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*Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal*

**RESOLUTION**

**CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND THE CPP-NPA-NDFP BLOC TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM AREAS AND TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BRING BOTH PARTIES BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND RESUSCITATE THE ROADMAP TO PEACE**

**WHEREAS**, the whole country is committed to the achievement of a lasting peace anchored on respect for human rights, social justice, political stability and economic prosperity for without these inter-related basic variables, our country will remain a nation divided against itself;

**WHEREAS**, the ultimate objective of any peace process is to achieve a negotiated peace settlement with the country's insurgent forces that would include agreements on reforms and an end to their armed rebellion, and bring their struggle for societal change within the parameters of the rule of law and democratic processes;

**WHEREAS**, while the peace process is on track with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and a peace accord has long been sealed with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) despite escalating battles in the Basilan-Sulu area, formal peace negotiations with the bloc of the Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army/National Democratic Front (CPP/NPA/NDF) has remained suspended since 2004;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to ensure a consistent national policy on peace that eschews a purely military approach to an armed conflict like that of the CPP/NPA/NDF which is fundamentally rooted in social and economic inequality, and which in turn has made it one of the world's longest-running insurgencies;

**WHEREAS**, pursuing a military solution aimed primarily at the destruction and surrender of the rebel forces has implicated government armed forces in serious human rights violations against activists that must likewise be addressed to achieve the durable peace sought by the Filipino people;

**WHEREAS**, an "enabling environment" must be created to resolve the root causes of the communist insurgency that in fact dates back not merely to the Communist Party reestablished by UP Prof. Jose Ma. Sison on December 26, 1968 but to the founding of the Communist Party by Crisanto Evangelista on November 7, 1930, which later merged with the Socialist Party of Pedro Abad Santos and composed the Hukbalahap during the Second World War;

**WHEREAS**, the political solution through the process of dialogue and negotiation is the only way to end the armed conflict where there can be no real victors or losers and where any supposed gains obtained by each side are too small for the losses suffered that are paid with human life;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to call for a review of the status of the peace negotiations between the Philippine Government and the CPP/ NPA/NDFP bloc to identify the problem areas and to make the appropriate recommendations to bring both parties back to the negotiating table and resuscitate the roadmap to peace.

**Adopted,**

  
**M. A. MADRIGAL**