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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**  
**ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, 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 Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany on Social Security (Agreement)* was signed on 19 September 2014 in Germany;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement is similar to the social security agreements of the Philippines with other countries, and contains standard provisions that are consistent with International Labor Organization Convention No. 118 (Equality of Treatment) and Convention No. 157 (Maintenance of Social Security Rights);

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides for equality of treatment which entitles a covered person in one State, including his family members and survivors, to social security benefits under the same conditions as nationals of the other State;

**WHEREAS**, Article 25 (2) of the Agreement provides that it shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the month in which the instruments of ratification have been exchanged;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreement on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017 and has 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 7 December 2017, 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 Labor and Employment
4. Social Security System
5. Government Service Insurance System
6. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

**WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Philippine Senate concur, as it hereby concurs, in the Philippine ratification of the *Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany on Social Security*.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

*Chair*

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