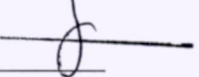




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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF SEX
TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, according to news reports, nine (9) Korean tourists allegedly on a sex tour in the country were arrested by the National Bureau of Investigation in Central Visayas (NBI-7) agents on March 4, 2017¹;

WHEREAS, the arrested Korean tourists, with age between 40-50 years old, were caught sleeping with their young Cebuana escorts allegedly provided by a Korean-run escort service in the country²;

WHEREAS, the escort service were allegedly run by a group of three Koreans and a Filipina cohort who are operating through the internet, offering sex tour packages for a fee of P250,000 pesos per tourist³;

WHEREAS, according to Arnel Pura, NBI-7 Special Investigator, the suspects are part of what we call sex tourism which preys on Cebuanas and that they received information about the escort service operations⁴;

WHEREAS, he added that the victims, who are residents of the cities of Mandaue and Lapu-Lapu, were enticed to take part in the sex tour as they were each paid P2,000 per day for the three days that they were supposed to "service" the tourist assigned to them⁵;

WHEREAS, the operation that resulted in the arrest of the nine Koreans was conducted in coordination with the Cebu Provincial Women's Commission (PWC)⁶;

WHEREAS, based on their investigation the group has a local contact identified as Maribeth Macapagal Bontog who recruits and provides women for a fee⁷;

¹ Inquirer News Website, SEX TOUR BUSTED, <http://cebudailynews.inquirer.net/124936/sex-tour-busted>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

WHEREAS, the NBI-7 Special Investigator said that there is actually a private website which is exclusive for Koreans that serves as the platform where the transactions are being carried out such as payments, plane tickets, accommodation, sites to be visited and other related concerns⁸;

WHEREAS, also, he said that the package includes providing Filipina partners who are selected by a tourist from a photo gallery in the website⁹;

WHEREAS, the nine Filipinas who are alleged victims of human trafficking were allowed to go home by authorities for they are all of legal age, with all of them promising to come back during the filing of charges against the suspects¹⁰;

WHEREAS, the alleged presence of sex tourism in the country puts Filipinos, especially women and children, at risk of being victims of human trafficking;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate by policy or law, to crackdown on operations offering sex tours in the country;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to direct the proper Senate committees in aid of legislation on the alleged presence of sex tourism in the country.

Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Ibid.