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SENATE

P.S. RES. NO. 1725

Prepared by the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION
CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA CONCERNING THE
DELIMITATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21 states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate";

WHEREAS, the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning the Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone Boundary* was signed on 23 May 2014 in Manila, Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Agreement establishes the boundary line that delimits the overlapping Exclusive Economic Zone of the Philippines and Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall not prejudice any rights or positions of the Contracting Parties with regard to the delimitation of the Continental Shelf Boundary;

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification pursuant to Article IV thereof;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Convention on 8 July 2015 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 27 January 2016, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the ratification of the Agreement:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of Justice
3. Dep. of Environment and Natural Resources
4. Department of Agriculture
5. Department of Energy
6. Department of transportation and Communications

7. Department of National Defense
8. Armed Forces of the Philippines
9. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
10. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine ratification of the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning the Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone Boundary*.

Adopted,


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