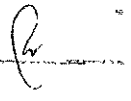


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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAPECOL-TADECO JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS AND TAGUM AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CO. INC. FOR THE USE OF AND DEVELOPMENT OF 5,308.36 HECTARES OF THE DAVAO PRISON AND PENAL FARM RESERVATION

WHEREAS, the allegations of irregularity, pecuniary interest and manifestly gross disadvantage to the government has been imputed to the joint venture agreement by the very farmers native to the place;

WHEREAS, such commercial venture purporting to benefit the Bureau of Corrections should be subject to auditing and financial review as it seemingly deviates from the true purpose for the establishment of such reservation of land for Davao Prison and Penal Farm;

WHEREAS, evidentiary facts have been manifested by DAR, DENR and other concerned departments thru various memoranda and recommendations to the Presidential Management Staff, all point out to the observation that the penal colony is in excess of land not anymore actually, directly and exclusively used for the purpose it was reserved or devoted for, thus no real need for such, and may be covered by CARP;

WHEREAS, inspite of the numerous recommendations of various departments for the survey and inspection of the actual condition affecting the reservation, the DOJ thru the Bureau of Corrections refused, after due demand, without sufficient justification, to act accordingly and seasonably in such matter and discriminatingly favoring, in haste, the renewal of the joint venture agreement for another twenty five (25) years;

WHEREAS, said Joint Venture Agreement causing or having caused undue injury to several parties with legitimate interest and concerns under existing laws, more particularly RA 6657 or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, is highly suspect;

WHEREAS, the plight of landless farmers and the customs supposedly highest in the consideration of the state in promoting social justice is, in real made the least, subservient to the profit generating interest of multinational corporation;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, in connection with the DAPECOL-TADECO Joint Venture Agreement, by and between the Bureau of Corrections and Tagum Agricultural Development Co., Inc. for the use of and development of 5,308.36 hectares of the Davao Prison and Penal Farm Reservation.

Adopted,



JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator