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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ROLE AND CAPABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ADDRESSING THE ALARMING PROLIFERATION OF CYBERSEX WHICH VICTIMIZES AND LURES THE PARTICIPATION OF FILIPINOS INTO THIS "INTERNET SEX TRADE," WITH THE END VIEW OF PROVIDING THE POLICE FORCE WITH ENOUGH POWER TO CURB SUCH PROLIFERATION AND ENACTING POLICY MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

Whereas, cybersex is a form of pornography wherein live sexual acts are performed by men and women, and even children, before web cameras that stream images directly to the computers of paying internet users;

Whereas, cybersex fiends lure mostly women and young girls, including those from provinces, into performing sexual acts;

Whereas, at least five million Filipinos are said to be connected and a fourth of that number goes online regularly, of the five million, more than 200,000 Filipinos – women, men and possibly children – are said to be offering sex via the internet;

Whereas, the website www.adultfriendfinder.com, described as "the world's largest sex and swinger personals site, where real people meet on-line for casual sex," claims to have a list of 212,259 potential online sexual partners from the Philippines. It also claims to have over 19.6 million active members worldwide, 48,000 of whom are online at any given time;

Whereas, among 35 countries in Asia, the Philippines is said to have the second largest list of potential sex partners in www.adultfriendfinder.com next only to India, which has 677,812, while the Philippines ranks 15th in the world's list of possible sexual partners on the internet;

Whereas, there are reports that a number of internet shops in the Philippines may be fronting for cyber sex operations and there are allegedly many gangs running clandestine cyber sex dens. Some internet shops and cafes involved run pay-per-view sex;

Whereas, the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) has identified "cybersex hot spots" operated by foreigners and Filipinos in the provinces;

Whereas, lack of effective laws against pornography and cybersex hamper efforts of law enforcement agencies to combat the proliferation of prostitution online;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the role and capability of the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies in addressing the alarming proliferation of cybersex which victimizes and lures the participation of Filipinos into this "internet sex trade," with the end view of providing the police force with enough power to curb such proliferation and enacting policy measures to address the same.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
Senator