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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

## RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROBLEMS AND POTENTIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE MINING INDUSTRY AND INSTITUTE REMEDIAL MEASURES THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the present administration has identified the mining industry as potentially, the highest source of revenue for the country touted to bring in US\$2.1B investments for the years to come;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has yet to submit and inform the Filipino public of any comprehensive plan that should determine the next course of action to be taken;

WHEREAS, there are notable previous incidents of mine spills in areas where large-scale miners actively operate that caused catastrophe to the immediate environment and disrupted the normal life of residents;

WHEREAS, there are also conflicts between and among small-scale miners compounded by alleged apathy of some local government units specifically on the issue of unilaterally canceling mining permits;

WHEREAS, the executive department is expected to take decisive and punitive steps but to date, none appears to have been implemented or enforced;

WHEREAS, if the present administration is truly sincere in pursuing the objective of opening the mining industry to foreign players, it should come out with a comprehensive and doable approach and consequently inform the public of the same:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, for the Senate to direct the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the problems and potentials of the Philippine Mining Industry and institute remedial measures therefore.

Approved,

JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI