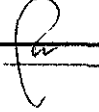


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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO LOOK INTO THE REMEDIAL MEASURES TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) IN PROTECTING THE WELFARE AND INTERESTS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW) IN TAIWAN AND FILIPINOS WHO ARE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN THE SAID COUNTRY, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORTED STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND TAIWAN OVER THE DEPORTATION OF TAIWAN NATIONALS TO CHINA

Whereas, the Bureau of Immigration reportedly arrested 14 Taiwanese and 10 Chinese nationals last December (2010) for allegedly swindling several Chinese (nationals) involving millions of dollars through credit card fraud;

Whereas, the 14 Taiwanese were later deported to China last February 2, (2011) over the strong protests of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO), Taiwan's de facto embassy in Manila;

Whereas, TECO, through its representative, Mr. Donald C.T. Lee, who had been recalled to Taiwan, demanded an apology from the Philippine Government over the deportation of the suspected Taiwanese, claiming that what the Government did was a violation of Philippine Immigration and international laws;

Whereas, TECO claimed that the Philippine Government has intervened in the Taiwan Strait affairs when it ordered the questioned deportation, despite prior notice given to the former regarding the citizenship of the suspects;

Whereas, Malacanang defended the deportation saying that what the Government did was pursuant to national interest so as to prevent the country from being haven of international crime syndicates;

Whereas, Taiwan has reportedly threatened to retaliate on the rights of 96,000 Filipino workers in the said island;

Whereas, the Government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs, must urgently look into the plight of the Filipino workers in Taiwan in the light of this present controversy;

Whereas, there is likewise an imperative need to assist Filipinos who are seeking employment in Taiwan who are now facing strict requirements recently imposed by Taiwan in an apparent show of discontent on the decision of the Government to deport the suspected Taiwanese to China.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to look into the remedial measures taken by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in protecting the welfare and interests of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) in Taiwan and Filipinos who are seeking employment in the said country, in the light of the reported strained relations between the Philippines and Taiwan over the deportation of 14 Taiwan Nationals in China.

Adopted,


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