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RESOLUTION
URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CREATE THE
PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIMES

WHEREAS, the perennial problem of the anti-drug and crime operation is the failure to effectively prosecute the cases. At present, we have a dismissal rate of 80 to 90% of our drug cases.

WHEREAS, despite the strong cases filed, cases are eventually dismissed due to lack of coordination between the law enforcers and prosecutors especially in the case build-up stage.

WHEREAS, to address our problems in the prosecution in the war against drugs and other crimes, a PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIMES shall be created through an Executive Order. The purpose of this office is to ensure that cases will be effectively prosecuted. The said office shall also formulate programs and protocols to strengthen the prosecution of drug cases and assist law enforcers.

WHEREAS, State and Public Prosecutors will be designated to the PNP, PDEA and NBI to advise, supervise and monitor anti-drug and crimes operations especially high profile drugs cases. The Presidential Office on Drugs and Crimes shall supervise and make into one body the DILG, PNP, PDEA, NBI, BOC and DOJ.

WHEREAS, the Solicitor General shall be designated as Commander of this office. There shall also be Deputy Commanders for Luzon, Visayas and

Mindanao. The said Deputy Commanders shall be taken from the present Undersecretaries and/or Assistant Secretaries from the Department of Justice, Department of Interior and Local Government, Dangerous Drugs Board, Philippine National Police, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and other necessary agencies. Personnel and staff of the Presidential Office on Drugs and Crimes will be coming from PDEA, PNP, DDB and NBI. Since the present officers and personnel of existing offices will be designated with concurrent positions, there will be minimal to no cost in the creation of the Presidential Office on Drugs and Crimes.

WHEREAS, the creation of the Presidential Office on Drugs and Crimes shall make our war on drugs and crimes lethal versus drug syndicates both in the local and the national scale.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the President to create the Presidential Office on Drugs and Crimes.

Adopted,


VICENTE C. SOTTO III