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RESOLUTION NO. SP-524, S-95

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND SUPPORTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, THE WORLD DECLARATION ON THE SURVIVAL, PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND THE RIGHTS OF GIRL-CHILD EMBODIED AT THE BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION FOR WOMEN AND URGING THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT TO ENACT LAWS AND IMPLEMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE ABOVE ISSUES.

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WHEREAS, the PHILIPPINES is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, and the Beijing Platform of Action for Women at the Beijing Conference on Women;

WHEREAS, the Philippine government as signatory is committed to uphold and implement the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child and the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, and the Beijing Declaration on the Conference on Women;

WHEREAS, for all legal intents and purposes, a child is a person under 18 years of age, unless national laws amend it or recognize an earlier age of majority;

WHEREAS, every child has the inherent right to life, and a right to live with his or her parents unless this is deemed to be incompatible with the child's best interest, and to, likewise, maintain contact with both parents if separated from one or both;

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WHEREAS, the parents have joint primary responsibility for raising the child and the responsibility to provide guidance for the child which is appropriate to his/her evolving capacities;

WHEREAS, the child has the right to express his or her views, obtain information, make ideas or information known regardless of frontiers, freedom of thought, con science and religion, subject to appropriate parental guidance;

WHEREAS, children have the right to meet with others, and to join or form associations not otherwise prohibited by law and the right to protection from interference with privacy, family, home and correspondence, and from libel or slander;

WHEREAS, the child has the right to be protected from all forms of maltreatment by parents or others responsible for the care of the child and establish appropriate social programs for the prevention of abuse and treatment of victims;

WHEREAS, a child deprived of the family environment has the right to special protection and be provided with available appropriate alternative family care or institutional placement;

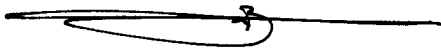
WHEREAS, adoption should only be carried out for the best interest of the child, and only with authorization of competent authorities and safeguard of the child;

WHEREAS, a disabled child has a right to special care education and training to help him or her enjoy a full decent life in dignity and achieve the greatest degree of self-reliance and social integration possible;

WHEREAS, the child has a right to the highest standard of health and medical care attainable, primary and preventive health care, public health education and access to effective health services;

WHEREAS, a child who is placed for special care, protection and treatment is entitled to have the placement evaluated regularly and has the right to benefit from social security including social insurance;

WHEREAS, every child has the right to a standard of living adequate to his or her physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development;





WHEREAS, the child has the right to education aimed at developing the child's personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent to prepare the child for an active adult life in a free society and foster respect for the child's parents, his or her cultural identity, language and values, and for the cultural background and values of others;

WHEREAS, children from minority communities and indigenous populations have the right to enjoy their own culture and to practice their own religion and language;

WHEREAS, children have the right to be protected from work that threatens his or her health, education or development, use of narcotic and psychotropic drugs, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, prostitution, child sale, trafficking, abduction and from all forms of exploitation prejudicial to any aspects of child's welfare not covered above;

WHEREAS, the child shall not be subjected to torture, cruel treatment or punishment, unlawful arrest or deprivation of liberty and child victims of armed conflict, torture, neglect, maltreatment or exploitation must be given appropriate treatment and social reintegration;



WHEREAS, a child in conflict with the law has the right to treatment which promotes the child sense of dignity and worth, takes the age into account and aims at his or her reintegration into society and is entitled to basic guarantees as well as legal or other assistance for his or her defense.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to adopt, as it does hereby adopt, the provisions of the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of the Child, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Rights of Girl-Child embodied at the Beijing Platform of Action for Women,

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government to enact laws and implement plans and programs related to the above issues.

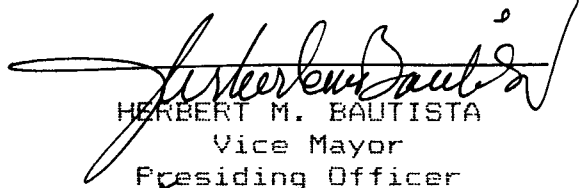
RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines to prioritize the passage of the bill on Juvenile Justice System and enact stronger laws to prevent child prostitution and exploitation of children.



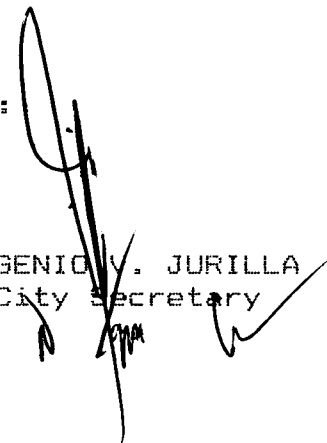
RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, to urge, as it does hereby urge, the Executive Branch of Government to implement plans and programs in support of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, and the Rights of the Girl-Child as embodied on the Beijing Platform of Action for Women at the Beijing Conference on Women.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development of both Houses of Congress and the National Youth Commission for appropriate action.

ADOPTED October 24, 1995.


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ATTESTED:


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