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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, THE THREAT OF THE DARK WEB TO CYBER SECURITY
AND ITS UTILIZATION IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being¹;

WHEREAS, the Deep Web is defined as the part of the World Wide Web that is not discoverable by means of standard search engines, including password-protected or dynamic pages and encrypted networks²;

WHEREAS, the Dark Web is defined as a small portion of the Deep Web that has been intentionally hidden and is inaccessible through standard web browsers³;

WHEREAS, the high levels of anonymity provided by the Dark Web has the advantage of creating a zone of free speech without government interference but also creates a haven for illegal activities such as the buying and selling of drugs and private information, as well as child pornography⁴;

WHEREAS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) listed the Philippines among the top ten (10) countries worldwide suffering from child online exploitation⁵;

WHEREAS, an article from Rappler Online News, dated on 6 July 2017, reported that German authorities had shut down the operations of a major online child pornography platform, which was found in the Dark Web, known as "Elysium"⁶;

¹Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines: <http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/constitutions/1987-constitution/>

²Oxford Dictionary: https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/Deep_Web

³BrightPlanet Corporation Online Website: <https://brightplanet.com/2014/03/clearing-confusion-deep-web-vs-dark-web/>

⁴Forbes Magazine Online: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/timsparapani/2016/06/28/the-dark-web-is-still-a-huge-difficult-problem/#58d1bba565b1>

⁵UNICEF VAC Factsheet: <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/VACFactsheet.pdf>

WHEREAS, the Dark Web is a major threat to both cyber security and to the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, a Senate investigation on the Dark Web is necessary to further prevent the spread of child pornography through Cybersex Dens which streams live online child sex performances;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate Committees to investigate, in aid of legislation, the threat of the Dark Web to Cyber Security and its utilization in child pornography.

Adopted,



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⁶Rappler Online News: <https://www.rappler.com/world/regions/europe/174883-germany-dismantles-online-child-pornography-ring>