

Republic of the Philippines  
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Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 117

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE DOHA AMENDMENT TO THE KYOTO  
PROTOCOL

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article VII, Section 21 states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate";

WHEREAS, the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol was adopted on 08 December 2012 in Doha, Qatar;

WHEREAS, the Philippine acceptance of the Amendment support its advocacy as head of the Climate Vulnerability Forum, a group of 20 countries highly vulnerable to climate change, for a strengthened long term global temperature goal of 1.5 degrees Celsius that can be realized partly through early, pre-2020 mitigation actions as provided in the Amendment;

WHEREAS, pre-2020 mitigation commitments under the Amendment promote human rights in relation to climate change, a long established advocacy of the Philippines and other developing countries at the UN Human Rights Council, and at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines accepted the Amendment on 12 November 2015 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence in its acceptance, in accordance with the Constitution;


WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 26 January 2016, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the acceptance of the Amendment:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of Justice
3. Department of Finance
4. Department of Transportation and Communications
5. Climate Change Commission


Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the acceptance of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol.

Adopted,

  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 1, 2016.

  
OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*