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RESOLUTION

CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH INSTITUTE (GGGI) ESTABLISHING THE GGGI OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate";

WHEREAS, the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Establishing the GGGI Office in the Philippines* (Host Country Agreement) was signed on 18 June 2020;

WHEREAS, the GGGI is recognized as one of the leading international organizations supporting green growth policies and investments;

WHEREAS, the GGGI's programs, which focus on structuring investable green growth projects, complement the Philippine Government's efforts and priorities to achieve inclusive growth and address the effects of climate change and disasters;

WHEREAS, the Host Country Agreement aims to facilitate the GGGI's presence, operations and activities in the country, and for the purpose, grant the GGGI

and its officials certain privileges and immunities customarily afforded to international organizations in the country;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Host Country Agreement on 19 December 2023 and has submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS, in the hearing and meeting conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 14 February 2024 and 19 February 2024, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the ratification of the Host Country Agreement:

- 1. Department of Foreign Affairs;
- Department of Labor and Employment;
- 3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- 4. Department of Justice;
- 5. Department of Finance;
- 6. Department of Education;
- 7. Department of Budget and Management;
- 8. Department of Tourism;
- 9. Department of Trade and Industry;
- 10. National Economic Development Authority;
- 11. Climate Change Commission;
- 12. Bureau of Customs;
- 13. Security and Exchange Commission;
- 14. Bureau of Internal Revenue; and
- 15. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine ratification of the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic*

of the Philippines, and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Establishing the GGGI

Office in the Philippines,

RESOLVED, **further**, That the Note of the Republic of the Philippines dated

23 August 2023, which contains the Addendum of editorial corrections to Sections 32,

33, and 35 of the Host Country Agreement and the Note of the GGGI dated 4 October

2023, which accepts the amendments in the Addendum, should be deemed an integral

part of the Host Country Agreement and should have the same effect as if they were

incorporated in the Host Country Agreement;

RESOLVED, **furthermore**, That for the effective implementation of the Host

Country Agreement, the Senate of the Philippines encourages the Department of

Foreign Affairs to ensure that the implementing guidelines of the Host Country

Agreement shall comply with the national laws and customs of the Philippines;

RESOLVED, furthermore, That the Senate of the Philippines urges the

National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Climate Change Commission,

Department of Foreign Affairs, and all other government agencies with agreements

with GGGI to closely coordinate with one another for the effective implementation of

the Host Country Agreement and all the other agreements between government

agencies and the GGGI;

RESOLVED, finally, That the President of the Philippines may, with the

concurrence of the Senate, withdraw from the Agreement.

Adopted,

Chairperson

Committee on Foreign Relations

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