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RESOLUTION NO. 81

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF  
THE TREATY ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN  
CRIMINAL MATTERS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article VII, Section 21,  
states that, "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 Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in  
Criminal Matters between the Republic of the Philippines  
and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland was signed on 18 September 2009 in London;

WHEREAS, the Treaty seeks to establish effective measures of cooperation in the investigation, prosecution, and suppression of criminal offenses and in proceedings related to criminal matters;

WHEREAS, the Treaty provides a legal framework for mutual assistance by States in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses and in legal and judicial proceedings related to criminal matters, in accordance with the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and the Convention for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism;

WHEREAS, the assistance made possible under the Treaty includes the taking of testimony of witnesses, provision of documents and items of evidence, exchange of criminal records, execution of searches and seizures, location and identification of witnesses and tracing and confiscation of proceeds of crimes, as well as freezing of assets;

WHEREAS, the increasing frequency of transnational crimes, the country's fight against money laundering and corruption, as well as the transboundary nature of terrorism necessitates this Treaty as a vital tool in securing evidence, witnesses and proceeds of crimes which are beyond the country's physical and legal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Article 31 of the Treaty provides that it shall enter into force after both the Contracting States have notified each other through diplomatic channels that their respective requirements for the entry into force of the Treaty have been complied with;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Republic of the Philippines and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 12 July 2011 and has accordingly submitted it to the Senate for concurrence in accordance with the Constitution;

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 23 February 2012, the following government agencies and nongovernment

organizations endorsed the concurrence in the ratification of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Republic of the Philippines and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);
2. Department of Justice (DOJ);
3. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
4. Philippine National Police (PNP);
5. Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC);
6. Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA);
7. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA);
8. Center for Migrant Advocacy Philippines (CMA);  
and
9. Philippine Migrants Rights Watch.

Now, therefore, be it


*Resolved*, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Republic of the Philippines and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2012.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*