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Senate Resolution No. 873

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE EXTENDING ITS HAND OF
SUPPORT TO CAMBODIA IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
PARLIAMENTARY AND INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY IN LIGHT OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL
RAPPORTEUR

WHEREAS, the Philippines and Cambodia have been pursuing efforts to strengthen cooperation on various fronts, including investments, trade, air services, tourism, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, among other areas;

Whereas, the Philippine Senate expresses its support to Cambodia's journey towards democratization;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has taken cognizance of the Report of the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Cambodia Professor Surya Subedi dated 16 July 2012, which include, among others, a report on the progress made on the human rights situation and related governance reforms;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate joins the Special Rapporteur in recognizing the milestones achieved by Cambodia since the adoption of the Paris Peace Agreements in strengthening democracy, human rights, and the rule of law;

Whereas, the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights has also put forward specific recommendations to support preparations for the Cambodian national polls to be held in July 2013 and that consideration of these is crucial;

Whereas, the Philippine Senate is in full support of efforts that will help promote the conduct of legitimate political activities by all political parties in a free and fair manner;

Whereas, the value of parliamentary democracy is crucial to developing a vibrant democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to express the sense of the Senate to extend its hand of support to Cambodia in its efforts to promote parliamentary and inclusive democracy in light of the recommendations of the United Nations Special Rapporteur.

Adopted,

~~LOREN LEGARDA~~
Senator