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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE
PLANNED BINONDO-INTRAMUROS BRIDGE ON SEVERAL HERITAGE SITES
IN THE CITY OF MANILA

1 **WHEREAS**, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
2 Philippines, strongly discourages the construction of a vehicular bridge between
3 Intramuros and Binondo due of its anticipated negative impact on several heritage
4 sites, ongoing conservation efforts and current and future tourism efforts¹;

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6 **WHEREAS**, ICOMOS Philippines is the duly recognized National Committee of
7 ICOMOS International in the country. As part of the ICOMOS global network of
8 cultural heritage experts, members of ICOMOS Philippines have been working with
9 various local and international institutions and organizations, both government and
10 non-government, by providing technical assistance in various fields of heritage
11 conservation²;

12 **WHEREAS**, the planned Binondo-Intramuros Bridge, which is part of the
13 "Build, Build, Build" infrastructure program will span the Pasig River, connecting San
14 Fernando Street in Binondo and Solano Street in Intramuros³;

15 **WHEREAS**, in Intramuros, to be affected are Intendencia or Aduana
16 Building, which will likely be affected by piling given its soft foundation,

¹ Inquirer News Website, Unesco advisory group warns vs planned Binondo-Intramuros bridge, <http://lifestyle.inquirer.net/301461/unesco-advisory-group-warns-vs-planned-binondo-intramuros-bridge/>

² ICOMOS Philippines Website, ABOUT ICOMOS, <http://philippines.icomos.org/index.php/about-us-2/>

³ Supra [Citation1]

17 Ayuntamiento Building, American-era Chamber of Commerce Building and Plaza
18 Mexico, with its monuments of the Legazpi expedition and Mexican president Adolfo
19 Mateos⁴;

20 **WHEREAS**, in Binondo, the sites to be affected included the historic Estero
21 de Binondo, which will be covered over by the bridge, and Puente de San Fernando
22 or Puente Blanco, which will be demolished to give way to the project⁵;

23 **WHEREAS**, on July 2018, the Department of Public Works and Highways
24 (DPWH) announced the commencement of the construction of the Binondo-
25 Intramuros bridge⁶;

26 **WHEREAS**, ICOMOS added the proposed bridge may negatively affect
27 Intramuros' chances of becoming a World Heritage Site given that it has been
28 nominated by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). It cited the
29 case of the Waldschlösschen Bridge in Dresden, Germany, which resulted in the
30 delistment of the City of Dresden in the World Heritage List in 2009⁷;

31 **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the proper
32 Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the possible
33 negative impacts of the planned Binondo-Intramuros Bridge on several heritage sites
34 in the City of Manila.

Adopted,


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Senator

⁴ Inquirer News Website, Unesco advisory group warns vs planned Binondo-Intramuros bridge, <http://lifestyle.inquirer.net/301461/unesco-advisory-group-warns-vs-planned-binondo-intramuros-bridge/>

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Business Mirror News Website, DPWH to start construction of Estrella-Pantaleon, Binondo-Intramuros bridges by next week-Villar, <https://businessmirror.com.ph/dpwh-to-start-construction-of-estrella-pantaleon-binondo-intramuros-bridges-by-next-week-villar/>

⁷ Supra [Citation 4]