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RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY APPEALING TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO ALLOW THE INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE UNTIL 2025 BY GIVING PRIMARY CONSIDERATION IN THEIR APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the Senate ratified on September 27, 2021 the bill that seeks to postpone the scheduled first regular elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) in 2022;

WHEREAS, the bill extends the Bangsamoro transition period and gives the President the power to appoint the (80) members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority;

WHEREAS, the incumbent members of the BTA have undergone intensive and rigorous process of screening and selection process for appointment as members of the BTA;

WHEREAS, the appointment of new members may possibly delay the accomplishments of the mandates of the BTA Parliament like the passage of priority codes and other important legislations as it will entail new learnings, skills and knowledge as to the rudiments of the parliamentary system of governance;

WHEREAS, the incumbent members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) have invested so much time and effort not only in discharging their functions as stated in R.A. No. 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law which includes the enactment of priority codes, but also in making sure that they acquire the essential skills and knowledge to properly perform their duties and responsibilities in accordance with the said law;

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of offering excellent delivery of public services in the Bangsamoro, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament equipped themselves together with their staffs with in-depth understanding of the parliamentary system and how their role should serve the institution as a whole;

WHEREAS, various institutions such as the Parliament of Malaysia, Clingendael Academy, Ateneo School of Government (ASOG), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), British Embassy of Manila, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Development Academy of the Philippines, European Union (Support to Bangsamoro Transition), World Bank, The Asia Foundation, Government of Australia, UK Government, and National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) among others, have invested so much for trainings and capacity building to incumbent members of BTA as to their roles in building an efficient and effective institutions, and as to the processes or technicalities involved in a parliamentary system for almost two years and half;

WHEREAS, the present membership of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority is characterized by a diverse and ethnic-balanced composition considering that the BARMM provinces and all sectors like religious sectors, settlers, non-Moro IP, traditional leaders, academe, women, youth, peace advocates, former National Government Officials, members of Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), former Officials of ARMM, technocrats, Career Executive Service Eligibles and former BTC Members who drafted the Bangsamoro Organic Law and are repository of the intent and spirit of the Bangsamoro Organic Law;

WHEREAS, there is an undeniable advantage in giving primary consideration to the incumbent members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority for reappointment on account of the experience, training, skills, knowledge, and wisdom that they have acquired in addition to the legislations, policies, programs, and advocacies they have pursued and accomplished in accordance with the transition plan and peace process;

WHEREAS, by allowing them to continue their service and what they have started, the preservation of the momentum will have a positive effect in the institution as whole in view of the eventual accomplishment of pending legislations, projects, and programs which are vital to the transition;

WHEREAS, a disruption of service which could have an unintended adverse effect of restarting the whole operations can be avoided by recognizing the importance of the continuity and stability of the transition;

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has the sole power to appoint the members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority:

THAT THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY RESPECTFULLY APPEALS TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO ALLOW THE INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE UNTIL 2025 BY GIVING PRIMARY CONSIDERATION TO THEIR APPOINTMENT;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be officially transmitted to the Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Office of the Presidential Adviser for Unity, Peace and Reconciliation, Department of National Defense, and Department of Interior and Local Government.

Adopted,


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