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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF EXPLOITATION AND PROSTITUTION OF MINORS IN OUR COUNTRY, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORTED GROWING BUSINESS OF SEX TOURISM IN SOME AREAS OF OUR COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the documentary of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) News entitled "Confronting Evil" reported the growing number of teenage prostitutes aged 15-18 years old in our country, the propagation of the so called "sex tourism", and its emotional and physical effects on the lives of the teenagers who have become victims of prostitution;

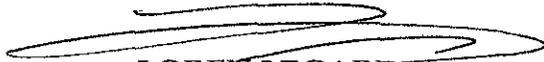
WHEREAS, the same documentary revealed that more tourists nowadays choose to visit the Philippines not because of the tourist spots but because of the flesh trade, the increasing number of minor children brought into prostitution and the lax implementation of laws against child trafficking and prostitution;

WHEREAS, the same documentary further revealed that because of the lucrative nature of this immoral and illegal business, more and more Filipinos offer minors and teenagers for prostitution especially to foreigners;

WHEREAS, it was observed in that documentary that most of the cases of prostitution and rape in the country go through a long process which may take a year or more for justice to be served.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the Government's Policies and Programs to address the issue of exploitation and prostitution of minors in our country, in the light of the reported growing business of sex tourism in some areas of our country.

Adopted,


LOREN LEGARDA

Senator