



SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 1048

PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF
THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
CONCERNING THE DELIMITATION OF THE
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article VII, 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 between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning the Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone Boundary was signed on 23 May 2014 in Manila, Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Agreement establishes the boundary line that delimits the overlapping exclusive economic zones of the Philippines and Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall not prejudice any rights or positions of the Contracting Parties with regard to the delimitation of the Continental Shelf Boundary;

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification pursuant to Article IV thereof;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreement on 15 February 2017 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 6 August 2018, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the ratification of the Agreement:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of Justice
3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
4. Department of National Defense
5. Armed Forces of the Philippines
6. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
7. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Philippine Senate concur, as it
2 hereby concurs, in the Philippine ratification of the
3 Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the
4 Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia
5 Concerning the Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone
6 Boundary;

7 *Resolved, further*, That the rights and well-being of
8 Filipino vessels and fishermen arrested, detained, or meted

1 punitive action for conducting fishing operations in
2 Indonesian or another State's Exclusive Economic Zone can
3 be adequately protected; and

4 *Resolved, finally,* That the Senate President urge the
5 President of the Republic of the Philippines to look into the
6 plight of fishermen currently detained in Indonesia, and to
7 direct the concerned Philippine authorities to pursue the
8 immediate resolution of their cases.

Adopted,