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RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) AND OTHER CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO CONDUCT A BRIEFING FOR THE SENATE ON THE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE 12TH ASEAN SUMMIT.

Whereas, The 1987 Constitution states that "(t)he 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;" (Section 2, Article II)

Whereas, Under Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution, no treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate;

Whereas, During the recently concluded 12th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit held in Cebu City, the Philippines reportedly entered into several multilateral agreements covering numerous concerns such as regional security, migrant workers, energy, foreign relations, agriculture, transportation, communications and many others;

Whereas, It was also reported that the Philippines also entered into similar agreements with non-member countries of the ASEAN during the 12th ASEAN Summit;

Whereas, The Senate needs to know whether the above-said agreements fall within the purview of international agreements which require its concurrence;

Whereas, Any treaty or international agreement entered into by the Philippines needs to be concurred in by the Senate whenever any of the following requisites is present: (1) the treaty or international agreement involves a change in national policy; (2) it involves political issues; or (3) it is of permanent nature;

Whereas, The Senate needs to be informed about these agreements so it can provide any legislative measures that may be necessary in order to give flesh to these initiatives and help the government comply with its international obligations; *Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved As It Is Hereby Resolved*

By the Senate, To Request The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) And Other Concerned Departments And Agencies To Conduct A Briefing For The Senate On The Agreements Entered Into By The Philippines During the 12th ASEAN Summit.

Adopted,


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Senator