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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO LOOK INTO THE RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION PLANS OF TASK FORCE BANGON MARAWI FOR MARAWI CITY AND ALL OTHER AREAS AFFECTED BY THE ONGOING CONFLICT

WHEREAS, Article II Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, from 23 May 2017 up to the present and with no signs of abating in the short term, there has been fighting in Marawi City between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and a terrorist armed group, which has led to widespread destruction of critical public infrastructure and facilities and private property;

WHEREAS, the latest report by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs on the conflict in Marawi City estimates that the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) has reached 351,168, with the number of IDPs staying at evacuation centers (ECs) at 17,389 and the number of IDPs living with family/friends at 333,779;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the lack of sanitation and drinking water in overcrowded ECs has led to a significant rise in incidence of water-borne diseases and upper respiratory tract infections, and the need for shelter assistance is also a critical concern given the high probability of long-term displacement of affected residents;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 3 issued by the Office of the President has established the Task Force Bangon Marawi to focus on the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City and all other localities affected by the current conflict in the area;

WHEREAS, Task Force Bangon Marawi is to be chaired by the Secretary of National Defense, with the Secretary of the Public Works as Vice Chair and its members the heads of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Education, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Energy, Department of Health, Department of Information and

Communication Technology, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Transportation, National Economic and Development Authority, Office of the Cabinet Secretary, Local Water Utilities Administration, Mindanao Development Authority, National Electrification Administration, National Housing Authority, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Philippine National Police, and a representative from the Office of the President, and mandated to organize and deploy a quick response team to provide for the immediate needs of the displaced residents and conduct the post-conflict needs assessment of Marawi City and other affected areas, among other functions;

WHEREAS, on 28 July 2017, Task Force Bangon Marawi is scheduled to submit its first monthly progress report to the Office of the President on the implementation of its response efforts for the IDPs among others;

WHEREAS, the provision of emergency employment and livelihood assistance to affected individuals in Marawi City and other affected areas by concerned government agencies must be ensured even as the conflict continues;

WHEREAS, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the city of Marawi and neighboring areas should include in its coverage not only public infrastructure but also private buildings and residences that have been destroyed in the fighting, taking into account the value of preserving local heritage, culture and religion;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Finance to look into the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation plans of Task Force Bangon Marawi for Marawi City and all other areas affected by the ongoing conflict.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA

Senator