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RESOLUTION NO. 49

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO THE CASUALTIES
OF THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES IN THE
REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE

WHEREAS, on 6 February 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the southern and central provinces of the Republic of Türkiye, including Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, and Sanliurfa;

WHEREAS, the two earthquakes of February 6 caused an estimated \$34.2 billion in direct physical damages in the Republic of Türkiye, the equivalent of 4% of the country's 2021 GDP, according to a World Bank rapid damage assessment

report. The report also acknowledges that recovery and reconstruction costs will be much larger, potentially twice as large, and that GDP losses associated to economic disruptions will also add to the cost of the earthquakes;

WHEREAS, the Global Rapid Post-Disaster Damage Estimation (GRADE) Report, which focuses on the direct physical damages in the Republic of Türkiye, also estimates that 1.25 million people have been rendered temporarily homeless due to moderate to severe damage or complete building collapse. The report also highlights that 81% of the estimated damages occurred in Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Malatya and Adiyaman provinces, which are home to around 6.45 million people, around 7.4% of the total population of Türkiye;

WHEREAS, to aid in the rescue and recovery operations being conducted in Türkiye, the Philippine Government sent a contingent of 82 personnel, composed of members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Health, Office of Civil Defense, Metro Manila Development Authority and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority;

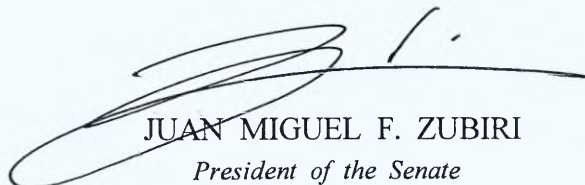
WHEREAS, the Senate supports all humanitarian efforts initiated by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Migrant Workers, and Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration, especially in ensuring that every overseas Filipino worker will get the proper assistance in case they will be displaced from work;

WHEREAS, the people of Türkiye have always shown remarkable resilience in the face of adversity, and their courage in the aftermath of this disaster is a testament to their strength of spirit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To extend its profound sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the Turkish and Filipinos who died, and expresses its solidarity with the entire Republic of Türkiye, including the Filipino community therein.

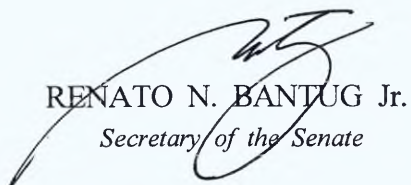
Resolved, finally, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in the Philippines.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2023.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

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