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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE OPERATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL (PNAC) WITH THE END VIEW OF STRENGTHENING OUR AIDS MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 2023-2028**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has the fastest growing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) epidemic in the Asia Pacific region, with a reported increase of 237% in new HIV infections and 315% in AIDS-related death from 2010-2020 (DOH-EB, 2020);

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) reported a 23% increase in diagnosed HIV cases—from 6,039 to 7,444—from January to June 2021 to the same period in 2022. (DOH-HARP, August 2022). And if the increase is sustained, the estimated number of people living with HIV (PLHIV) will triple and reach over 330,000 by 2030. (DOH-EB, 2020);

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine government enacted Republic Act 11166: Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act in 2018, intended to strengthen the country's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through rights-based, gender-responsive, and age-appropriate multi-sectoral and evidence-based strategies and approaches;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 11166 mandates the formulation of the AIDS Medium Term Plan (AMTP) and the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) reorganization as a concrete policy and institutional instrument to respond to the country's HIV/AIDS situation effectively;

**WHEREAS**, in the IRR of Republic Act 11166, PNAC is tasked with "the operationalization of the program and identification of the government agencies that shall implement the program, including the designated office within each agency responsible for overseeing, coordinating, facilitating and monitoring the implementation of its HIV and AIDS program from the national level to the local level";

**WHEREAS**, a review and assessment of the country's AIDS Medium Term Plan for 2017-2022 (known as AMTP 6) indicated mixed findings: the AMTP 6 is inclusive, evidence-based, well-planned, and well-written, but its implementation is uncoordinated and unmonitored, resulting in performance falling short of the targets and dismal overall

country's HIV/AIDS response (Libatique, May 2022);

**WHEREAS**, cognizant of the impact of COVID-19 disruptions on the country's HIV/AIDS response, the low performance in the country's HIV/AIDS response is attributable to the organizational challenges of PNAC and PNAC Secretariat to steer well the implementation of the AMTP and to proactively perform its mandated roles in the overall HIV/AIDS response;

**WHEREAS**, some of the organizational challenges identified range from the lack of costed operational plans and mechanisms for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of AMTP 6, the weakness of national-local coordination of HIV/AIDS planned responses, limited commitments of government agencies to generate and mobilize resources for HIV/AIDS response, and to the incapacity of the PNAC Secretariat to provide staff work and support to the PNAC functions to name a few;

**WHEREAS**, AMTP 6 will end, and the process for developing and formulating AMPT 7 for 2023 to 2028 is ongoing;

**WHEREAS**, there are calls from the HIV/AIDS community to conduct an organizational and performance audit of PNAC and the PNAC Secretariat to address some organizational challenges in the country's HIV/AIDS response and to address the shortcomings of the implementation (and non-implementation) of AMTP 6;

**WHEREAS**, with the new political administration and leadership in the national and local governments, it is an opportune time to introduce further reforms and initiatives to improve the country's HIV/AIDS response, such as the integration and mainstreaming of the PNAC Roadmap to Address Rights-Based Barriers to Accessing HIV and AIDS Services adopted in 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the appropriate committee/s of the Senate of the Philippines conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the operation and organization of the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) with an end view of strengthening our AIDS Medium-Term Plan for 2023-2028.

Adopted,

  
**RISA HONTIVEROS**  
*Senator*