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RESOLUTION
CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1988
RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 7, 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 *Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966* was adopted on 11 November 1988 in London;

WHEREAS, the Protocol aims to ensure the watertight integrity of ships' hulls below the freeboard deck. The regulations take into account the potential hazards present in different zones and different seasons. The Technical annex contains several additional safety measures concerning doors, freeing ports, hatchways and other items;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Protocol on 23 August 2017 and submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 20 February 2018, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the accession to the Protocol:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of Justice
3. Philippine Ports Authority
4. Maritime Industry Authority
5. Philippine Navy

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Philippine Senate concur, as

it hereby concurs, in the Philippine accession to the *Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966.*

Adopted,


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Chair
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