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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT COA AUDIT REPORT ON TYPHOON YOLANDA RELIEF OPERATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS FAILED TO USE THE ₱4.4-MILLION CASH DONATION FROM SAMBO ENGINEERING CORPORATION OF SOUTH KOREA AND FAILED TO RECORD ₱5.395 MILLION WORTH OF DONATED GOODS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 28 also states: "Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest";

WHEREAS, according to the recent Commission on Audit (COA) report on the typhoon Yolanda relief operations, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has received a cash donation from Sambo Engineering Corporation of South Korea amounting to US\$99,980.00 or ₱4,417,314.59;

WHEREAS, the COA report further stated that there has been no single transaction ever made out of the fund; hence remains unutilized as of the writing of the report;

WHEREAS, according to the COA, the non- utilization of the donation defeated the purpose of the donation and the emergency nature of the need to institute repair and recovery measures;

WHEREAS, the COA also reported that the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) issued Resolution No. 9810, authorizing the immediate release of 150 units of KENBO KB 13 generator sets to the DPWH, costing ₱28,500.00 per unit;

WHEREAS, the same report also stated that Civic Merchandising Inc., a private business entity, donated two units of brand new Portable Light Tower at ₱560,000/unit, or a total amount of ₱1,120,000, for use in rescue operations in Tacloban City;

WHEREAS, the COA noted that both donations were not reflected in the 31 December 2013 financial statement of the DPWH;

WHEREAS, the COA recommended the following:

- For the DPWH to draw a Program of Work for the utilization of the cash donation so that the typhoon victims can immediately benefit from it;
- To require the DPWH to recognize the peso equivalent of the dollar denominated donation at year- end; and

- To require the DPWH to recognize the cost/appraised value of the 152 pieces of equipment and credit the corresponding account to Income from Grants and Donation to fully disclose all financial information;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the recent COA audit report on typhoon Yolanda relief operations that the Department of Public Works and Highways failed to use the ₱4.4-million cash donation from Sambo Engineering Corporation of South Korea and failed to record ₱5.395 million worth of donated goods.

Adopted,


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