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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPRIETY OF THE AIRING OF CHINESE SHOWS ON THE PEOPLE'S TELEVISION NETWORK (PTV), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING DUE EXERCISE OF ITS MANDATE AS AN INSTRUMENT IN ADVANCING THE FILIPINO IDENTITY

1 WHEREAS, Section 24 of the 1987 Constitution declares that "[t]he State
2 recognize the vital role of communication and information in nation-building";

3 WHEREAS, Section 9(g) of Republic Act No. 7306, otherwise known as the
4 "Charter of the People's Television Network, Incorporated", provides that:

5 Section 9. Functions of the Network. The Network shall have the following
6 functions:

7 g) to ensure that nothing is included in the programs broadcast by the
8 Network which shall:

9 1) offend public morals, good taste, or decency;

10 2) offend any racial group or promote ill-will between different
11 races or different public groups, prescribing such programs as
12 would promote strictly partisan politics and propaganda;

13 3) offend the followers of any religious faith, sect, or order; or

14 4) outrage public feeling in general.

1 WHEREAS, Section 2(b) of Republic Act No. 10390, otherwise known as “An
2 Act Revitalizing the People’s Network, Incorporated”, provides that the State shall,
3 “[g]ive priority to education, science and technology, arts and culture and sports to
4 foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total
5 human liberation and development”;

6 WHEREAS, Section 2(d) of the same posits that the State shall “[d]evelop the
7 broadcasting industry as a medium for the development, promotion and advancement
8 of Filipino nationalism, culture and values that serve as an instrument in the struggle
9 for Filipino sovereignty, identity, national unity and integration”;

10 WHEREAS, Section 2(e) of the same further declares that it is the policy of the
11 State to “[m]aintain a broadcast industry system that serves as a vital link for
12 participative democracy and effective government information dissemination through
13 developmental communication, free from any political or partisan influence and held
14 accountable directly to the people”;

15 WHEREAS, on 13 June 2018, the PTV held an inauguration Ceremony of the
16 “China TV Theatre” as a foreign programming on PTV which shall showcase Chinese
17 programs¹;

18 WHEREAS, on 13 June 2018, ABS-CBN News reported that Chinese
19 Ambassador to the Philippines Zhao Jinhua said that the airing of Chinese series,
20 documentaries, cartoons and movies dubbed in Tagalog on the government’s TV
21 Channel would supposedly help Filipinos understand China better in terms of their
22 history and culture²;

23 WHEREAS, the same report cited Ambassador Jinhua stating that Filipinos
24 may “get inspired” in watching Chinese programs and learn how China attained
25 “steady economic growth”, and “improved their peoples’ lives and have secured
26 regional peace and prosperity”. He further added that this is China’s way of assuring
27 that they are a friend and a partner of the country, “in realizing the Dream of the
28 Philippines”³;

¹ Leonen, Julius N. *Let the show Beijing: PTV to air programs promoting Chinese history, culture*. Inquirer.net. (13 June 2018). Retrieved from <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1000538/state-run-ptv-to-air-shows-promoting-chinese-history-culture>

² ABS-CBN News. *State-run PTV to air Chinese shows dubbed in Tagalog*. (13 June 2018). Retrieved from <http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/13/18/state-run-ptv-to-air-chinese-shows-dubbed-in-tagalog>

³ *Ibid*

1 WHEREAS, on 13 June 2018, Presidential Communications Secretary Martin
2 Andanar thanked China for “opening the world of broadcast, print, television and
3 radio of China to the Philippines”⁴;

4 WHEREAS, on 14 June 2018 several lawmakers slammed the airing of Chinese
5 shows on PTV4. Akbayan Representative Tom Villarin stated that the act of airing
6 Chinese shows on the People’s TV (PTV) Network is such a shameless thing to do.
7 Senator Antonio Trillanes IV, on the other hand, said that, “[i]t’s a subtle way of trying
8 to influence Philippine society in endearing themselves to China”⁵;

