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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF VARIOUS FOREIGN ASSISTED PROJECTS INVOLVING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ADDRESS VITAL ISSUES GOVERNING THEIR COMPLETION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Whereas, a number of infrastructure projects, such as construction of bridges, upgrading, improvement and preservation of roads, flood risk management, rehabilitation of irrigation system, among others, are in the current pipeline of works being undertaken by the Government;

Whereas, there are identified infrastructure projects being implemented by the different departments / agencies that are assisted by various international organizations, such as World Bank-International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB-IBRD), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Korea Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), Asian Development Bank (ADB), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and benevolent countries such as, Australia, Austria, France, Spain, China, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Italy, to name a few;

Whereas, under on Republic Act 10651, otherwise known as the 2015 General Appropriations Act, for the Department of Public Works and Highways alone, a total amount of P22,946,265,000 for capital outlays was allotted for foreign assisted projects;

Whereas, there are reports that a number of these foreign assisted infrastructure projects have incurred delays in its completion and implementation due to some technical and administrative problems;

Whereas, it is crucial to scrutinize the cause of the setback in the accomplishment and execution of these foreign assisted ventures, and address the issue forthwith, in order to foster transparency and accountability in these undertakings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status of various foreign assisted projects involving infrastructure programs and development, and to address vital issues governing their completion and implementation.

Approved,

SENATOR FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.