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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT MATERNAL
HEALTHCARE REMAINS A CHALLENGE IN AREAS AFFECTED BY THE
MARAWI SIEGE

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) reported that,
2 providing maternal healthcare remains a challenge in areas affected by the Marawi
3 siege¹;

4 WHEREAS, while the conflict eventually came to a halt last October, nearly
5 70,000 people remained displaced, living in evacuation centers, transitional sites and
6 host communities²;

7 WHEREAS, cut off from medical care and exposed to trauma, malnutrition and
8 violence, women in conflict settings face increased risks to their health and well-
9 being – including risks due to overcrowding and other harmful conditions in centers³;

10 WHEREAS, one of the displaced women in Marawi told UNFP that it took a
11 month before she learned that she was suffering from anemia due to childbirth⁴

12 WHEREAS, to meet the needs of the roughly 2,000 displaced women and girls
13 of reproductive age in and around Marawi, UNFPA is supporting 25 medical missions
14 that provide reproductive health information and services⁵;

¹ United Nations Population Fund Website, End to conflict spells no relief for women and girls in the Philippines,
<https://www.unfpa.org/news/end-conflict-spells-no-relief-women-and-girls-philippines>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

15 WHEREAS, in times of crisis, reproductive health services – including skilled
16 birth attendance and emergency obstetric care – often become unavailable, leaving
17 pregnant women vulnerable to life-threatening complications⁶;

18 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the government improve the pace of post-
19 conflict health interventions;

20 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate
21 Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that maternal
22 healthcare remains a challenge in areas affected by the Marawi siege.

Adopted,


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⁶ United Nations Population Fund Website, End to conflict spells no relief for women and girls in the Philippines, <https://www.unfpa.org/news/end-conflict-spells-no-relief-women-and-girls-philippines>