

13 NOV 26 P3 38

SENATE
P.S. Res 391

RECEIVED BY: 

Introduced by Senator Poe

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN COMMENDING AND THANKING
VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD
FOR ASSISTING AND LENDING A HELPING HAND TO THE PHILIPPINES AFTER
THE ONSLAUGHT OF TYPHOON YOLANDA

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda (international name Haiyan), a tropical storm said to be the one of the most powerful in history, battered Eastern Visayas, particularly the provinces of Leyte and Samar.

WHEREAS, thousands of Filipinos have lost their lives and left the said provinces in ruins. Losses are estimated to be in billions of dollars and it is an understatement that restoring the livelihood of those affected, Filipinos and foreigners alike, in the Eastern Visayas region will be difficult.

WHEREAS, the effects of a devastating typhoon such as Yolanda's can happen to anyone, regardless of race or status.

WHEREAS, in the face of adversity against a natural catastrophe that threatens our existence and in the spirit of humanity, various countries and international groups and organizations voluntarily gave a helping hand to uplift the lives of the victims of Typhoon Yolanda.

WHEREAS, various countries and foreign organizations such as the following extended assistance to the Philippines in the form of cash donations, relief goods, medicines, and humanitarian missions:

Foreign Countries¹

- Algeria;
- Australia;
- Bahrain;
- Bangladesh;
- Belgium;
- Brazil;
- Brunei Darussalam;
- Cambodia;
- Canada;
- China;
- Czech Republic;

¹ Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines. Foreign Aid Transparency Hub (FAITH). <http://www.gov.ph/faith/full-report/> Last accessed, November 26, 2013.

- Denmark;
- EU/EC;
- Finland;
- France;
- Germany;
- Hungary;
- India;
- Indonesia;
- Ireland;
- Israel;
- Italy;
- Japan;
- Kuwait;
- Laos;
- Luxembourg;
- Malaysia;
- Mexico;
- Myanmar;
- Netherlands;
- New Zealand;
- Norway;
- Pakistan;
- Panama;
- Papua New Guinea;
- Qatar;
- Russia;
- Saudi Arabia;
- Singapore;
- Slovakia;
- South Africa;
- South Korea;
- Spain;
- Sri Lanka;
- Sweden;
- Switzerland;
- Taiwan;
- Thailand;
- Turkey;
- Ukraine;
- United Arab Emirates;
- United Kingdom;
- United States of America;
- Vatican; and
- Vietnam.

Foreign Organizations²

- Red Cross Community
- Filipino-Malaysian Community;
- International Committee of the Red Cross;
- Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders);
- European Union;
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs (UNOCHA);
- Buednis Aktion Deutschland Hilfe's CARE;

² Rappler. Yolanda (Typhoon Haiyan): Aid, donations from int'l community. November 9, 2013. <http://www.rappler.com/nation/43310-yolanda-international-community> Last accessed, November 26, 2013.

- Malteser International and HelpAge;
- ADRA Johanniter Unfallhilfe;
- World Vision and the International Search and Rescue Team (ISAR);
- ISAR Germany;
- UNICEF;
- OXFAM;
- Action Medeor;
- Keidanren (Japan Business Federation);
- Aeon Co. Ltd.;
- International Labour Organization (ILO);
- Disasters Emergency Committee UK;
- Arab Gulf Fund for UN Development (AGFUND);
- Marubeni (Japan);
- Al Ain (UAE);
- KGL Investment Asia (Kuwait);
- Irish Aid;
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP);
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation; and
- Asian Development Bank (ADB).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the above-named countries and foreign organizations be commended, thanked and expressed sincerest gratitude for assisting and lending a helping hand to the Philippines after the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the embassies/consular offices of the countries and headquarters of foreign organizations mentioned above.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that this Resolution be posted on the official website/portal of the Republic of the Philippines.

Adopted,


GRACE POE