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A RESOLUTION TO INQUIRE AND INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON WHAT HAS BEEN TRANSPIRED BY THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) IN NOT ACTING UPON ANY JUDICIAL ACTION ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 747 WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PLENARY SESSION LAST AUGUST 15, 2018 IN CONSIDERATION WITH THE HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 456 " A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADING AND EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLINGS (EJK) ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE", RECOMMENDING THE FILING OF CHARGES ON ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED AND MENTIONED BY THE DOJ-WPP WITNESSES DURING THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS.

WHEREAS, The proliferation of illegal drug distribution and related extra-judicial killings in the province of Zamboanga del Norte has been brought to the fore through **House Resolution 456**-"A resolution calling for an urgent investigation, in aid of legislation on the illegal drug trading and extra judicial killings (EJK) activities in the province of Zamboanga del Norte which was filed before the **House Committee on Dangerous Drugs** on **October 10, 2016** and committee assumed its jurisdiction in the conduct of a very lengthy, tedious, and even dangerous investigation, as a PNP Officer had to be detained with the Lower House premises for acts which prejudiced the proceedings as well as the safety of witnesses, on **February 9, 2017; March 13, 2017; August 31, 2017 and September 26, 2017.**

WHEREAS, The **five (5) witnesses, informants and assets** under the **DOJ Witness Protection Program (WPP)** who have testified under oath and provided legislative immunity by the by the Lower House, attest to the fact that the unsolved continuing killings in the province was a result of alleged police officials "cleansing of their ranks" to save themselves from being linked

to the drug trade in conspiracy and protection with high-ranking government officials of the Province who have been running the drug trade and are also behind the murders and harassment of individuals and groups who they perceive to be a threat to their operations.

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2018, the House of Representatives in Plenary Session adopted Committee Report No. 747 in consideration of H.R. No. 456. Subsequently, On August 23, 2018, the Office of the Secretary General, House of Representatives has officially transmitted said Committee Report No. 747 to various investigating agencies of the government among others the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to cause the filing of charges to the persons involved.

WHEREAS, Item B-Proper Investigation under Item V-Recommendations on the Committee Report No. 747 in consideration with the subject House Resolution No. 456 provides: The Committee shall furnish copies of this Report with all the evidence presented during the investigation, to the Office of the Ombudsman, Department of Justice (DOJ), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and other concerned government office/s to aid them in their continuing and/or complicity of the local public officials/law enforcers in the illegal trade and the alleged drug related killings in the province of Zamboanga del Norte, **WARRANTED BY EVIDENCE gathered in said investigation/s, the proper agency of government should CAUSE the FILING of appropriate criminal complaint among others for alleged violations of R.A. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 under Section 5 (Protection/Coddler), Section 29 (Planting of Evidence), Murder (Art. 248) Revised Penal Code, Obstruction of Justice (P.D. 1829) and/or administrative charges for violation of R.A. 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices against the following local public officials, employees and law enforcers mentioned thereat.**

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the NBI formed a five (5) man team Task Force charged with the earnest case build-up and filing of criminal charges based on the evidence, transcript of records (TSN) from the testimonies of DOJ-WPP witnesses and law enforcement resource persons during congressional hearings. Said available evidence and records of the House investigation which constitute Judicial Affidavits were clearly not accorded with priority case build-up. The NBI Task Force may have conducted its own investigation requiring the DOJ-WPP witnesses to issue new Judicial Affidavits but their investigation, until this time and after almost one year, no personality has been formally charged. The delay has cast doubt on the integrity and intention of the NBI TASK FORCE which clearly defied the instruction of Congress to act immediately on the matter written for compliance on the Committee Report No. 747.

