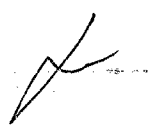


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**RESOLUTION
CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE
ASEAN AGREEMENT ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND
EMERGENCY RESPONSE (AADMER)**

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 ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) was signed on 26 July 2005 in Ventiane, Lao PDR;

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides a regional comprehensive framework to achieve a substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and in the social, economic and environmental assets of ASEAN Member States (AMS), and to jointly respond to disaster emergencies through concerted national efforts and intensified regional and international cooperation;

WHEREAS, it also provides for the setting up of an ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and an ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief Fund;

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for the commitment, obligations, institutional arrangements, and protocols of all the parties, including immunities and privileges of an Assisting Entity, to provide or receive assistance in times of disaster emergencies;

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 27 August 2009, the following agencies endorsed the concurrence in the ratification of the Agreement:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
2. Department of National Defense (DND)
3. National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC)
4. Office of Civil Defense (OCD)
5. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
6. Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC)

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Senate of the Philippines concur as it hereby concurs in the ratification of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER).

Adopted,

Miriam Defensor Santiago
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Chair