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SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1479

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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 CALLS FOR THE SENATE TO INVESTIGATE
THE LEASE AGREEMENT IN SUBIC BASE

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 7 provides:

2 The State shall pursue an independent foreign policy. In its relations with
3 other states the paramount consideration shall be national sovereignty, territorial
4 integrity, national interest, and the right to self-determination;

5 WHEREAS, the ABSCBNnews.com on 19 July 2015 reported that the militant group
6 Bayan has called on the Senate to investigate the government's move to reopen Subic as a naval
7 base;

8 WHEREAS, Bayan claimed that the lease agreement between the Armed Forces of the
9 Philippines (AFP) and the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) may be the initial step in
10 implementing the Philippine-U.S. Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) as well as
11 the return of *de facto* U.S. bases in Olongapo;

12 WHEREAS, under the EDCA, the U.S. military is allowed unimpeded entry and use of
13 existing Philippine military facilities also known as "agreed locations", rent-free anywhere in
14 the country;

15 WHEREAS, the Philippines will allegedly be spending for the Subic base;

16 WHEREAS, the Senate which shares treaty-making power with the President, must
17 determine whether the lease agreement between the AFP and the SBMA is legal absent a treaty
18 that is valid and effective;

1 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the calls for the
3 Senate to investigate the lease agreement in Subic base.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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