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**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE UNABATED MURDER OF
POLITICAL ACTIVISTS BY ARMED GROUPS WHETHER
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OR THE NPA AND URGING THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(DILG) TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE PROBE**

Whereas, for the past several months, students, peasants, workers and those with political or ideological inclination sympathetic to the communist or leftist movement or, even innocent persons suspected of showing sympathy to them, have either been forcibly abducted, killed clandestinely, or boldly slain at sight;

Whereas, the abduction and killings had been committed throughout the country but had grown in number in Luzon particularly in the provinces of Bulacan, Bataan, Nueva Ecija and Pampanga;

Whereas the depravity and frequency of such killings had caused *serious apprehension among the relatives of the victims, churches of different faiths and their pastors, members of Congress, school officials and the studentry, civil libertarians and the Filipinos in general;*

Whereas the flagrant and unabated killings is a gross violation of the Constitution on State Policies that provides in its Sec. 10, Art. II that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights" and the right of every person to life, regardless of his creed and political belief;

Whereas, the military establishment and the NPA/ communist armed groups had been pointing at each other as the alleged perpetrators or authors of the carnage and widespread assassination;

Whereas, since the military establishment has been accused as the author of the carnage, its leadership must seriously conduct an investigation, disclose its result and turnover the culprits to the civilian authorities in order that appropriate criminal charges may be filed against those involved; otherwise, its failure to do so constitutes a

clear violation of the Constitution that provides in its Sec. 3, Art. II, that "Civilian Authority is, at all times, supreme over the military. The Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the People and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory.

Whereas, in the same vein, since the NPA or its armed groups had been tagged as the authors of the senseless killings, the Government through the Department of Interior and Local Government, the PNP and the local government units, must take all efforts and utilize all their resources to identify the killers, bring them to the bar of justice and institute measures as to ensure the protection of the people regardless of political creed from harm and put a stop to all these killings; otherwise, the DILG and the local government unit concerned violate Sec. 4, Art. II of the Constitution which provides "The prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the people" as well as Sec. 5 which state: "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy".

Whereas this chamber is not insensitive to the reprehensible and barbaric acts of those involved in the killings, especially so that it involves lives of people which have been defiled, disregarded and taken away in violation of his right to life and, therefore, considers these incidents as justification to conduct a thorough, impartial and extensive probe so that remedial measures may be instituted forthwith to end these widespread and unabated murders.

Resolved by the Senate, that it condemns in the strictest terms, the abduction and killings of persons in all parts of the country and hold those responsible, whether in the government or outside of it, accountable and must be punished to the fullest;

Resolved, further, that it deploras as extremely disgusting and loathsome the triviality of the Government sector tasked to preserve peace and order in allowing these occurrences to happen, failing to conduct serious investigation and taking action to carry out their mandates in protecting the people;

Resolved finally, that it conducts a probe into these killings with the end in view of identifying the real culprits, be they government personnel or not; bring them to the bar of justice, and, institute legislative measures so that henceforth, these incidents will never occur again.

Adopted.

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