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RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, INNOVATION, AND FUTURES THINKING TO CONDUCT A HEARING, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON VARIOUS SECTORS, THEIR INNOVATIONS AND STRATEGIES TO PREPARE FOR AND ADAPT TO THE NEW NORMAL, AND THEIR ACTION PLANS TO PREPARE FOR ALL POSSIBILITIES AND OUTCOMES IN THE NEW NORMAL AND POST-COVID-19, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION STRATEGIC FORESIGHT TO ANALYZE POSSIBLE FUTURES BASED ON AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE AND KNOWLEDGE.

1 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the globe and all parts of
2 society, disrupting the usual way of life, requiring stay-at-home orders for millions of
3 people and devastating economies, including the Philippines;

4 **WHEREAS**, the impact of COVID-19 in the Philippines has forced all sectors in
5 the country to innovate for the New Normal, where society will have to continue with
6 the virus until a vaccine is discovered, while taking into account different possibilities
7 outside of COVID-19, and adapt with those in mind as well;

8 **WHEREAS**, futures thinking is an avenue for these sectors to strategically think
9 about the future, providing a systematic approach to "examine the full realm of
10 'possible futures', with the goal of identifying unforeseen opportunities and de-risking
11 propositions";¹

¹ Prosser, Z. and Basra, S., 2019. Futures Thinking: A Mind-Set, Not A Method. [online] Medium. Available at: <<https://medium.com/touchpoint/futures-thinking-a-mind-set-not-a-method-64c9b5f9da37>> [Accessed 5 May 2020].

1 **WHEREAS**, futures thinking also expands stakeholders' understanding of the
2 horizon of the present situation, how it affects us over time, and the scope and
3 relationships of various factors that can affect outcomes,² and the need to address
4 overall systems rather than individual elements;³

5 **WHEREAS**, it is important to learn from experts who can provide insights on
6 the New Normal and the world after COVID-19, what best practices can be adopted,
7 as well as map out the different possibilities and outcomes post-COVID-19 in order to
8 enlighten present decision-making;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to urge the Committee on
10 Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation, and Futures Thinking to conduct an
11 inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on various
12 sectors, their innovations and strategies to prepare for and adapt to the New Normal,
13 and their action plans to prepare for all possibilities and outcomes in the New Normal
14 and post-COVID-19, taking into consideration strategic foresight to analyze possible
15 futures based on available intelligence and knowledge.

Adopted,


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² Cascio, J., 2009. Tomorrow Matters: Ignoring The Future Is Undermining The Present. [online] Fast Company. Available at: <<https://www.fastcompany.com/1274088/tomorrow-matters-ignoring-future-undermining-present>> [Accessed 5 May 2020].

³ Ibid, note 1.