



S E N A T E

P. S. Res. No. 878

PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

1 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21 of the Constitution
2 states that, “No treaty or international agreement shall be
3 valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-
4 thirds of all the Members of the Senate”;

5 WHEREAS, the Agreement on Social Security Between
6 the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the
7 Government of the Republic of Korea (the “Agreement”)
8 was signed on 25 November 2019 in Busan, Republic of
9 Korea;

1 WHEREAS, the Agreement aims to promote mutual
2 cooperation between the two countries in the field of social
3 security;

4 WHEREAS, the Agreement shall apply to the National
5 Pension Act of Korea, and to the following legislations of
6 the Philippines: (i) Republic Act No. 11199, also known as
7 the “Social Security Act of 2018”, as it relates to
8 retirement, disability, and death benefits; (ii) Republic Act
9 No. 8291, also known as the “Government Service
10 Insurance Act of 1997”, as it relates to retirement,
11 disability, death, and survivorship; and (iii) Republic Act
12 No. 7699, also known as the “Portability Law”, as it relates
13 to totalizing creditable period of contributions under the
14 Acts specified in sub paragraphs (i) and (ii);

15 WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for equality of
16 treatment which entitles a covered person, including the
17 said person’s dependents and survivors, to social security
18 benefits under the same conditions as nationals of the
19 other State;

1 WHEREAS, the Agreement also provides for export of
2 benefits enabling covered persons to continue receiving
3 their benefits wherever they decide to reside, totalization
4 of insurance periods, and mutual administrative
5 assistance;

6 WHEREAS, the Agreement shall enter into force on the
7 first day of the third month following the month in which
8 the Contracting Party has received from the other
9 Contracting Party a written notification that it has
10 complied with all requirements for the Agreement's entry
11 into force;

12 WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified
13 the Agreement on 20 February 2023 and has submitted it
14 to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the
15 Constitution;

16 WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate
17 Committee on Foreign Relations on 29 May 2023, the
18 following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to
19 the ratification of the Agreement:

- 1 (1) Department of Foreign Affairs;
- 2 (2) Department of Justice;
- 3 (3) Department of Migrant Workers;
- 4 (4) Social Security System;
- 5 (5) Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas;
- 6 (6) Government Service Insurance System; and
- 7 (7) Commission on Filipinos Overseas:

8 Now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To concur,*
10 as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine ratification of the
11 Agreement on Social Security Between the Government of
12 the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the
13 Republic of Korea.

14 *Resolved, finally,* That the President of the
15 Philippines may, with the concurrence of the Senate,
16 withdraw from the Agreement.

Adopted,