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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NOTORIOUS
REPUTATION OF THE COUNTRY AS A SOURCE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ITS
TRANSSHIPMENT IN ASIA

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6425 otherwise known as the Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 provides that "It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation.xxx";

WHEREAS, it has been a growing and well-known concern that the Philippines continues to be a source of illegal drugs and their transshipment in Asia despite government efforts to curb the menace;

WHEREAS, corruption and inefficiency in the Philippine judicial process encouraged foreign traffickers to establish clandestine laboratories in the country over other Asian nations;

WHEREAS, illegal drugs and precursor chemicals entered and left the country through the various airports, seaports and economic zones; with more than 7,000 islands and over 36,200 kilometers of coastline, the country's surroundings were virtually unpatrolled;

WHEREAS, traffickers supposedly use shipping containers, fishing boats and cargo vessels, that off-loaded to smaller craft, to transport huge quantities of methamphetamine hydrochloride and its precursor chemicals;

WHEREAS, commercial air carriers and express mail services remained the primary means of shipment to Guam, Hawaii and the US mainland, with typical shipment sizes of one to four kilos;

WHEREAS, methamphetamine was clandestinely manufactured in the country with precursor chemicals smuggled in or diverted after legal importation from China, including Hong Kong;

WHEREAS, law enforcement interdiction efforts should be made more effective by instituting an intelligence-sharing mechanism between the institutional forces concerned and provision of basic resources such as fuel for patrol vessels;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the notorious reputation of the country as a source of illegal drugs and its transshipment in Asia.

Adopted,


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