



SENATE  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED 5,100 TONS OF**  
**GARBAGE THAT ARRIVED FROM SOUTH KOREA WITH THE END IN VIEW**  
**OF REVIEWING AND IMPROVING GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS ON THE**  
**MOVEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES**

1 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides  
2 the State shall protect and advanced the right of the people to a balance and  
3 healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

4 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) implements an effective revenue  
5 collection by preventing and suppressing smuggling and the entry of prohibited  
6 imported goods;

7 WHEREAS, an article from ABS-CBN News Online, dated November 13, 2018,  
8 reported on 5,100 tons of garbage from South Korea that arrived at the Mindanao  
9 Container Terminal (MCT) and was misdeclared as "plastic synthetic flakes".;

10 WHEREAS, according to the initial findings Department of Environment and  
11 Natural Resources (DENR), the garbage shipment contained used dextrose tubes,  
12 used diapers, batteries, bulbs, and electronic equipment;

13 WHEREAS, the said garbage shipment was consigned to South Korean  
14 company Verde Soko II Industrial Corp., which runs a waste recycling facility in  
15 Tagoloan town. However, the said company is not registered as an importer of  
16 recyclable materials;

17 WHEREAS, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements  
18 of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal is an international treaty, which the  
19 Philippines ratified on January 19, 1994, designed to reduce the movements of  
20 hazardous waste between countries specifically to prevent the transfer of hazardous  
21 waste from developed to less developed countries;

22 WHEREAS, Title III, Chapter VII, Section 24 of the Implementing Rules and  
23 Regulations of Republic Act No. 6969, otherwise known as the "Toxic Substances  
24 and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990", provides it shall be the  
25 policy of the DENR to prohibit the entry even in transit of hazardous wastes and  
26 their disposal into the Philippine territorial limits for whatever purpose;

27 WHEREAS, an article by Rappler, dated on November 16, 2017, reported on  
28 garbage from Canada that entered the Philippines in 2013 and 2014. On 2017, the  
29 said garbage has not yet been returned;

30 WHEREAS, a Senate inquiry on the matter is necessary to review and improve  
31 our guidelines and protocols on transboundary movement of hazardous wastes for  
32 the purpose of protecting the welfare of the environment and to prevent further  
33 occurrence of hazardous wastes from entering the country;

34 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate  
35 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported 5,100 tons of  
36 garbage that arrived from South Korea with the end in view of reviewing and  
37 improving guidelines and protocols on the movement of hazardous wastes.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator