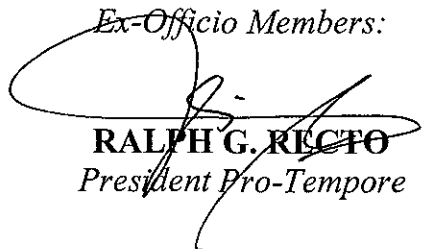


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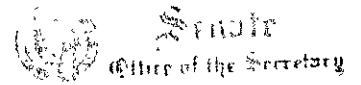
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1 RESOLUTION  
2 CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE  
3 AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY  
4 BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
5 AND THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21 states: "No treaty or international  
7 agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the  
8 members of the Senate";

9 WHEREAS, the Philippines has social security agreements with Austria, Canada,  
10 France, United Kingdom, Belgium, Switzerland, and Spain; this Social Security Agreement  
11 with the Kingdom of Denmark not only reaffirms the enhanced partnership between the  
12 Philippines and Denmark but also manifests the Philippine government's genuine concern  
13 for the welfare and well-being of Filipino migrant workers and their families wherever they  
14 may be;

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16 WHEREAS, this Agreement on Social Security between the Republic of the  
17 Philippines and the Kingdom of Denmark seeks to reduce or eliminate border, nationality or  
18 other restrictions that prevent covered workers from receiving benefits under the social  
19 security legislation of the Philippines and Denmark;

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21 WHEREAS, this Agreement aims to guarantee the portability of pensions of  
22 qualified Filipino and Danish citizens, which will be very beneficial especially for the lives  
23 and security of the vast number of Filipino citizens working on Danish vessels around the  
24 world;

25 WHEREAS, the Agreement applies the principles of equality of treatment, export of  
26 benefits, and totalization of creditable periods to enable covered workers to access social  
27 security benefits such as sickness, maternity, paternity, occupational diseases, invalidity, old  
28 age, and survivors' pension;

29 WHEREAS, on the part of the Republic of the Philippines, the Agreement shall be  
30 implemented in relation to the Philippine Social Security Act, the Government Service  
31 Insurance Act; and the Portability and Employees' Compensation Act;

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33 WHEREAS, on the part of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Agreement shall be  
34 implemented in relation to the Act on the Highest, the Intermediate, and the Increased  
35 Ordinary and Ordinary Anticipatory Pension, and its regulations; and the Labour Market  
36 Supplementary Pension Act and its regulations;

1           WHEREAS, the provisions of the Agreement are consistent with the State's policy to  
2 afford full protection to labor and with the right to social security enshrined in the Universal  
3 Declaration of Human Rights and under International Labor Organization (ILO)  
4 conventions;

5           WHEREAS, the Agreement, Article 23 provides that it shall enter into force on the  
6 first day of the third month following the date of receipt of the note through which the  
7 second of the Contracting States have given notice to the first Contracting State that all  
8 domestic requirements have been accomplished;

9           WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreement on Social  
10 Security between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Denmark on 5 May  
11 2014 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence in accordance with the  
12 Constitution;

13           WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
14 on 5 March 2015, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence in the  
15 ratification of the Agreement on Social Security between the Republic of the Philippines  
16 and the Kingdom of Denmark:

- 17           1. Department of Foreign Affairs
- 18           2. Department of Labor and Employment
- 19           3. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
- 20           4. Employees Compensation Commission
- 21           5. Government Service Insurance System
- 22           6. Social Security System

23           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate concur, as  
24 it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the Agreement on Social Security between the  
25 Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Denmark.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
Chair  
Committee on Foreign Relations