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Introduced by Senator Biazon

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE PEACE PROCESS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF)

Whereas, The tri-media has recently reported that the Malaysian members of the International Monitoring Team are withdrawing from the peace talks between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) that may affect the ongoing peace negotiations;

Whereas, There was also a report recently of about 300 MILF members taking over the village of Sangay in Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat;

Whereas, The activities of so-called "Lost Commands" affect the general peace and order situation in Mindanao;

Whereas, National security interests dictate that the government should take into consideration a possible collapse in the peace talks in order that necessary preparations may be undertaken;

Whereas, Preparations for such a possible collapse in the peace talks would require legislative responses to upgrade the Armed Forces of the Philippines capability in terms of manpower and equipage;

Whereas The contentious issues that seem to stall the peace talks cannot be resolved through executive actions alone and may therefore require legislative responses; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,

By The Senate, To Direct The Appropriate Senate Committees To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Status And Progress Of The Peace Process Between The Government Of The Republic Of The Philippines (GRP) And The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Adopted,

RODOLFO G!BIAZON

Senator