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**RESOLUTION**  
**CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO**  
**WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESENCE OF A FOREIGN**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS' FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN**  
**PHILIPPINE MILITARY BASES AND INSTALLATIONS UNDERMINES**  
**NATIONAL SECURITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) recently signed a memorandum of agreement allowing Dito Telecommunity Corporation (Dito) to install its communications equipment and facilities on land leased within military bases across the country;

**WHEREAS**, Dito is a consortium composed of Udenna Corporation and China Telecommunications Corporation (China Telecom) - a Chinese state-owned company tasked with building and deploying Dito's actual telecommunications infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, Article 7 of the Chinese National Intelligence Law states that Chinese corporations are obliged to support intelligence-gathering efforts: "any organization or citizen shall support, assist and cooperate with the state intelligence work in accordance with the law;"

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese Counter-Espionage Law states that Chinese corporations cannot refuse to assist their government in this regard: "when the state security organ investigates and understands the situation of espionage and collects relevant evidence, the relevant organizations and individuals shall provide it truthfully and may not refuse;"

**WHEREAS**, defense officials have previously raised security concerns *vis-à-vis* the proximity of facilities belonging to Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators, which largely employ Chinese nationals, to military bases and installations;

**WHEREAS**, land within military reservations is not alienable and disposable;

**WHEREAS**, Section 88 of the Public Land Act states that tracts of land reserved for public purposes such as military reservations shall be non-alienable and shall not be subject to occupation, entry, sale, lease, or other disposition until again declared alienable under the provisions of the said Act or by proclamation of the President;

**WHEREAS**, the AFP Modernization Act states that the sale, lease or joint

development of military reservations must be authorized by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, there is thus an urgent need to determine whether or not the presence of Dito's facilities in military bases and installations undermine national security and whether or not the lease agreements entered into for this purpose comply with applicable law.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO URGE THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO WHETHER OR NOT THE PRESENCE OF A FOREIGN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS' FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN PHILIPPINE MILITARY BASES AND INSTALLATIONS UNDERMINES NATIONAL SECURITY.**

Adopted.

  
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