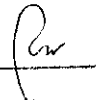


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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, COMMITTEE ON PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORLD BANK REPORT 2011: CONFLICT, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHING CAPABLE, ACCOUNTABLE AND LEGITIMATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY FOR CONFLICT MEDIATION TO COMBAT THE SAME

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that:

“The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the same makes it the policy of the State to:

“promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all”;

WHEREAS, The World Development Report 2011: Conflict, Security and Development published by the World Bank has cited the Philippines as one of the countries in Southeast Asia that suffer from new forms of conflict and violence;¹

WHEREAS, the report stated that Conflict-wracked areas in the Philippines suffer from lower growth and employment rates which are due to organized crime and trafficking, civil unrest due to global shocks, and terrorism; the occurrence of these new forms of conflict according to the report has a direct

¹ “Violence condemns South to underdevelopment” *Malaya, Business Insight Online* , 12 April 2011 .
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correlation to the lagging development in emerging markets such as the Philippines;²

WHEREAS, these new forms of conflict arises from a range of domestic and international stresses, such as youth unemployment, income shocks, tensions among ethnic, religious or social groups, and trafficking networks including clannish political bickering resulting in murder and other violent crimes;³

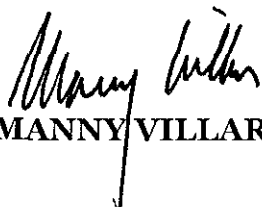
WHEREAS, according to Robert Zoellick, World Bank Group President: “a political settlement must be backed by stability, security and justice, more inclusive and transparent local governance, job creation and greater engagement of communities in local development processes” ;⁴

WHEREAS, the report highlights the need for the Philippines to establish capable, accountable and legitimate institutions to mediate the stresses that otherwise lead to repeated waves of violence and instability and give institutional support in fostering peace, stability and development;

WHEREAS, these institutions must generate broad national support in order to result in deliberate efforts at confidence-building, establish long-term institutional transformation and to aid conflict-affected regions.⁵

NOW, WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation and other appropriate committees to conduct a study, in aid of legislation, on the findings and conclusions of the World Bank 2011: conflict, development and security with the end in view of establishing capable, accountable and legitimate institutions in the country for conflict mediation to combat the same.

Adopted,


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² Ibid

³ “WB: PHl among countries that suffer new forms of conflict, violence” *The Philippine Star*, 12 April 2011, p.7, print

⁴ World Development Report 2011: Conflict, Security Development, The World Bank

⁵ Chapter 3: From violence to resilience: Restoring confidence and transforming institutions, World Development Report 2011: Conflict, Security Development, The World Bank. <http://wdr2011.worldbank.org/sites/default/files/Ch3%20%202011%20WDR%20Conflict%2CSecurity%20and%20Development-3.pdf>