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Introduced by **SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION FOR THE INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM NATIONWIDE IN CRIME PREVENTION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SPECIFICALLY IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND METRO MANILA AREA**

1       **WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution recognizes the following in its  
2 declaration of principles and state policies:

3               *Article II, Section 4: The prime duty of the Government*  
4               *is to serve and protect the people.*

5               *Article II, Section 5: The maintenance of peace and*  
6               *order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and*  
7               *promotion of the general welfare are essential for the*  
8               *enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;*

9       **WHEREAS**, according to the data provided by the PNP's Directorate  
10 for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM), the total number of  
11 crime reported from January to May 2014 already reached 289,198  
12 compared to 245,347 reported in the entire year of 2013;

13       **WHEREAS**, the rising criminality in the country is a clear evidence  
14 that the government has a weak and ineffective system in solving and  
15 preventing crimes;

16       **WHEREAS**, the different enforcement agencies of the government  
17 must work hand in hand in order to fight criminality;

18       **WHEREAS**, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
19 is mandated to establish and prescribe rules, regulations and other  
20 issuances implementing laws on public order and safety and to organize,  
21 train and equip primarily for the performance of police functions, a police  
22 force that is national in scope and civilian in character;

23       **WHEREAS**, the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is  
24 tasked in the formulation, coordination and monitoring of policies,  
25 standards, programs and projects in relation to transport and traffic  
26 management;

27       **WHEREAS**, a centralized state-of-the-art call center is necessary to  
28 provide a quick response to crimes being reported;

29       **WHEREAS**, a dedicated, accessible and toll-free 24/7 hotline number  
30 is necessary to receive reports of criminal activities nationwide;

31       **WHEREAS**, advanced forensic techniques and comprehensive  
32 criminal databases are necessary to obtain accurate profiling and statistics;

33       **WHEREAS**, an effective traffic management system plays a vital role  
34 in dealing with crimes and law and order issues;

35       **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, that the proper senate committee  
36 conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation for the integration and coordination  
37 of communication and information system nationwide in crime prevention  
38 and traffic management specifically in National Capital Region and Metro  
39 Manila Area.

**ADOPTED,**

  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**