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P.S. RESOLUTION NO. 933

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RESOLUTION

CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE 2005 CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

1 **WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 21 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states
2 that, "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless
3 concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate";
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5 **WHEREAS**, the *2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the*
6 *Diversity of Cultural Expressions* (Convention) was adopted by the Parties on 20
7 October 2005 in Paris, France;
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9 **WHEREAS**, under the Convention, Parties reaffirm their sovereign right to
10 formulate and implement their respective cultural policies, adopt measures to protect
11 and promote the diversity of cultural expressions, and strengthen international
12 cooperation, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles
13 of international law, including principles that protect human rights and fundamental
14 freedoms;
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Convention provides that developed countries shall facilitate
17 cultural exchanges with developing countries by granting preferential treatment to
18 artists and other cultural professionals and practitioners, as well as the cultural goods

1 and services of developing countries, through the appropriate institutional and legal
2 frameworks;

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Convention provides for the establishment of an International
5 Fund for Cultural Diversity, in accordance with the financial regulations of the United
6 Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the benefits of the Convention include the balanced flow of cultural
9 goods and services, increased mobility of artists and cultural professionals worldwide,
10 and the integration of cultural activities in the creation of frameworks, for the purpose
11 of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

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13 **WHEREAS**, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreement on 14
14 August 2023 and has submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with
15 the Constitution;

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17 **WHEREAS**, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign
18 Relations on 14 February 2024, the following government agencies endorsed the
19 concurrence to the ratification of the Agreement:

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21 1. Department of Foreign Affairs;
22 2. Cultural Center of the Philippines;
23 3. Department of Budget and Management;
24 4. Department of Tourism;
25 5. Department of Trade and Industry;
26 6. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
27 7. Department of Justice;
28 8. Bureau of Internal Revenue
29 9. Film Development Council of the Philippines;
30 10. Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
31 11. Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino;
32 12. National Commission for Culture and the Arts;

- 1 13. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
- 2 14. National Commission on Muslim Filipinos;
- 3 15. National Economic and Development Authority;
- 4 16. National Historical Commission of the Philippines;
- 5 17. National Library of the Philippines; and
- 6 18. National Museum.

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8 ***Now, therefore, be it***

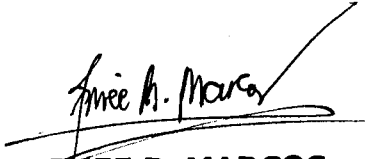
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10 ***RESOLVED***, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs,
11 in the Philippine ratification of the *2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion*
12 *of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions*.

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14 ***RESOLVED, finally***, That the President of the Philippines may, with the
15 concurrence of the Senate, withdraw from the Convention.

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS
Chairperson
Committee on Foreign Relations