

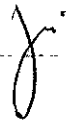
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#### RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS, AND GENDER EQUALITY AND OTHER PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON EXISTING MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY IN CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, Section 14, Article II of the Constitution provides "The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men.";

**WHEREAS**, to this end, the government has enacted measures to ensure the protection of women from different kinds of abuse such as Republic Act 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and Children Act, and Republic Act 8353 or the Anti-Rape Law of 1997;

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, the government has addressed issues such as but not limited to political participation, literacy, and access to income and productive resources in order to close the gender gap;

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the Philippines received the Award for Leadership on Closing the Gender Gap at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium last 27 November 2013;

**WHEREAS**, despite this, last 20 September 2014, a popular clothing brand hosted an event which showed a male actor pulling a female model on a leash, depicting the enslavement and subjugation of women to male fantasies;

**WHEREAS**, in addition, last 23 September 2014, it was discovered that a well-known retail store sold t-shirts with a slogan "It's Not Rape. It's A Snuggle With A Struggle.";

**WHEREAS**, there is no existing legislation to ensure that consumer goods and services promote the protection of women from abuse, advance gender equality, and prohibit goods and services that posit the opposite view;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS, AND GENDER EQUALITY AND OTHER PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON EXISTING MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY IN CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE SAME.

*Adopted,*



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