WHEREAS, On **March 11, 2019**, the author of the this H.R. 456 under Committee Report No. 747 wrought a letter to our beloved President Rodrigo Roa Duterte (letter is hereto attached as ANNEXES A) emphasizing the unjustifiable delay in the conduct of the investigation by the NBI TASK FORCE headed by its team leader Atty. Israel Ivan Peralta were text message captured from the team leader sent to the members of the task force quoted hereunder:

“ Good day po. Kindly read and study all the ss of roly. Kindly text me your investigative steps, with emphasis kung **san tayo possibleng makabutas**. Need every ones idea. Thanks”.(emphasis ours)

Please note that “Rolly” is one of the critical and main witnesses during the congressional hearings. From the time he testified that he personally shot and killed numerous individuals in relation to drug activities in the Province and upon specific instructions from the PNP Officers and local government official, his life, together with the other witnesses, have been in grave danger every day. No charges are filed, these witnesses continue to suffer danger that the neglect and inaction has brought about.

WHEREAS, with such alarming developments, there is now reason to believe that filing of appropriate charge cannot be expected despite clear possible cause for filing of murder and other serious offenses as the victims were identified, the killers confessed, the motive established, and all that was left was to file charges, because those charged to investigate have not done any work and have only actually questioned the contents of the report and the integrity of the lawmakers who approve the same.

WHEREAS, if Congress as an institution cannot be accorded respect and justice, how much more the poor and the powerless. **JUSTICE SHOULD NOT BE INDIFFERENT, JUSTICE MUST BE FAIR TO ALL, OR ELSE NONE AT ALL.**

WHEREAS, one of the most mentioned name by the **DOJ-WPP witnesses** during congressional hearings, as sourced from the intelligence community, is certain **SP02 ROY VERTUDEZ**, a member of the PNP Zamboanga del Norte known to be the most trusted security aide of a powerful politician in the province is included in the **NARCO-POLICE LIST** of the **Office of the President**, sourced of confirmed information from the intelligence community. His enlistment with the PNP continues. Their group’s illegal activities continue. What cause the undue delay from the investigative body to act on the Committee Report No. 747. Their inaction and intentional delay. The ploy is clear. These people have all cooperated to delay the inevitable so

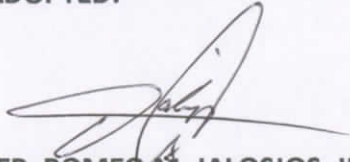
that at time the actual charges, based on evidence already available, are filed, no more witness will be available.

NOW THEREFORE, resolved as it is hereby resolved to inquire and investigate in aid of legislation on what has been transpired by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) in **NOT ACTING upon any JUDICIAL ACTION** on the **Committee Report No. 747** on the following premise:

- 1) Why the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) continue to disregard compliance on the judicial actions promulgated by the House of Representatives on the Committee Report No. 747.
- 2) Why the National bureau of Investigation (NBI) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) have not completed the investigation and filing of criminal charges against Philippine National Police personnel who have been documented and to be involved in killings and illegal drugs trading activities in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.
- 3) Why the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) have not completed the investigation and filing of criminal charges against local government officials who have been documented and to be involved in killings and illegal drugs activities in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.
- 4) Why the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Region IX has not acted on any of the leads and recommendation of the Committee Report No. 747 and merely forwarded such report to its Legal Department.
- 5) Why the hierarchy of the National bureau of Investigation (NBI) has not acted on complaints of delay and inaction by the Task Force, as well as other acts and omissions prejudicial to the urgent investigation recommended by the House of Representatives.
- 6) Why no government office has acted upon, extended due respect and courtesy, performed lawful duties, and filed criminal and administrative evidence based on the Committee Report No. 747.
- 7) Why, up to this day, the concerned government agencies could not find probable cause to indict when the victims were already identified, the killers confessed, the motive established, and all statement already given under oath; What then is the requirement for such determination and why is such determination long-coming. Likewise, in many instances law enforcements making arrests without warrants and just on "tips," but despite availability of evidence on the Committee Report No. 747 sufficient grounds for the filing of charges to convict beyond reasonable doubt, criminal complaint is nowhere to be found.

- 8) Finally, to determine if the concerned government agencies is responding the relentless program of His Excellency President Rodrigo Duterte on war on illegal drugs and extra judicial killings or averting the same.

ADOPTED.

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