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Resolution No. 36

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21, states: "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, the Extradition Treaty between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was signed on 18 September 2009 in London;

WHEREAS, the Treaty provides for the general obligation between the Contracting Parties to extradite to the other, in the circumstances and subject to the conditions specified in the Treaty, persons whom the authorities in the Requesting State have charged with or convicted of an extraditable offense;

WHEREAS, the Treaty strengthens the bilateral cooperation between the Philippines and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the investigation, prosecution and suppression of crimes, particularly transnational crimes;

WHEREAS, the increasing frequency of transnational crimes, such as terrorism, money laundering, corruption, human trafficking, as well as other violations of human rights, necessitates this Treaty as a vital operational tool in the pursuit of justice and public safety;

WHEREAS, the Treaty, Article 20, provides that it shall enter into force thirty (30) days after both Contracting States have notified each other through diplomatic channels that their respective requirements for the entry into force of the Treaty have been complied with;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Extradition Treaty between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 6 December 2013 and has accordingly submitted it; to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS, in the hearings conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 4 February 2012 and 20 February 2014, the following government agencies have endorsed the concurrence in the ratification of the Extradition Treaty between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

- Department of Foreign Affairs; 1.
- 2. Department of Justice;
- 3. Bureau of Immigration; and

National Bureau of Investigation: Now, therefore, 4 be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To concur, as it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the Extradition Treaty between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Adopted,

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was adopted by the Senate This Resolution on March 4, 2014.

OSCAR **YABES**

Secretary of the Senate