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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
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BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Proposed Resolution No. ____

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**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 24, ARTICLE XIII OF THE
BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW ON THE ENACTMENT OF A BANGSAMORO
COOPERATIVE CODE.**

WHEREAS, it is the Congress' constitutional duty to "create an agency to promote the viability and growth of cooperatives;"¹

WHEREAS, this duty was subsequently vested to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for it to "adopt and implement cooperative development policies and programs through the enactment of a Bangsamoro cooperative code;"²

WHEREAS, cooperatives are "instruments for social justice and economic development"³ and the State recognizes cooperatives as associations organized for the economic and social betterment of their members, operating business enterprises based on mutual aid, and founded upon internationally accepted cooperative principles and practices;⁴

WHEREAS, cooperatives have the potential to contribute to rapid economic growth as help-help organization because of its power to mobilize savings and capital, which can serve as inputs in the production of goods and services of the less privileged members of the society;⁵

WHEREAS, the cooperative movement in the Philippines is clearly manifesting its capacity to contribute in the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in the following areas: eradication of poverty and hunger, decent work and economic growth,

¹ Sec. 15, Art. XII, 1987 Constitution.

² Sec. 24, Art. XIII, Republic Act 11054.

³ Sec. 15, Art. XII, 1987 Constitution.

⁴ Sec 2, Republic Act No. 11364.

⁵ Castillo, Eulogio and Castillo, Mercedes, "Cooperatives In The Socio-Economic Development Of The Philippines." 10th Asia Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam, April 18-21, 2017. Available at <<https://www.cda.gov.ph/transparency/name-of-officials/board-of-administrators/adm-eulogio-t-castillo-ph-d/755-cooperatives-in-the-socio-economic-development-of-the-philippines>>, last Accessed 19 Oct. 20.

responsive production and consumption, reduced inequalities, climate action; peace, justice and strong institutions, and gender equality;⁶

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 493, series of 2003, declared every October as a Cooperative Month in the Philippines in order to raise consciousness and promote cooperativism;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the Bangsamoro Cooperative Code will likewise answer the call of our Interim Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim to transition armed groups to social movement, from base commands to cooperatives;⁷

WHEREAS, cooperatives is very vital in the normalization of decommissioned combatants as it will facilitate economic and sustainable livelihood in the return of their normal civilian lives;

WHEREAS, in order to strengthen BARMM cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice, economic development and progress, there is a need to institutionalize mechanisms that will help strengthen and develop the cooperatives in the region towards social and economic development, as ours is a conflict region in transition to peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to call for the implementation of Section 24, Article XIII of the Bangsamoro Organic Law on the enactment of a Bangsamoro Cooperative Code.

Adopted,



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⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ Arguillas, Carolyn, "MILF in transition: from armed group to social movement; from base commands to cooperatives." 10 September 2019, available at <<https://www.mindanews.com/peace-process/2019/09/milf-in-transition-from-armed-group-to-social-movement-from-base-commands-to-cooperatives/>> last Accessed 19 Oct. 20.