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RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY (GOTD) TO CLASSIFY THE SOURCES OF FUNDS BY APPROPRIATION IN THE BANGSAMORO EXPENDITURE PROGRAM (BEP)

WHEREAS, Section 29, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution provides that no money shall be paid out of the Treasury except in pursuance of an appropriation made by law;

WHEREAS, Section 27, Article VII of R.A. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides that no public money, including the block grant and other national government subsidies and support funds given in lump sum, shall be spent without an appropriations law clearly defining the purpose for which it is intended. The Parliament shall pass an annual appropriations law;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XII of the BOL provides 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 fund sources enumerated therein, 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, Section 15 of the same article provides for the sources of revenues of the Bangsamoro Government, which include among others the block grant from the National Government, share in the National Government taxes, fees, and charges collected in the Bangsamoro territorial jurisdiction, and others.

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the same article provides that the National Government shall provide an annual block grant which shall be the share of the Bangsamoro Government in the national internal revenue tax collections of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and collections of the Bureau of Customs. The amount shall be sufficient for the exercise of the powers and functions of the Bangsamoro Government under the Organic Law and in no case shall be less than the last budget received by the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao immediately before the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region;

WHEREAS, Section 19 of the same article mandates the Bangsamoro Parliament to pass an annual appropriations law allocating the aforesaid block grant to various agencies and programs, as well as setting performance standards and targets for each sector, of the Bangsamoro Government;

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XIV of the BOL provides 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 (₱50,000,000,000.00), at Five billion pesos (₱5,000,000,000.00) per year, for a period of ten (10) years from the ratification of this Organic Law, shall be allocated for this purpose. 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 this Organic Law;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) receives the block grant, special development fund and the region's share in the national taxes, and other funds as provided under the organic law. It is then the duty of the Bangsamoro Government to appropriate the said funds in order to attain the economic and social goals of the region;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Expenditure Program (BEP) contains the details of the proposed programs necessary for the operation of the various ministries and offices of the region. It is the financial expression of the Bangsamoro Government's action plan to take on the challenge of achieving the development goals as stated in the Bangsamoro Development Plan, which aims to uplift the lives of the Bangsamoro and establish the foundations of self-governance through moral governance;

WHEREAS, the 2022 BEP fund sources are classified as 1) block grant, 2) special development fund, 3) share in the national taxes based on the 2022 national expenditure program (NEP), 4) estimated local collections, and 5) unutilized 2020 Personnel Services (PS) fund;

WHEREAS, Section 40, Article XII of the BOL provides that the Bangsamoro Government adopts a policy of full disclosure of its budget, finances, bids, and public offerings, and shall provide protocols for the guidance of local authorities in the implementations of said policy which shall include, among the

others, the posting of the Summary of Income and Expenditures, and the participation of representatives from civil society in the budget process;

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

WHEREAS, a resolution that promotes and is consistent with the transparent, accountable, and moral governance guidelines of the Bangsamoro Government is necessary;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Bangsamoro Government to classify in the BEP the source of funds such as 1) block grant, 2) special development fund, 3) share in the national taxes based on NEP 2022, 4) estimated local collections, and 5) unutilized 2020 PS fund, in which the specific program shall be charged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the BTA Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution Urging the Bangsamoro Government to Classify the Sources of Funds by Appropriation in the Bangsamoro Expenditure Program.

Adopted,

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