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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY ON THE ALLEGED MISUSE OF THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) TO INCLUDE THE GRANT AND RELEASE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS), GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCS) AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS)/PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (POS)**

**WHEREAS**, P.S. Resolution No. 41, P. S. Resolution No. 133, P. S. Resolution No. 192, P. S. Resolution No. 196 and P. S, Resolution No. 204 were submitted to the Senate for the conduct of an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged misuse of the Priority Development Assistance Fund;

**WHEREAS**, On August 29, 2013, the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee started its public hearings;

**WHEREAS**, based on the Commission on Audit (COA) Special Audit Report No. 2012-03 and testimonies of resource speakers, Implementing Agencies (IAs) transfer substantial amounts to NGOs without due regard to existing laws, rules and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the COA Special Audit Report revealed that NGOs were used as vehicles to divert public funds from its intended use;

**WHEREAS**, in the course of the previous public hearings, it is evident that there are serious lapses in the existing procedures and processes of concerned government agencies in granting and releasing public funds to NGOs/POs;

**WHEREAS**, the present inquiry is limited in scope as it focuses solely on the transfer of PDAF to NGOs linked to the Janet-Lim Napoles Group;

**WHEREAS**, various NGOs/POs receive funds from national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) and their subsidiaries for the implementation of programs and projects;

**WHEREAS**, a broader inquiry is imperative to address the practice of national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), government-owned or controlled

corporations (GOCCs) and their subsidiaries in utilizing NGOs as conduits to embezzle public funds;

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of true transparency and accountability, there is a need to widen the scope of the Committee's inquiry to ensure that the interest of the public is properly served and the public's trust is not violated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS SENATE**, to direct the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) to expand the scope of the Committee's inquiry to include the grant and release of public funds by national government agencies, local government units (LGUs), government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) and their subsidiaries to NGOs/POs.

Adopted,



**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator