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Introduced by **Senator JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI**

A RESOLUTION

CREATING A STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, INNOVATION, AND FUTURES THINKING

WHEREAS, in 2015, all United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is a post-2015 global development agenda built on the major advancements and improvements of the Millennium Development Goals;

WHEREAS, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development serves as the global blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all;

WHEREAS, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): (1) eradicating poverty; (2) eliminating hunger; (3) promoting good health and well-being; (4) providing access to quality education; (5) promoting gender equality; (6) ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; (7) guaranteeing access to affordable and clean energy; (8) providing decent work and economic growth; (9) building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation; (10) reducing inequality; (11) establishing sustainable cities and communities; (12) promoting responsible consumption and production; (13) taking urgent action to combat climate change; (14) conserving life under water; (15) conserving life on land; (16) promoting peace and justice and building strong institutions; and (17) ensuring partnerships to achieve the goals;

WHEREAS, a vital component in achieving these SDGs is through “Futures Thinking”, a multi-disciplinary approach in illuminating possibilities, outlining policy choices, and assessing alternatives;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, as one of the countries to adopt the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is committed to integrate the SDGs into our national development plans and policies;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, through Executive Order No. 5, series of 2016, ordered the adoption of the twenty-five-year long term collective vision of Filipinos entitled *Ambisyon Natin 2040* as the guide for development planning;

WHEREAS, the abovementioned Executive Order likewise mandates the creation of four (4) medium-term Philippine Development Plans that are anchored on *Ambisyon Natin 2040* and overall goals, to be crafted and implemented until 2040, and which shall ensure sustainability and consistency of strategies, policies, programs and projects across political administrations;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to monitor the performance of the Philippines to ensure that we are on track in accomplishing the SDGs, and to align our country’s roadmap of legislation and programs, including the current Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, with the principles of sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Senate to ensure that adequate policies, strategies, and actions consistent with the principles of sustainable development are crafted and implemented to develop the desired future we want for our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That a Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation, and Futures Thinking be created to be composed of fifteen (15) members of the Senate.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That to attain the objectives, the Committee shall have the following jurisdiction:

All matters relating to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Committee shall assess the status and performance of the Philippines in attaining

the Sustainable Development Goals and shall propose policies, strategies, and actions to develop desirable futures by using a multi-disciplinary approach in illuminating possibilities, outlining policy choices, and assessing alternatives.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the mandate given to the Committee under this Resolution shall be without prejudice to the performance of the duties and functions by the existing committees of the Senate.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, That in order to carry out the objectives of this Resolution, an initial sum shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Senate of the Philippines under the Fiscal Year 2019 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,

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JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI