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Introduced by Honorable Representatives
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO JOIN THE GLOBAL CALL TO END THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA BY TERMINATING THE PROCUREMENT OF ISRAELI DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND ENSURING THAT ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES MODERNIZATION EFFORTS ARE ALIGNED WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS AND PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article II of the Constitution provides that "The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land, and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations.";

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a member state of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and is a signatory to key United Nations conventions, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), thereby affirming its commitment to uphold human dignity, prevent atrocities, and promote peace and justice both domestically and globally;

WHEREAS, Article I of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide affirms that genocide is a crime under international law, both in times of peace and

war, and imposes an obligation on all State Parties, including the Philippines, to prevent and punish such acts;

WHEREAS, the Arms Trade Treaty, ratified by the Philippines in 2022, prohibits the authorization of arms transfers when there is an overriding risk that such arms could be used to commit genocide, crimes against humanity, or grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions. The Philippines must ensure that its defense procurement policies are consistent with these obligations;

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued provisional measures in the case South Africa v. Israel, ordering Israel to take all steps to prevent acts of genocide in Gaza and to ensure humanitarian access.¹ The Philippines, as a member state of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), recognizes the authority of the International Court of Justice and the binding nature of its decisions and provisional measures;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the UN General Assembly overwhelmingly adopted a resolution demanding an immediate, unconditional, and lasting ceasefire in Gaza, to which the Philippines acceded. This reaffirmed the country's commitment to international peace and international humanitarian and human rights law²;

WHEREAS, despite repeated calls for a ceasefire, military attacks by Israel have continued. More than 62,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israel since the start of its attacks on Gaza, including 18,885 children³. As a responsible member of the international community, the Philippines must act in solidarity with global efforts to uphold international law and avoid complicity in violations thereof;

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Modernization Program, established under Republic Act No. 7898 and amended by Republic Act No. 10349, seeks to develop a modern and capable armed force that can effectively and fully perform its constitutional mandate to uphold the sovereignty and preserve the patrimony of the Republic of the Philippines;

¹ International Court of Justice. (2024, January 26). Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel) <https://www.icj-cij.org/node/203447>

² United Nations. (12 June 2025). UN General Assembly adopts Gaza ceasefire resolution by overwhelming majority. Retrieved from <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164346>

³ Al Jazeera Staff (19 August 2025). Israel has killed nearly 19,000 children in Gaza war as strikes intensify. Retrieved from <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/8/19/israel-has-killed-nearly-19000-children-in-gaza-war-as-strikes-intensify>

WHEREAS, the Philippines is among the top three importers of Israeli arms, and the continuous arms deals between the Philippines and Israel-based companies contribute to strengthening Israel's War Economy⁴, which enables Israel to continue its attacks in Gaza;

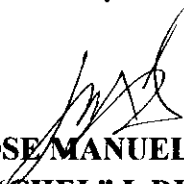
WHEREAS, the Philippines, as a responsible member of the international community, recognizes the importance of aligning its defense procurement policies with its commitment under international law, particularly the respect for human rights must always be upheld;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives urge the Executive Department to adhere to our international legal obligations and our commitment to upholding peace and preventing further atrocities, and to join the global call to end the genocide in Gaza by immediately terminating the procurement of Israeli defense equipment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the House of Representatives urge the executive department to review its defense procurement strategies and ensure that the modernization efforts of the Armed Forces of the Philippines are pursued in a manner that does not inadvertently support violations of International law, the Genocide Convention, and the Arms Trade Treaty.

Adopted,


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⁴ De Villa, K. (1 August 2025). *Pro-Palestine group slams Marcos growing arms deal with Israel*. Retrieved from <https://globalnation.inquirer.net/286884/pro-palestine-group-slams-marcos-for-ph-growing-arms-deal-with-israel>