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RESOLUTION
CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE AGREEMENT ON PORT STATE
MEASURES TO PREVENT, DETER AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED
AND UNREGULATED FISHING

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 *Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing* (IUU Fishing) was signed on 22 November 2009;

WHEREAS, the Agreement aims to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing through the implementation of effective port State measures, and thereby ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources and marine ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the Agreement applies to vessels, not entitled by the State Party to fly its flag, that are seeking entry to its ports or are in one of its ports, except for vessels of a neighboring State that are engaged in artisanal fishing for subsistence and container vessels that are not carrying fish or, if carrying fish, only fish that have been previously landed;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreement on 10 August 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 Agreement:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of Justice
3. Philippine Ports Authority
4. Maritime Industry Authority

5. Philippine Fisheries Development Authority
6. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
7. Philippine Navy

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine accession to the *Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA

Chair

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