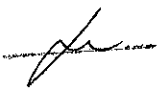


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**RESOLUTION
CREATING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

WHEREAS, climate change is scientifically recognized now as an alarming global problem. It is attributed directly to human activities that alter the composition of the global atmosphere, in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods (UNFCCC). These human activities include worldwide deforestation, increasing industrial activity, motor vehicle emission, waste management practices and intensive agriculture (Inter-Agency on Climate Change-Environment Management Bureau);

WHEREAS, the 2007 Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Working Group I on Physical Science Basis of Climate Change concludes that *"The understanding of anthropogenic (human-induced) warming and cooling influences on climate has improved since the IPCC Third Assessment Report (TAR), leading to very high confidence that the globally averaged net effect of human activities since 1750 has been one of warming. A global assessment of data since 1970 has shown it is likely (66% to 90% probability) that anthropogenic warming has had a discernible influence on many physical and biological systems" (IPCC WG2, 2007);*

WHEREAS, the IPCC, Working Group II Assessment Report also significantly highlights the future impacts of climate change on freshwater resources, ecosystems, coastal systems and low-lying areas, health, industry and food security, among others, and further concludes that over the next half-century, climate change could impede achievement of the Millennium Development Goals of a country;

WHEREAS, The Philippine's recent extreme exposures to climate risks and weather disturbances such as tropical cyclones and prolonged droughts have shown the country's high vulnerability to the impacts of climate change due to its geographic features, archipelagic character, poor condition of environment and natural resources, low level of economic development, among others;

WHEREAS, The IPCC Report further states that *"...the most stringent mitigation efforts cannot avoid further impacts of climate change in the next few decades, which makes adaptation essential, particularly in addressing near-term impacts..."*.

WHEREAS, in response to this concern, the government has adopted the Philippine Agenda 21 and the Millennium Development Goals for environmental

sustainability and has created the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the Inter-Agency Committee on Climate Change (IACCC), the Advisory Council on Climate Change (ACCC), and the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (PTFCC), and the President has made a Green Philippines as one of the "8 in 8" priorities;

WHEREAS, there is a collective action nationwide to consolidate all efforts of all national and local government agencies, non-government organizations, private entities, academe, media, related sectors and other international organizations to strongly advocate for the country's climate change adaptation and risks mitigation;

WHEREAS, the outcome of the 1st National Conference on Climate Change Adaptation which was held from October 22-24, 2007, hosted by the Province of Albay, headed by Governor Jose "Joey" Salceda has highlighted the need to institutionalize climate change adaptation and mitigation measures and mechanisms to address climate change dangers;

WHEREAS, recognizing all global experiences and alarming indications and scientific findings and impacts stated in the IPCC's Assessment Report on climate change, there is a need to constitute an Oversight Committee on Climate Change Adaptation in the Fourteenth Congress;

WHEREAS, Section 14, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate provides that *"Whenever necessary, special committees shall be organized, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be determined by the Senate President."*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to create an Oversight Committee on Climate Change Adaptation;

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, the Oversight Committee on Climate Change Adaptation shall exercise the duties and powers of a regular committee and shall have jurisdiction over all matters relating to climate change and its adverse impacts on all facets of our country's economic and environmental development goals on our agriculture and food security, hydrology and water resources, coastal and low lying areas, natural ecosystems and biodiversity, human health and human dimensions.

Adopted,



SEN. GREGORIO B. HONASAN II