



## SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 1248

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PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF  
THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN CONCERNING THE  
FACILITATION OF RECIPROCAL ACCESS AND  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES  
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SELF-DEFENSE  
FORCES OF JAPAN

1        WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 21 of the Philippine  
2        Constitution states that, “No treaty or international  
3        agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in  
4        by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate”;

5        WHEREAS, the Agreement Between the Republic of  
6        the Philippines and Japan Concerning the Facilitation of  
7        Reciprocal Access and Cooperation Between the Armed  
8        Forces of the Philippines and the Self-Defense Forces of  
9        Japan (Agreement) was signed on 8 July 2024 in Manila;

1       WHEREAS, the Agreement outlines the provisions on  
2   entry and departure, movement, access to facilities, and  
3   professional practice of the Visiting Force and Civilian  
4   Component for the purpose of cooperative activities, as well  
5   as the rules governing the jurisdiction over the actions of  
6   the Visiting Force and Civilian Component;

7       WHEREAS, the Agreement aims to deepen the security  
8   and defense cooperation between the Philippines and  
9   Japan, and enhance the interoperability between the  
10   Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Self-Defense  
11   Forces of Japan by enabling more in-depth practical  
12   military cooperation and exercises between both countries;

13       WHEREAS, the Agreement will expand the defense  
14   cooperation of the Philippines and Japan in the maritime  
15   domain amid shared security challenges;

16       WHEREAS, ratifying the Agreement further affirms  
17   the strategic partnership between the two countries and  
18   their mutual goal to enhance contribution to regional and  
19   international peace, security, and stability;

1           WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified  
2   the Agreement on 5 November 2024 and has submitted it  
3   to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the  
4   Philippine Constitution;

5           WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate  
6   Committee on Foreign Relations on 25 November 2024, the  
7   following government agencies endorsed the concurrence in  
8   the ratification of the Agreement:

9           (1) Department of Foreign Affairs;

10          (2) Department of National Defense;

11          (3) Armed Forces of the Philippines;

12          (4) Department of Justice;

13          (5) Department of Finance;

14          (6) Presidential Commission on Visiting Forces;

15          (7) Armed Forces of the Philippines;

16          (8) Bureau of Customs; and

17          (9) Professional Regulation Commission:

1 Now, therefore, be it

2 *Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To concur*  
3 in the ratification of the Agreement Between the Republic  
4 of the Philippines and Japan Concerning the Facilitation of  
5 Reciprocal Access and Cooperation Between the Armed  
6 Forces of the Philippines and the Self-Defense Forces of  
7 Japan.

8 *Resolved, further, That* well-delineated provisions on  
9 custody of members of the Visiting Force or Civilian  
10 Component will be set forth in the implementing  
11 agreement.

12 *Resolved, furthermore, That* the Department of  
13 National Defense shall further clarify the present  
14 provisions on jurisdiction in the implementing agreement.

15 *Resolved, finally, That* the President of the  
16 Philippines may, with the concurrence of the Senate,  
17 withdraw from the Agreement.

Adopted,