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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY IN
STRATEGIC AREAS OF PHILIPPINE FOREIGN RELATIONS,
TOWARDS AN ENHANCED DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER NATIONS AND EFFECTIVE ADHERENCE
TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

WHEREAS, the year 2010 has brought the Philippines at a crossroads in its vibrant history, 112 years after its declaration of independence as a nation;

WHEREAS, in the recent United Nations 65th General Assembly meeting, the Philippine President recognized the significance of being a responsive member of the "community of nations" in an era of globalization, where "all nations must progress as one" and problems "could not be developed in a vacuum";

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the four founding members of the oldest and most important multilateral forum in Asia, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which has since expanded to ten members-nations and celebrated its forty-third anniversary as an organ of stability and economic progress;

WHEREAS, the Philippines in 2008 ratified the ASEAN Charter, binding itself to promote regional stability, peaceful settlement of disputes through dialogue and consultation, respect for human rights, and multilateral trade;

WHEREAS, in the face of rapid development, the Philippines cannot remain passive to the many global policy challenges that continuously arise, such as in the field of international diplomacy, sustainable development, security, and trade, and must promote their discussion among leaders and policymakers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Foreign Relations to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the development of policy in strategic areas of Philippine foreign relations, towards an enhanced diplomatic, economic and security engagement with other nations and effective adherence to international commitments.

Adopted,

LOREN LEGARDA
Senator