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RESOLUTION

CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON  
THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21, states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate";

**WHEREAS**, the *International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships* (AFS 2001 Convention) was adopted on 05 October 2001 in London;

**WHEREAS**, the AFS 2001 Convention aims to prohibit the use of harmful organotins in anti-fouling paints used on ships and to establish a mechanism to prevent the potential future use of other harmful substances in anti-fouling systems;

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies and investigations by Governments and competent international organizations have shown that certain AFS used on ships pose a substantial risk of toxicity and other chronic impacts to ecologically and economically important marine organisms, and also that human health may be harmed as a result of the consumption of affected seafood;

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the use of AFS to prevent the build-up of organisms on the surface of ships is of critical importance to efficient commerce, shipping and impeding the spread of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens;

**WHEREAS**, it is further recognized to continue to develop AFS which are effective and environmentally safe and to promote the substitution of harmful systems by less harmful systems or preferably harmless systems;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Philippines ratified the Convention on 16 May 2017 and submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 20 February 2018, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the accession to the Convention:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs

2. Department of Justice
3. Philippine Ports Authority
4. Maritime Industry Authority
5. Philippine Fisheries Development Authority
6. Philippine Navy

**WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Philippine Senate concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine accession to the *International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001*.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

*Chair*

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