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**A RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND**  
**COMMUNICATIONS (MOTC) TO APPRISE THE BANGSAMORO**  
**TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) ON THE STATUS OF LANDSIDE**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF ALL AIRPORTS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 38 of Article XIII provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall have the authority to grant regional franchises, licenses, and permits to land, sea, and air transportation plying routes in the provinces or cities within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, *provided*, that the National Government shall regulate the airside operations of all existing airports;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3, Article V of the BOL states that the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure and support, among other things, the promotion of health and safety of its people;

**WHEREAS**, the MOTC is one of the primary ministries established under Section 8, Article XVI of R.A. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL);

**WHEREAS**, Section 3, Chapter 1, Title XV, Book VI of the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 13 or the Bangsamoro Administrative Code provides that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) shall be the primary policy, planning, programming, coordinating, implementing, regulating, and administrative entity of the Bangsamoro Government in the promotion, development, and regulation of dependable and coordinated networks of transportation and communications systems, as well as fast, safe, efficient, and reliable transportation and communications services;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of the same law mentioned above also provides that the MOTC has the power and function to manage or supervise the landside operation of ports and airports in the Bangsamoro Region except those in economic zones;

**WHEREAS**, all landside operations of all airports in the Bangsamoro Region are supervised by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Bangsamoro (CAAB), which is under the MOTC;

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial to improve the airports in the Bangsamoro Region because they serve as key access points for both people and cargo. It also makes a major contribution to the Bangsamoro economy as it facilitates flows of goods and investments;

**WHEREAS**, there are ongoing and pipeline projects for the development of the landside of the BARMM airports that are crucial in the socio-economic development of the Bangsamoro region;

**WHEREAS**, many aviation accidents occur during final approach, landing, and takeoff procedures, and poor runway maintenance can be a contributing factor in runway accidents;

**WHEREAS**, the recent airforce C-130 aircraft that crashed in Patikul Jolo, leaving 53 dead, is the deadliest air disaster in the history of this country in the past forty (40) years, and that it happened within the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

**WHEREAS**, this deadly aviation accident is a grim reminder of how important for the government to ensure the safety and security of the air transport facilities and operations including our airports such as Cotabato airport, Jolo airport, and Bongao airport, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, to reduce air traffic accidents and prevent safety problems that might cause accidents in the future, the Bangsamoro Government should make constant efforts to improve airports in the region. To ensure air traffic safety, it is important that facilities such as runways are constructed strictly in accordance with designated standards. Furthermore, facilities must be maintained and managed to ensure that they are in perfect operating condition at all times;

**WHEREAS**, the improvement of airports shall secure the safety of the people and promote ease of travel, cost competitiveness and trade facilitation;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the mandate of the Bangsamoro Government to promote safety of its people, it is imperative for the MOTC to provide information relating to the recent developments on the airport landside, gaps, and to give necessary recommendations to prevent untoward incidents from happening;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the BTA Parliament, to pass and approve this Resolution directing the MOTC to apprise the BTA on the status of the landside development of all airports in the Bangsamoro Region.

Adopted,



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