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SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 541

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In Substitution of P.S.R. No. 512, with Senator Aquilino Pimentel, Jr. and  
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RESOLUTION  
DECLARING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE  
FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1701 CALLING  
FOR AN END TO THE 2006 LEBANON WAR

WHEREAS, on 11 August 2006, the UN Security Council unanimously passed Resolution 1701, which calls for full cessation by Hezbollah of all attacks against Israel, and for immediate cessation by Israel of all offensive military operations against Lebanon, together with withdrawal of all Israeli forces from southern Lebanon;

WHEREAS, Resolution 1701, reportedly drafted by the United States and France, was passed by a unanimous vote of the 15-member Council and will take effect on 14 August 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Manila time;

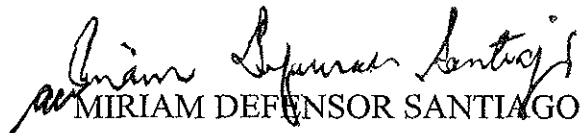
WHEREAS, the heads of state and the cabinets of both Lebanon and Israel have reportedly issued support for the Resolution;

WHEREAS, on 13 August 2006, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo reportedly expressed her full support for the Resolution, with the directive to continue implementing her August 2 order for the mandatory evacuation of all OFWs in Lebanon, for lack of assurance that the warring camps will strictly observe the ceasefire;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution, Article 2, Section 2, provides:  
“The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land, and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations;”

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate, to express the full support of the Philippine Senate for UN Security Council Resolution 1701, and to call on all parties involved to disarm all armed groups in Lebanon; for states to take necessary measures to prevent the sale or supply of arms and materiel to any entity or individual in Lebanon; and for states to consider making appropriate contributions to the UN Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Approved,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO