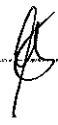


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON SIXTEEN (16) AGRIBUSINESS CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

*Whereas*, The Philippines, through its various instrumentalities and some private corporations entered into sixteen (16) agribusiness agreements with the People's Republic of China also through its various instrumentalities and some private corporations. These agreements are aimed of jointly developing marine/aquaculture projects and two (2) million hectares of "new lands" to grow food, fruit, flowers, vegetable and bio-fuel crops;

*Whereas*, At least three of these agreements: (1) Construction of Ship Yard, Establishment of a Cold Storage Facility and Upgrading/Rehabilitation of Certain Facilities at the Navotas Fish Port Complex; (2) Provision of Small Ice Plant and Transport Facilities to Municipal Fishery Cooperatives and Associations; and (3) Candaba Water Source Project all involve offers of credit loan facilities from China and guaranty by the Philippine government for their funding;

*Whereas*, As these projects may involve foreign borrowings and procurement undertakings, there is a need to ensure that they adhere to the provision of the Constitution on foreign borrowings, the Government Procurement Act and other pertinent laws;

*Whereas*, Since most of the 16 agreements entered into by the Philippines and China involve exploration and exploitation of our land and water resources, there is a need to determine if these comply with the provisions of our constitution on ownership or leasing of lands (Article XII, Section 3) and the right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision-making (Article XIII, Section 16);

*Whereas*, There is also need to determine whether these agreements involve political issues; changes in national policy; or if they are of a permanent character and may therefore need the concurrence of the Senate;

*Whereas*, Agreements such as these affect the welfare of our people and the economic well-being of our nation. There is therefore a need to finally come up with a policy that shall define the parameters, standards and/or guidelines in entering into these kinds of agreements; *Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,*

*By The Senate, To Direct The Senate Committee Agriculture And Other Appropriate Senate Committees To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On Sixteen (16) Agribusiness Contracts/Agreements Between The Republic of the Philippines And The People's Republic Of China.*

Adopted,



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Senator