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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE DIRECTING THAT, IN CASES OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS OR HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENTS, IT SHALL BE PART OF
THE PROTOCOL AND TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS
AND PERSONNEL TO REFRAIN FROM DOING LIVE INTERVIEWS OF THE
TERRORIST OR HOSTAGE-TAKER WHILE THE INCIDENT IS IN PROGRESS

Whereas, Article II, Sec. 5 of the Philippine Constitution states: "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

Whereas, in any hostage-taking or terrorist incident, it is important that the perpetrators are isolated and neutralized;

Whereas, the mandate to preserve the public welfare is higher than the need of immediately transmitting or releasing news for public information on such delicate events;

Whereas, mass media should not be unwitting tools in the perpetration or accomplishment of the goals of hostage takers or terrorists.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that mass media organizations and personnel, whether local or foreign, shall not conduct live interviews during hostage-taking or terrorist incidents, for the entire duration of the hostage crisis, terrorist attack or other similar situations.

Adopted,


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