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RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY (GOTD) THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (MFBM), TO UPDATE THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) PARLIAMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE 2020-2021 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (SDF) AND THE 2019 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XII of R.A. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) states that the Bangsamoro Government shall enjoy fiscal autonomy with the end in view of attaining economic self-sufficiency and genuine development. The Bangsamoro Government is entitled to all funds sources enumerated herein, and shall have the power to create its sources of revenues as provided in the Organic Law, which shall be spent in a programmatic, **transparent**, performance-based, and phased manner. It shall prepare its budget and allocate funds in accordance with an annual appropriations law passed by the Parliament;

WHEREAS, under Section 40, Article XII of the BOL, the Bangsamoro Government adopts a policy of full disclosure of its budget, finances, bids and public offerings, among others;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government shall implement a transparency and accountability mechanism consistent with open government practices and generally accepted financial management principles;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIV of the BOL states that the National Government shall provide a special development fund to the Bangsamoro Government for the rebuilding, rehabilitation, and development of its conflict-affected communities. The amount equivalent to Fifty Billion Pesos (P50,000,000,000.00), at Five billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) per year, for a period of ten (10) years from the ratification of this Organic Law, shall be allocated for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the same section above provides that the utilization of the fund shall be in accordance with the Bangsamoro Development Plan to be adopted by the Bangsamoro Government, as provided in Section 6, Article XIII of the BOL;

WHEREAS, the 2019 General Appropriations Act (GAA) provided Unprogrammed Funds of Thirty Billion Pesos (P30,000,000,000.00) for the implementation of the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (p. 914 Volume IB, GAA);

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article XVI of the BOL states that the amount necessary to carry out the requirements of transition, including the organizational activities of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, organization of the bureaucracy, hiring of personnel, and the exercise of functions and powers of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority as provided in this Organic Law, shall be charged against available funds in the current General Appropriations Act. In addition, the current year's appropriations for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall also be transferred to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority;

WHEREAS, Section 3(e), Title IV of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code provides that the MFBM acts as custodian of and manages all financial resources of the Bangsamoro Government. As the frontline ministry that leads regional fiscal management, it has the gargantuan responsibility to guarantee that funds are allocated properly and efficiently utilized for the benefit of the region;

WHEREAS, every Bangsamoro constituent has the right to know and be ensured that the BARMM establishes and practices a mechanism of transparency and full disclosure of its budget, finances, and bids despite its autonomous status;

WHEREAS, a regular and accurate report from the GOTD through the MFBM is needed to inform the Parliament on the status of the Special Development Fund and the Supplemental Fund so that legislative measures may be taken, if warranted. These public finances must be independently reviewed and its implementation externally examined to meet regional decision-making and management needs, as well as for further recommendations of its improvement by the executive;

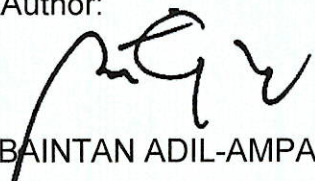
WHEREAS, since the inception of BARMM, the BTA Parliament has not received any report from the GOTD through the MFBM regarding the status of the 2020-2021 Special Development Funds including the supplemental funds. This is imperative for the transparent and accountable financial management that the Bangsamoro government wants to achieve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, to pass and approve this Resolution requiring the GOTD, through the MFBM, to update the BTA Parliament of the 2020-2021 Special Development Funds, including the 2019 supplemental funds.

RESOLVED FINALLY that a copy of this Resolution be furnished with the Office of the Chief Minister.

Adopted,

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