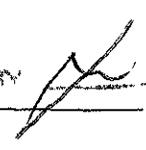


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**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9729, ENTITLED "THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT OF 2009", WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

*WHEREAS*, as a means to adapt to the impact of climate change on food, production, health and economic security, among others, Congress enacted into law Republic Act No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act on October 23, 2009;

*WHEREAS*, by virtue of Republic Act No. 9729, the Climate Change Commission was created to mainstream climate change into policy formulation and establish the framework strategy and program on climate change. Under the law, the Commission is mandated to coordinate, monitor, and evaluate all climate change-related policies, plans, programs and projects of the government;

*WHEREAS*, the international community has convened various international fora and meetings which are aimed to arrive at a global agreement addressing climate change including the latest rounds of international negotiations in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009 and the climate change conference in Cancun, Mexico this year, which will hopefully regain the momentum towards global climate efforts;

*WHEREAS*, since its creation, the Climate Change Commission has yet to formulate policies necessary to implement its mandate under the law resulting in incoherent, inconsistent and apparent lack of strategic direction in the Commission, manifested through conflicting messages regarding priorities which has created confusion among development partners and other stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has yet to formulate policies that should serve as guidelines in establishing the country's positions in international negotiations and in designing programs leading to the development of the National Climate Change Action Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the principle of collegiality in the Commission has been allegedly disregarded and there have been reports that activities were pursued allegedly without due consultation, transparency, and public participation which was required under the law. The composition of the Philippine Delegation reportedly, for instance, has not been collegially determined, which has compromised the effectiveness of the delegation in promoting the Philippine position in international negotiations;

**WHEREAS**, the most recent science indicates that climate change will persist even with aggressive and immediate mitigation action, and thus makes adaptation an imperative. It is therefore necessary to create a government action plan that would prioritize adaptation and provide appropriate and adequate funding thereto;

**WHEREAS**, there are much less climate funds for adaptation than for mitigation efforts in the Philippines, and what has been contracted by the Philippine government for adaptation activities has come mostly in the form of loans or funds with "tie-up provisions." It is thus urgent to look for alternative sources of funding in the form of grants or aid, which will not provide undue burden to the government, the taxpaying public and, ultimately, the people;

**WHEREAS**, the further absence of a mechanism by which financial streams for climate change would be managed has deprived the country of opportunities for providing much-needed resources for climate change programs;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Philippines, as Chairperson of the Commission, should immediately convene the Climate Change Commission and ensure that it shall actively, aggressively and urgently carry out its mandate as provided for by law;

**WHEREAS**, Section 19 of Republic Act No. 9729 also provides for the establishment of a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor the implementation of the Act and, at the start of the new Congress, both Houses of Congress must realize the urgent need to convene the Joint Committee and fulfill its mandate under the law;

**WHEREAS**, because the Philippines remains highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on productivity, agriculture and economic activities, there is an urgent need to review the implementation of Republic Act No. 9729 and account for the accomplishments and activities of the Climate Change Commission to

determine whether such priorities and actions are indeed responsive to the immediate needs of the country;

***THEREFORE***, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE, that the proper Senate committees are directed to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the implementation of Republic Act No. 9729, entitled "Climate Change Act of 2009", with the end in view of strengthening the provisions of the law to enable the government to effectively address the problem of climate change

***ADOPTED***,

  
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Senator