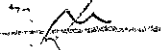


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Introduced by Senator M.A. Madrigal

**RESOLUTION
CREATING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN PURSUANT TO
RULE X, SECTION 14 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall defend the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, the National Child and Youth Welfare Code and other related laws, in consonance with the aforesaid provision of the 1987 Constitution, mandate that the welfare of every child shall be the paramount consideration of the State;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, being a signatory to the United States Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as other international agreements concerning children, must pursue and ensure the fulfillment and realization of the provisions of the said agreements;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Strategic Framework for Plan Development for Children, 2002-2005, or "Child 21", and its accompanying Medium Term Plan and Framework, expressly recognize that every Filipino child has the inherent right to survival, protection, development and participation;


WHEREAS, at least 43.4%, or 32.8 million, of Philippine population are children;

WHEREAS, a great number of the country's total child population are subject to unfavorable situations necessitating special protection, care and attention from the State, including: (1) children under the worst forms of child labor; (2) neglected and abandoned children; (3) street children; (4) victims of trafficking, pedophilia, pornography and commercial sexual exploitation; (5) victims of child abuse; (6) children in situations of armed conflict; (7) children in conflict with the law; (8) children under various circumstances of physical or mental disability; and (9) children of indigenous peoples or belonging to cultural communities;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need for the creation of a special committee in the Senate that will principally focus on matters relating to the rights, welfare and well-being of our children as well as prioritize and expedite legislative measures relating to children;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, PURSUANT TO RULE X, SECTION 14 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

Adopted,


M.A. MADRIGAL

