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## A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT ISSUED BY THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO GLOBAL COMRCI, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT SUCH CONTRACT IS NOT DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) conceptualized Philippine Offshore Gaming Operator (POGO) to enable our country to capture a greater share of the growing, yet previously unregulated, online gaming segment;

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2016, PAGCOR issued its Rules and Regulations for Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations. The POGO Rules and Regulations intend to curtail the propagation of illegal online games in the country as well as to safeguard that online games are properly regulated;

WHEREAS, as of June 2019, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) reported a total of 56 licensed POGOs contributing around 11% to PAGCOR's income;

WHEREAS, PAGCOR has a requirement for the Procurement of Consulting Services for the Development, Operation, and Management of Intermediation Platform/Audit Program for the Philippine Offshore Gaming Operator (POGO);

WHEREAS, PAGCOR awarded the contract to GLOBAL COMRCI, having the highest rated responsive bid for the project;

WHEREAS, GLOBAL COMRCI shall ensure that the program is fully secure and guarantee that the online audits of the gaming operations of POGO operators are accurate;

WHEREAS, the annual fee/s of GLOBAL COMRCI will not be less than AMOUNT: FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS (PHP552,215,322.00);

WHEREAS, bearing in mind the huge amount of the contract, it is also important for Congress to seek clarification and explanation from PAGCOR and GLOBAL COMRCI on the terms and conditions of said contract;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Senate Committee on Games and Amusement to Conduct an Inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Consultancy Contract issued by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to GLOBAL COMRCI, with the end in view of ensuring that such contract is not disadvantageous to the Government.

Adopted,

EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO