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A RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION TO PROVIDE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IN
THE PREPARATION OF MASTER PLANS, FEASIBILITY AND PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES OF BIG-TICKET PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN
THE BANGSAMORO DEVELOPMENT PLAN (BDP) 2020-2022 AS
WELL AS ENHANCEMENT OF MULTI-YEAR INVESTMENT
PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIII of R.A. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) states that in order to protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants, the development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be carefully planned taking into consideration the ecological balance and the natural resources that are available for its use and for the use of future generations;

WHEREAS, the same section above provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall promote the effective use of economic resources and endeavor to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full employment, human development, and social justice;

WHEREAS, some international multilateral institutions and bilateral agencies have been extending support and assistance to the peace and

development efforts of the National Government in the Bangsamoro communities since the founding of former Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and until now with the establishment of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM);

WHEREAS, with the establishment of the BARMM, more technical cooperation and assistance are expected to be extended or expanded by the donor communities for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region to achieve lasting peace and sustainable development in the region;

WHEREAS, the technical assistance or grant assistance of the concerned donor agencies should include the preparation of master plans, conduct of feasibility studies or pre-feasibility studies and project profiling of identified major investment programs and projects in the BDP 2020-2022;

WHEREAS, during the Bangsamoro Friends Forum on February 18, 2020, which was attended by various international development partners such as the United Nations (UN) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), international partners expressed their strong support to the Bangsamoro peace process as they pledged to continue carrying out initiatives that will help unleash the full economic potential of the region and bring long-lasting peace to its people;

WHEREAS, to ensure harmonious working relations and coordination between the donor institutions and the Bangsamoro Government, the BOL provides that the Bangsamoro Government may accept donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts, in cash or in kind, from domestic or foreign sources, for a purpose relevant to their functions (Section 26, Article XII, BOL);

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council shall serve as the planning, monitoring, and coordinating agency for all development plans, programs, and projects of the Bangsamoro Government (Section 4, Article XIII, BOL);

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of its development vision and objectives, the Bangsamoro Government through the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), formulated its Bangsamoro Development Plan 2020-2022 and its component Regional Development Investment

Program (RDIP), where major development and investment programs and projects had been identified as priorities;

WHEREAS, the budgeting process of the Bangsamoro Government is done annually and should include the programs and projects contained in the BDP 2020-2022, the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, and other pertinent laws legislated by the BTA Parliament;

WHEREAS, master plans for thematic areas such as health, education, social welfare, water resources, irrigation system, Ligawasan Marsh, Lake Lanao, power supply, halal industry, Islamic financing, urbanizing areas, among others need to be prepared to fast-track accessing of resources for the development of the sectors;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is an analysis that takes all of a project's relevant factors into account, including economic, technical, legal, and scheduling considerations, to ascertain the likelihood of completing the project successfully. It is used to determine the pros and cons of undertaking a project to avoid wastage of resources and time;

WHEREAS, given the infancy of the region, there is a need to tap development partners and experts to provide technical assistance in master plan preparations, carrying out pre-feasibility studies and feasibility studies of big-ticket projects and programs found in the BDP 2020-2022 to evaluate their potential success and to come up with sound and responsive programs and projects with clear concepts and plans in order to maximize the resources of the government;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BTA PARLIAMENT, as it is hereby resolved, to encourage the development partners in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region to provide technical assistance to the Bangsamoro Government in the preparation of master plans, feasibility and pre-feasibility studies of big-ticket projects identified in the BDP 2020-2022 as well as enhancement of multi-year investment programs.

RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as the national agency which coordinates the formulation and updating of all related planning documents and to all the development partners operating in BARMM.

Adopted,

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