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Introduced by Senator WIN GATCHALIAN

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the Constitution provides that the State has
2 the obligation to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and
3 healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;
- 4 WHEREAS, the Philippines is a State-Party to the United Nations Framework
5 Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), having ratified the same on 2 August 1994,
6 and thereby adopts the ultimate objective of the Convention which is the stabilization
7 of greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would
8 prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system which should
9 be achieved within a time frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to
10 climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened, and to enable
11 economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner;
- 12 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9729, otherwise known as the Climate Change Act
13 of 2009 declares that the State shall cooperate with the global community in the
14 resolution of climate change issues, including disaster risk reduction, and establishes
15 the Climate Change Commission (CCC) as the independent and sole policy-making
16 body of the government tasked to coordinate, monitor, and evaluate the programs
17 and projects related to climate change;

18 WHEREAS, The Philippines submitted on 1 October 2015 its Intended Nationally
19 Determined Contribution (INDC) to the UNFCCC where the country manifested to
20 undertake a 70% reduction in GHG emissions from its 2000 levels by 2030 entirely
21 conditional on external support;

22 WHEREAS, on 22 April 2016, the Philippines signed the Paris Agreement, which
23 establishes a global warming goal of below 2°C from pre-industrial averages and
24 requests, upon ratification, for a definite voluntary pledge on emission reduction as
25 the signatory country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC);

26 WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte signed the Instrument of Accession to
27 the Paris Agreement on 28 February 2017, which was unanimously concurred by the
28 Senate on 14 March 2017, thereby completing the ratification process;

29 WHEREAS, the Instrument of Accession was accepted by the UNFCCC on 23
30 March 2017, and it officially entered into force on 22 April 2017;

31 WHEREAS, the Philippines has until 2020 to submit its NDC detailing mitigation
32 and adaptation measures to be undertaken to address climate change;

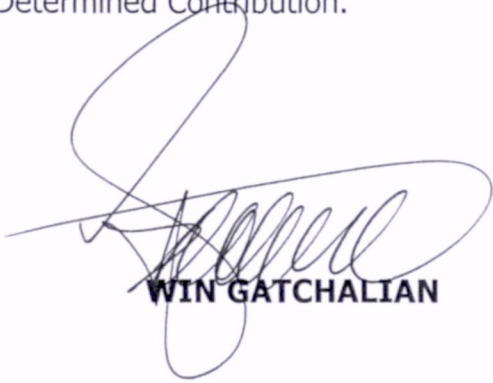
33 WHEREAS, on 18 July 2017, the CCC held a multi-stakeholder forum for the
34 NDC sectoral targets and identified the second and third quarter of 2018 for the
35 submission of the sectoral transition plans, and the fourth quarter of 2018 for the final
36 submission of the NDC to the UNFCCC;

37 WHEREAS, six months after December 2018 and six months before the 2022
38 deadline, government agencies have yet to finalize their submissions for the NDCs and
39 some are still conducting their respective stakeholder consultations. Furthermore, the
40 only available official data on the Philippines' GHG emissions is for the year 2000 at
41 126.879 gigagrams of carbon dioxide equivalent;

42 WHEREAS, there is a need for Congress to examine (1) the efforts of various
43 government agencies in arriving at their respective sectoral NDCs and their specific
44 adaptation and mitigation strategies, and (2) the status of the country's GHG
45 emissions in relation to the development of the NDC with the end in view of ensuring
46 compliance with the Paris Agreement;

47 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate
48 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the
49 Philippines' greenhouse gas emissions and Nationally Determined Contribution.

Adopted,



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