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RESOLUTION No. 113

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION
OF THE 2005 CONVENTION ON THE
PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE
DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21 of the Constitution states that, "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 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (the Convention) was adopted by the Parties on 20 October 2005 in Paris, France;

WHEREAS, under the Convention, the Parties reaffirm their sovereign right to formulate and implement their respective cultural policies, adopt measures to protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions, and strengthen international cooperation, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, including principles that protect human rights and fundamental freedoms;

WHEREAS, the Convention provides that developed countries shall facilitate cultural exchanges with developing countries by granting preferential treatment to artists and other cultural professionals and practitioners, as well as the cultural goods and services of developing countries, through the appropriate institutional and legal frameworks;

WHEREAS, the Convention provides for the establishment of an International Fund for Cultural Diversity, in accordance with the financial regulations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

WHEREAS, the benefits of the Convention include the balanced flow of cultural goods and services, increased mobility of artists and cultural professionals worldwide, and the integration of cultural activities in the creation of frameworks, for the purpose of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Convention on 14 August 2023 and has submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 14 February 2024, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the ratification of the Convention:

- 1) Department of Foreign Affairs;
- 2) Cultural Center of the Philippines;
- 3) Department of Budget and Management;
- 4) Department of Tourism;
- 5) Department of Trade and Industry;
- 6) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;

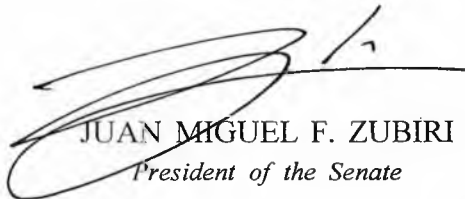
- 7) Department of Justice;
- 8) Bureau of Internal Revenue;
- 9) Film Development Council of the Philippines;
- 10) Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
- 11) Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino;
- 12) National Commission for Culture and the Arts;
- 13) National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
- 14) National Commission on Muslim Filipinos;
- 15) National Economic and Development Authority;
- 16) National Historical Commission of the Philippines;
- 17) National Library of the Philippines; and
- 18) National Museum:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine ratification of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;

Resolved, finally, That the President of the Philippines may, with the concurrence of the Senate, withdraw from the Convention.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2024.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate