


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**A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE SENATE OVER THE REPORT OF THE UN
SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
THAT REHABILITATION EFFORTS FOR YOLANDA SURVIVORS REMAIN
INADEQUATE**

Whereas, Chaloka Beyani, the UN special rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, was in the country last July 21 to 31 when he travelled to Tacloban, as well as other provinces in Visayas and Mindanao;

Whereas, Beyani observed that “while the government is to be commended in terms of its immediate responses, its attention to ensuring sustainable durable solutions for IDPs (internally displaced persons) remains inadequate to date”;

Whereas, the UN expert specifically takes note of the bunkhouses without power or water for nearly two years now;

Whereas, he also raises concerns that apart from failing quality standards, the bunkhouses leave women, as well as girls, susceptible to sexual abuse and early pregnancy;

Whereas, more so, the bunkhouses, as Beyani observes, strips the survivors their “privacy and dignity” when they are specially struggling to rebuild their own lives;

Whereas, the Senate has always taken part in the efforts of the State towards rehabilitation and recovery of the survivors of Supertyphoon Yolanda;

Whereas, we should not forget the aid from international groups and governments the country has overwhelmingly received after the devastation caused by this

Supertyphoon and we should not allow them to see that their efforts are only put to waste because our government falls short of its duties;

Whereas, as an institution should see to it that proper measures are implemented towards this end and that efforts are not waning and in fact should be fast tracked.

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to express the concern of the Senate over the report of the UN Special Rapporteur of Internally Displaced Persons that rehabilitation efforts for Yolanda survivors remain inadequate.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.