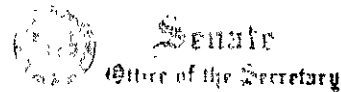


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FACTORS THAT
RESULTED TO THE PHILIPPINES' LOW RANKING IN THE RECENT UN
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT

WHEREAS, the 2014 Human Development Report by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) presents the summary measure of the long-term progress in three basic dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, access to knowledge and a decent standard of living;

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Human Development Report, the Philippines human development index (HDI) value is 0.660 (on a scale of 0 to 1.00), ranking 117th out of 187 countries and placing the country under the medium human development category;

WHEREAS, between 1980 and 2013, the Philippines HDI value increased from 0.566 to 0.660 with marked progress in each of the HDI indicators – life expectancy at birth increased by 6.5 years from 62.2 in 1980 to 68.7 in 2013; mean years of schooling increased by 2.8 years from 6.1 to 8.9 and expected years of schooling increased by a year from 10.3 to 11.3; and, the GNI per capita increased by about 44.9 percent from 4,404 in 1980 to 6,381 in 2013;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' HDI value of 0.660 is above the average of 0.614 for countries in the medium human development group and below the average of 0.703 for countries in East Asia and the Pacific;

WHEREAS, in comparison with other ASEAN member countries, the Philippines joins Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in the medium human development category but ranks lower than Singapore and Brunei Darussalam which were categorized under very high human development, and Malaysia and Thailand which belong to high human development category;

WHEREAS, while the Philippines was named Asia's second-fastest growing economy next to China, the country has only improved slightly and at a very slow pace in terms of human development as reflected in the report;

WHEREAS, the report calls for universal access to basic social services, especially health and education; stronger social protection, including unemployment insurance and pensions; and a commitment to full employment;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate to direct the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the factors that resulted to the Philippines' low ranking in the UNDP 2014 Human Development Report and identify the necessary measures that can be taken to address the same.

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA