



SECOND REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 121

RESOLUTION EARNESTLY URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CONCUR WITH THE PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE IN GRANTING AMNESTY TO THE POLITICAL OFFENSES OF THE MEMBERS OF MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT AND MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT

WHEREAS, the 2019 Bangsamoro autonomy plebiscite ratified Republic Act No. 11054, otherwise known as the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) which provided for the establishment of the autonomous political entity known as the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, replacing the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM);

WHEREAS, the Annex on Normalization is an integral part of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) between the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), that to be able to facilitate the healing of the wounds of conflict and the return to normal life, the Government shall take immediate steps through amnesty, pardon and other available processes towards the solution of cases of persons charged with or convicted of crimes and offenses connected to the armed conflict in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Section 19, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President shall have the power to grant amnesty with the concurrence of a majority of all the Members of Congress;

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1090 and Proclamation No. 1091, granting amnesty to members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) who have committed crimes punishable under the Revised Penal Code and Special Penal laws in furtherance of their political beliefs;

WHEREAS, in order to promote an atmosphere conducive to the attainment of a just, comprehensive and enduring peace in the Bangsamoro, there is a compelling need to declare a general, unconditional and omnibus amnesty to the members of the MILF and MNLF for their political crimes in pursuit of the struggle towards right to self-determination;

WHEREAS, the grant of amnesty, as a significant instrument of healing and reconciliation, to members and supporters of the MILF and MNLF will facilitate their return to a peaceful, democratic and pluralistic society that is essential to the attainment of peace and prosperity in the Bangsamoro;


NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to earnestly urge the Congress of the Philippines to concur with the proclamations issued by his Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in granting amnesty to the political offenses of the members of Moro Islamic Liberation Front and Moro National Liberation Front.

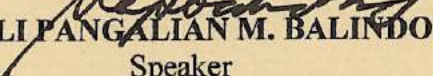
RESOLVED, FURTHER, to forward this Resolution to the office of his Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and the Secretary of Department of Justice, for information and appropriate consideration.

ADOPTED, March 24, 2021.

Certified Correct:


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Speaker

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