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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT IN
PROHIBITING AND ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 8 of the 1987 Constitution declares that the Philippines, consistent with the national interest, adopts and pursues a policy of freedom from nuclear weapons in its territory;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are approximately 14,900 nuclear warheads as of early 2017 existing worldwide, according to the Federation of American Scientists, an organization dedicated to reduce the spread and number of nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS, given the real and serious threat and the catastrophic global consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or not, and its general incompatibility with international humanitarian law, the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons is a humanitarian imperative;

WHEREAS, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement more broadly called for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons following the 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings; and in 2011, appealed to all States to pursue in good faith and conclude with urgency and determination negotiations to prohibit the use of and completely eliminate nuclear weapons through a legally binding international agreement, based on existing commitments and international obligations;

WHEREAS, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement made an appeal *Never again: Nagasaki must be the last atomic bombing* to all States to take a decisive step towards a world without nuclear weapons in Nagasaki on April 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons at the global level will have important benefits and reinforce the stigma against their use and be a basis to advance their elimination pursuant to the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and other relevant treaties and resolutions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, as it is hereby resolved, to express the full support of the Senate of the Philippines to the International Red Cross and Red Cross Movement in prohibiting and eliminating nuclear weapons at the global level.

Adopted,

RICHARD J. GORDON
Senator