



HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1540

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**A RESOLUTION
STRONGLY URGING THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION
TO IMMEDIATELY SIGN AND THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO IMMEDIATELY RATIFY
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION CONVENTION 189
ON DECENT WORK FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS**

WHEREAS, last June 16, 2011, on the occasion of its 100th Conference, the International Labor Organization adopted Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers. The Convention 189 hurdled the adoption process with an overwhelming vote of 396 in favour, 16 against and 63 abstentions. Similarly approved was the protocol containing a set of recommendations on how to implement the Convention;

WHEREAS, ILO's adoption of Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers marks the stamping of international recognition on the intangible contribution of domestic workers to the labor productivity of society;

WHEREAS, in sum, ILO Convention 189 is highly beneficial to the estimated 100 million domestic workers all over the world as it sets out to raise their working conditions and standards hitherto not covered by domestic and international laws.

WHEREAS, ILO Convention 189 also adds to fortifying the rights of women since 83 per cent of global domestic workers are women;

WHEREAS, in similar vein, it is to the benefit of some 5 million Filipino domestic workers abroad and some 2 million domestic workers at the home front, 90 per cent of whom are women, that the Philippine government immediately sign and ratify the ILO Convention 189;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this resolution strongly urging the Aquino administration to immediately sign and the Philippine Senate to similarly immediately ratify the ILO Convention 189 on Decent Work for Domestic Workers be adopted for the benefit of our domestic workers here and abroad;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be furnished the Office of the President, the Philippine Senate and the International Labor Organization.

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