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“A RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMORO INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BODY TO EXPEDITE THE DRAWING OF DEMARCATION LINES OF THE BANGSAMORO TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THE ZONES OF JOINT COOPERATION IN THE SULU SEA AND THE MORO GULF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF R.A 11054”

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides that “There is hereby created a Joint Body Cooperation in the Sulu Sea and Moro Gulf as provided for in Section 19, Article XIII of this Organic Law.” Further, ARTICLE XIII, REGIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY, Section 18, states that, “Zones of Joint Cooperation in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf are hereby created, the coordinates of which shall be defined by an *ad hoc* Joint Body composed of representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority, and corresponding number of representatives from appropriate agencies of the Bangsamoro Government.

The joint Body shall be convened within thirty (30) days after the ratification of this Organic Law and shall cease to exist after it has established the coordinates of the Bangsamoro territorial jurisdiction, including Bangsamoro Waters and the Zones of Joint Cooperation.

WHEREAS, ARTICLE XIII, REGIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY Section 19, reads, “The Joint Body created for the Zones of Joint Cooperation provided in Section 5, Article VI of this Organic Law, shall establish the policies therein and shall be composed of the following:

- (a) Secretary of Agriculture and Bangsamoro Minister as co-Chairpersons;
- (b) Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and a counterpart Minister of the Bangsamoro Government
- (c) Secretary of Transportation and a counterpart Minister of the Bangsamoro Government;
- (d) At least one (1) representative of a constituent local government unit of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region adjacent to the Sulu Sea;
- (e) At least one (1) representative of a constituent local government unit of Bangsamoro Government adjacent to the Moro Gulf;

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(f) At least one (1) representative from an adjoining non-Bangsamoro local government unit adjacent to the Sulu Sea; and

(g) At least one (1) representative from an adjoining non-Bangsamoro local government unit adjacent to the Moro Gulf.

The Bangsamoro Government and the National Government shall ensure the free movement of vessels, goods, and people in these Zones of Joint Cooperation, working together to regulate the waters therein and formulating policies jointly for the following purposes:

(a) Protection of the traditional fishing grounds;

(b) Equitable sharing of the benefits from the resources therein; and

(c) Ensuring the interconnectivity of the islands and mainland areas comprising the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region towards a cohesive Bangsamoro political entity.

WHEREAS, considering the above stated provisions, importance of resolving the issue on maritime waters cannot be over-emphasized and such must be given preferential attention by no less than the Bangsamoro Transition Authority which stands as the Bangsamoro Government during this transition period;

WHEREAS, ARTICLE III, TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, Section 4 of the BOL provides that The municipal regional waters of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall extend up to fifteen (15) kilometers and nineteen (19) kilometers, respectively, from the low-water mark of the coasts that are part of the Bangsamoro territorial jurisdiction.

Where a constituent local government unit of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and an adjoining local government unit are so situated on opposite shores such that there is thirty (30) kilometers of waters or less between them, a line equally distant from the opposite shores shall be drawn to demarcate the Bangsamoro waters and the municipal waters of the adjoining local government unit.

In case the constituent local government unit of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and an adjoining local government unit are so situated in opposite shores that there is more than thirty (30) kilometers but less than thirty-four (34) kilometers of waters between them, a line shall be drawn at the edge of the fifteen-kilometer municipal waters of the adjoining local government unit to demarcate it from the Bangsamoro waters.

WHEREAS, up to this day there are still no clear policies with regard to the maritime waters of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Members of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform formally call upon and urge the Intergovernmental Relations Body to expedite the drawing of demarcation lines of the Bangsamoro territorial waters and the Zones of Joint Cooperation in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf in accordance with the provision of R.A. 11054."

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Main Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGR) and Sub-IGR be furnished a copy of this resolution;

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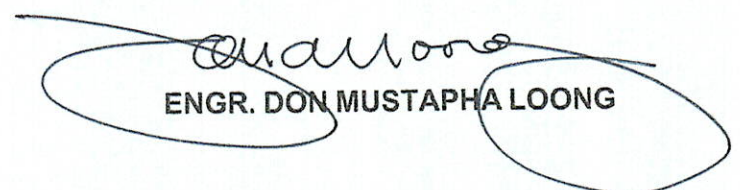
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