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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELAY OF THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITIES SUCH AS WATER AND POWER, ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ROADS LEADING TO RESETTLEMENT SITES IN YOLANDA STRICKEN AREAS, WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS IN IMPROVING THE SERVICE OF PROVIDING BASIC UTILITIES AND FACILITIES IN RESETTLEMENT AREAS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

WHEREAS, Typhoon Yolanda or Haiyan is the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines, with wind speed of more than 300 kilometers per hour and storm surges of four meters, affecting one hundred seventy (170) cities and municipalities and fourteen (14) provinces;

WHEREAS, according to the reports of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), there were 6,300 deaths, 1,472,251 families affected and 918,261 displaced families;<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 62, Series of 2013, creating the office of the Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (PARR) was issued and aims to unify all efforts of the Government and other Agencies for the rehabilitation and recovery of Yolanda stricken areas;

WHEREAS, the Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Plan (CRRP) or the Master Rehabilitation Plan, submitted to the President, lays-out the plan for the massive rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Yolanda corridor;

WHEREAS, under the CRRP, cluster structures were created namely Infrastructure, Social Services, Resettlement, Livelihood, and Support Cluster, in order to focus on the various issues and concerns and to properly assess the over-all status of the

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<sup>1</sup> Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan

rehabilitation and recovery efforts;

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Cluster is responsible for the rehabilitation programs and projects concerning to the physical infrastructure, both horizontal and vertical, damaged or destroyed by the typhoon, which includes construction, repair, and restoration of damaged roads, bridges, and other public structures.<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Cluster is chaired by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and joined by Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), National Electrification Administration (NEA), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), National Irrigation Authority (NIA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Departments of Agriculture, Agrarian Reform, Education, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Trade and Industry, Health, Science and Technology, Transportation and Communications, and Interior and Local Government.

**WHEREAS**, according to the CRRP, the Infrastructure cluster, which spearheads the installation and restoration of utilities, such as power and water to all devastated areas undertakes to repair and placing of power transformers, transmission lines, electric poles, and water system connections; as well as the restoration and establishment of transportation links and building of community facilities for the easy access of the residents in the resettlement areas;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, more than three years have passed after the devastation made by the super Typhoon Yolanda, water and power connections and transport links to and from the resettlement areas, are still underway;

**WHEREAS**, extensive and urgent interventions from the concerned agencies must be undertaken to give the survivors, who are now living in the resettlement areas and those who are still to be relocated and transferred, to have a comfortable and decent lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the delay of the installation of utilities such as water and power, access to transportation and construction of community facilities, roads leading to resettlement sites in Yolanda stricken areas, with the end view of crafting laws, rules and regulations in improving the service of providing basic utilities and facilities in resettlement areas affected by disasters



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<sup>2</sup> Yolanda Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan

<sup>3</sup> Ibid