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Introduced by: Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARAWI CITY REHABILITATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S MORAL AND ETHICAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF THE PROLONGED AND INTENSIFIED ARMED CONFLICT IN MARAWI BETWEEN THE ISIS-INSPIRED MAUTE GROUP AND THE PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, five months of intensified fighting between the Philippine Armed Forces and the ISIS-inspired Maute Group, which began in the afternoon of 23 May 2017, resulted in the displacement of 359,680 individuals or 78,466 families and completely devastated the City of Marawi;

WHEREAS, an Inter-Agency Task Force for the Recovery, Reconstruction, and Rehabilitation of Marawi City, otherwise known as Task Force Bangon Marawi, was created pursuant to Administrative Order No. 03, signed by President Duterte, as amended by Administrative Order No. 09, on 27 October 2017;

WHEREAS, the Task Force Bangon Marawi conducted a Damage and Loss Assessment (DALA) as part of its Post-Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA) between August and December 2017 "to provide measures to restore people's abilities to reach their full potential; provides equitable access to secure essential requirements for recovery and development, and; empowers and strengthens capabilities to help recover and meet the added challenges" of rehabilitating Marawi City;

WHEREAS, based on Bangon Marawi's Post-Conflict Needs Assessment, total damages sustained by Marawi City and other affected localities during the prolonged armed conflict is estimated at Eleven Billion Five Hundred Twenty Million Seven Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Fifty Two Pesos and 29/100 (Php11,520,762,052.29). Total losses amounted to Six Billion Seven Hundred Twelve Million Ninety Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Pesos and 5/100 (Php 6,712,096,189.05). An estimated amount of Fifty One Billion Six Hundred Fifty Four Million One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Pesos and 02/100 (Php 51,654,103,595.02) is needed for recovery and rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, Bangon Marawi's Assessment further showed that the most significant share in the costs of the conflict was borne by the residents of Marawi City and other affected areas. Total cost of damaged and destroyed houses amounted to Eight Billion Two Hundred Three Million Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven Pesos (Php 8,203,777,567.00).

WHEREAS, the Marawi Crisis resulted in destroyed and badly damaged school buildings and facilities, affecting over 60,000 students enrolled in the City's public and private schools, as well as universities and colleges. Based on Bangon Marawi's Assessment, the total cost of damaged and destroyed school buildings, classrooms, learning infrastructure, and facilities amounted to One Billion Five Hundred Sixty One Million Five Hundred Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One Pesos and 56/100 (Php1,561,504,271.56);

WHEREAS, the health sector also took a hit from the conflict, with the Maute Group targeting and taking over hospitals and clinics. According to Bangon Marawi's Assessment, the damage and destruction of hospital and health center facilities amounted to Four Hundred Thirty Seven Million Three Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (Php437,340,000.00). Ninety Five Percent (95%) of losses came from the private sector;

WHEREAS, along with private citizens who lost their homes and places of business, the private sector, which plays a significant role in the delivery of basic services, such as education and health services, were greatly affected by the Marawi Crisis;

WHEREAS, before the Marawi Siege occurred, fifty two (52) of Marawi City's one hundred twenty one (121) elementary and secondary schools were privately owned and operated. In addition, twenty one (21) higher education institutions and fifteen (15) hospitals were also owned and operated by the private sector. The owners of these schools and hospitals need support to repair, rebuild, recover and resume their service;

WHEREAS, the Task Force Bangon Marawi, has clearly signified its intent to fully rebuild and rehabilitate the public infrastructure and utilities of Marawi City. On the other hand, government officials admitted at the 20 February 2018 hearing of the Senate Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation that there is still no clear policy decision and plan to compensate private citizens and the private sector for the tremendous damage and loss of property caused by the conflict;

WHEREAS, based on the principle of humanity in international humanitarian law and the dictates of the public conscience, the Philippine Government has a moral and ethical obligation to provide financial assistance and support to the victims of the Marawi armed conflict for damage and losses suffered by private citizens and private actors in Marawi;

WHEREAS, the plan and framework for the rehabilitation of Marawi City must include a clear policy and plan for supporting the victims of the armed conflict for their loss of private property;

WHEREAS, if national legislation is necessary to enable the Government to provide assistance and support to the victims of the Marawi crisis, the Philippine Congress must urgently pass the needed laws;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation to inquire, in aid of legislation, into the National Government's moral and ethical obligation to provide financial assistance and support to victims of the prolonged and intensified armed conflict in Marawi between the ISIS-inspired Maute Group and the Philippine Armed Forces.

Adopted,

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