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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING CASES OF CHILD EXPLOITATION IN THE COUNTRY

1 WHEREAS, reports based on the country's social welfare department say that 2 there are at least 60,000 to 600,000 Filipino street children who are prostituted 3 annually¹;

4 WHEREAS, the Philippines also ranks fourth among countries with high 5 number of prostituted children²;

WHEREAS, according to the Economist Magazine, the Philippines is a global
hub for child pornography³;

8 WHEREAS, victims of child exploitation are exposed to hazards that include 9 contraction of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, physical violence, and harmful 10 psychological effects⁴;

11 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Senate, by policy or by law, to protect the 12 rights and welfare of Filipino children;

² Ibid.

¹ Inquirer News Website, The alarming state of the Philippines' sexual harassment and child exploitation cases, http://preen.inquirer.net/81711/alarming-state-philippines-sexual-harassment-child-exploitation-cases

³ The Economist Magazine website, The Philippines is a global hub for child pornography, https://www.economist.com/asia/2018/01/04/the-philippines-is-a-global-hub-for-child-pornography ⁴CNN News Asia, Filipino group helps women find life outside of trafficking, http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/02/19/angeles.philippines/index.html

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate 13 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alarming cases of child 14 exploitation in the country. 15

Adopted,

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