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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT TAIWANESE FISHERMEN ARE  
DUMPING GARBAGE IN AMIANAN ISLAND IN BATANES

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides: "The State shall protect and  
2 advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm  
3 and harmony of nature";

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 21 June 2015 reported that Taiwanese fishermen are  
5 dumping garbage in Amianan, the Batanes island closest to Taiwan, where vessels usually take  
6 shelter during bad weather;

7 WHEREAS, the *Star* quoted the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), which accused  
8 Taiwanese fishermen of dumping a quarter of a ton of garbage it discovered in the island;

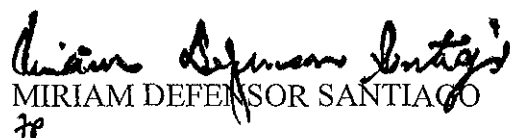
9 WHEREAS, the PCG said that while Taiwanese vessels may legitimately take shelter in  
10 the island during bad weather, they cannot fish in waters surrounding the island or dump garbage  
11 therein;

12 WHEREAS, the government must determine whether the garbage accumulating in  
13 Amianan Island were dumped by Filipino or foreign fishermen;

14 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the PCG, the Department of Foreign Affairs,  
15 and other concerned agencies, must formulate diplomatic mechanisms to ensure that our marine  
16 resources are protected and to make foreign fishermen accountable for any environmental  
17 damage they cause within Philippine territory;

18 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
19 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that  
20 Taiwanese fishermen are dumping garbage in Amianan Island in Batanes.

Adopted,

  
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