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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTS THAT TERRORIST
GROUPS IN MINDANAO JOIN FORCES TO ESTABLISH AN ISLAMIC STATE
OR ISIS SATELLITE EXTENSION IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to protect life, liberty, and property from acts of terrorism, to condemn terrorism as inimical and dangerous to the national security of the country and to the welfare of the people, and to make terrorism a crime against the Filipino people, against humanity, and against the law of nations¹;

WHEREAS, it was reported that three terrorist groups in southern Philippines have formed Dailat Islamiyah Waylatol Masri (DIWM) as an umbrella organization to gain official recognition from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS or IS)²;

WHEREAS, it was reported that the DIWM is composed of Isnilon Hapilon's Abu Sayyaf band, the Maute group that carried out the September 2, 2016 bombing in Davao City which killed 15 persons and wounded about 70 others, and the Ansar Kalifa of the Philippines (AKP)³;

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2016, ABS-CBN News aired a video taken last July 6, 2016 in Barangay Ragayan, Butig, Lanao Del Sur during the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. The video showed a meeting of different terrorist groups in Mindanao allegedly joining forces to establish ISIS in the Philippines⁴;

WHEREAS, the video showed the presence of Omar Maute and his brothers, Mohammad Khayam Maute and Abdullah Maute, leaders of Maute group (Lanao Del Sur); Mohammad Jaafar Maguid alias "Tokboy", leader of AKP (Sarangani Province); and other Cotabato terrorists (Maguindanao) including TJ Macabalang one of the suspects caught in connection with the Davao City night market bombing⁵;

¹ Section 2 of RA 9372 or the Huma Security Act of 2007.

² The Daily Tribune, 3 terror groups form Islamic State force in Mindanao — Año, October 10, 2016, <http://www.tribune.net.ph/headlines/3-terror-groups-form-islamic-state-force-in-mindanao-ano>.

³ Ibid.

⁴ ABS-CBN news website, EXCLUSIVE: Mga terorista, nagsanib-pwersa umano sa Mindanao, <http://news.abs-cbn.com/vidco/news/10/11/16/exclusive-mga-terorista-nagsanib-pwersa-umano-sa-mindanao>.

⁵ Ibid.

WHEREAS, according to the unnamed source of ABS-CBN News, the meeting among the various terrorist groups in Mindanao confirms the speculation that terrorist groups in the Philippines are joining forces to be recognized by the international terrorist group ISIS⁶;

WHEREAS, in a separate video, also believed to be taken in Butig, Lanao Del Sur, AKP leader Jaafar Maguid alias "Tokboy" pledged support to Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon, who is known as the emir of ISIS in the Philippines⁷;

WHEREAS, the source of ABS-CBN News also said that Davao City is not the only place targeted by the terrorist groups. They also planned to cause terror in Kidapawan City, Marbel, Koronadal City, and Kidapawan City⁸;

WHEREAS, the source of ABS-CBN News added that there are still two more bombs to be discovered by the armed forces and the police aside from the Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that the terrorist groups have detonated or have been found by authorities,⁹;

WHEREAS, terrorism is a crime the State condemns and a matter that the Philippine government should exhaust all possible solutions to eradicate;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate, by policy or by law, to protect life, liberty, and property from acts of terrorism.

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to direct the proper Senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reports that terrorist groups in Mindanao join forces to establish an Islamic State or ISIS satellite extension in the Philippines

Adopted,



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⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.