9 WHEREAS, on 14 June 2018, Representative Gary Alejano and Senate Minority
10 Leader Franklin Drilon said that the airing of Chinese shows in a government-run
11 media station is a clear display of the administration’s surrender to China and likewise
12 part of Duterte administration’s strategy of appeasement towards China⁶;

13 WHEREAS, on 14 June 2018, Representative Alejano said that the worst thing
14 about airing Chinese shows in the country is that it is being done and funded by the
15 Government Institution using the people’s money⁷;

16 WHEREAS, airing of Chinese shows in a State-run network may represent an
17 insidious agenda of subtly inculcating among Filipino viewers propaganda on the
18 Chinese Communist Party and its authoritarian one-party state, anti-democratic, and
19 atheist ideology and principles, thus countering and possibly ultimately destroying the
20 Filipino’s democratic, pro-people, and religious culture and identity;

21 WHEREAS, airing Chinese shows on our State-run network poses a danger of
22 spreading Chinese propaganda sanctioned by our government through our official
23 media stations;

24 WHEREAS, the continued tolerance and leniency of our government to Chinese
25 intervention in our political and economic life, not to mention intrusions in our
26 territories and Exclusive Economic Zone in the West Philippine Sea, and now to be

⁴ Politiko. *China invades state-run PTV-4*. (13 June 2018). Retrieved from <http://politics.com.ph/china-invades-state-run-ptv-4/>.

⁵ ABS-CBN News. *‘Shameless’: Lawmakers slam airing of Chinese Shows on state-run PTV*. (14 June 2018). Retrieved from <http://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/14/18/shameless-lawmakers-slam-airing-of-chinese-shows-on-state-run-ptv>

⁶ Morallo Audrey. PhilStar Global. *Alejano wary of plan to air Chinese shows on PTV-4*. (14 June 2018). Retrieved from <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2018/06/14/1824581/alejano-wary-plan-air-chinese-shows-ptv-4>

⁷ Cepeda, Mara. Rappler. *Alejano tags airing of Chinese shows in PTV as PH ‘surrender’ to China*. (14 June 2018). Retrieved from <https://www.rappler.com/nation/204940-gary-alejano-statement-ptv-chinese-shows>

1 reinforced with the airing of Chinese government propaganda in our government-
2 owned media, signifies the clear and present danger of Chinese domination in the
3 Philippines, short of an invasion;

4 WHEREAS, the law mandates that State shall, at all times, guarantee that there
5 is proper balance of information and news disseminated in the country, especially in
6 the government-owned network, which has a mandate of prioritizing television
7 programs that foster patriotism and nationalism in every Filipino, instead of
8 disseminating and inculcating propaganda from a foreign government;

9 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the government to shield the broadcast
10 industry from any form of intrusive and invasive foreign agenda of domination,
11 control, and brainwashing of the Filipino people, be it subtle or explicit, and instead
12 ensure that it serves as the vanguard in promoting Filipino culture, identity,
13 sovereignty and national unity;

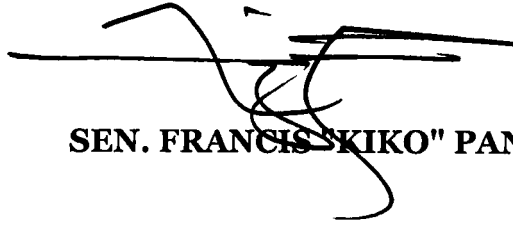
14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to direct the Committee on Public
15 Information and Mass Media and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an
16 inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the propriety of airing Chinese shows on the
17 government-owned People's Television network (PTV), with the end in view of
18 ensuring due exercise of its mandate as an instrument in advancing the Filipino
19 identity.

Adopted,


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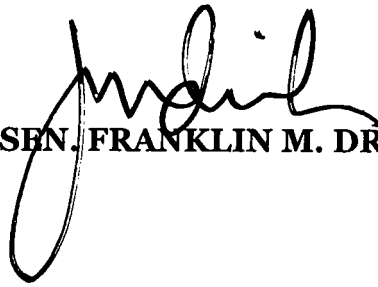

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